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# WAPA Board to Consider Pay Raises for CEO Kupfer and Top Associates as Controversy Swirls Over Comments by Authority Lawyer

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**Lawrence Kupfer** By. VI Legislature

Amid a firestorm over social media comments by a top WAPA attorney, pay raises are on the agenda Thursday for the Water and Power Authority "executive management and confidential" staff.

The WAPA Governing Board said Monday night that a regularly scheduled meeting Thursday will include Finance and Audit Committee action on the wage increases.

The talk of pay raises for CEO Lawrence “Larry” Kupfer and other high-ranking WAPA officials comes as public anger rises over WAPA deputy legal counsel Mark Kragel’s Facebook post labeling the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement a “domestic terrorist organization.”

The WAPA governing board said Monday that Mr. Kragel’s fate at the Authority is in the hands of his boss, Mr. Kupfer.

A growing list of public officials, [including Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett](#) and [Gov. Albert Bryan](#), are calling for Kragel’s firing.

Meanwhile, Mr. Kupfer has to date issued a written statement chastising Kragel for making a “unpopular, politically incorrect” remark on social media.

The WAPA Board meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday via Zoom.

Here is the Zoom link and phone numbers to Watch or listen in:

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