



# Board of Light, Gas and Water Commissioners

220 S. Main Street  
Memphis, TN 38103  
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## Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Thursday, January 16, 2014

1:30 PM

Board Room

### CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS:

Chairman Masson

The meeting was called to order at 1:39 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Masson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### ROLL CALL:

Dana Jeanes

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Derwin Sisnett	Vice Chairman	Present	
Rick Masson	Chairman	Present	
Steven Wishnia	Board Member	Present	
Darrell T. Cobbins	Board Member	Present	

The following staff members were present: Jerry R. Collins, Jr., President and CEO; Dana Jeanes, Vice President, CFO and Secretary-Treasurer; Cheryl Patterson, Vice President and General Counsel; Nick Newman, Vice President, Construction and Maintenance; Christopher Bieber, Vice President, Customer Care; Von W. Goodloe, Vice President, Human Resources; and Lashell Vaughn, Vice President and Chief Technology Officer. Alonzo Weaver, Vice President, Engineering and Operations, did not attend the meeting.

### APPROVALS:

**Motion To:** Approve Minutes of Meeting of January 2, 2014

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Derwin Sisnett, Vice Chairman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Steven Wishnia, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Derwin Sisnett, Rick Masson, Steven Wishnia, Darrell T. Cobbins

### CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & UPDATE:

Dana Jeanes

Receipt of Certified Copies of City Council Resolutions dated January 7, 2014, Items 7 through 20 approved by the Board on December 19, 2013. (See Minute File No. 1372)

**GENERAL STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

1. Bill Hawkins, Assistant Business Manager of IBEW, 4000 Clearpool Circle, addressed the Board and requested Item 6 of the Consent Agenda be delayed in order to allow more time to review the revisions that were handed out at the start of the meeting. Comments and questions were shared between the Board of Commissioners, Jerry R. Collins, Jr., and Steve Day. Mr. Hawkins distributed a hand out of the current policy.

2. Deborah Godwin, Attorney representing IBEW, addressed the Board requesting Item No. 6 be held until the Joint Committee could meet again to discuss the revisions made to the policy. She stated the policy language and MOU language needed to be reconciled. It was decided the Committee would meet before the next Board Meeting to resolve unanswered questions. This will also allow the attorneys ample time to review the language in the policy.

**PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING:**

1. Review of Consent Agenda - Jerry R. Collins, Jr.

(President's Briefing Continued on Page 7)

The original of the resolutions and documents relating to each item is filed in the vault on the fifth floor of the MLGW Administration Building, 220 South Main. The original documents shall control in the event of any conflict between the description and these minutes and the original documents.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(Items 1 through 5 and Item 7)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steven Wishnia, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Darrell T. Cobbins, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Derwin Sisnett, Rick Masson, Steven Wishnia, Darrell T. Cobbins

**CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

1. Resolution approving Change No. 1 to Contract No. 11600, Gas Leak Survey, with Heath Consultants, Incorporated, in the funded amount of \$807,570.20. (This change is to renew the current contract for the first of four annual renewal terms covering March 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015 with no increase from the previous year.) (Jozelle Booker) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

**CUSTOMER CARE DIVISION**

(None)

**ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS DIVISION**

2. Resolution awarding a contract to Nicor, Inc., for #7 composite meter box lids, in the funded amount of \$226,300.00. (Jozelle Booker) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

3. Resolution approving Change No. 3 to Contract No. 11569, Foundation Installation Kruger Tissue Group (KTG) Transmission Line, with Reliable Constructors, Incorporated, in the funded amount of \$6,050.66. (This change is to ratify a field change order, which was required due to the removal of an unforeseeable subsurface obstacle, a sewer pipe, and MLGW's inability to leave the site unsecured.) (Jozelle Booker) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

**FINANCE DIVISION**

4. Resolution awarding contract to HD Electric c/o Utility Specialists, Inc. for capacitor controls, in the funded amount of \$57,480.00. (Jozelle Booker) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
5. Resolution approving the rejection of bids for furnishing MLGW with medium voltage power cable. (Jozelle Booker)

**GENERAL COUNSEL DIVISION**

(None)

**HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION****6. REQUEST TO DELETE ITEM NO. 6 FROM AGENDA**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DELETED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steven Wishnia, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Derwin Sisnett, Vice Chairman
<b>AYES:</b>	Derwin Sisnett, Steven Wishnia, Darrell T. Cobbins

No. 6 - Resolution approving revised MLGW Human Resources Policy No. 22-13, Sick Leave, Short Term Disability, and Long Term Disability Non-Occupational Injury/Illness. (Jerry R. Collins/Von Goodloe)

**PRESIDENT'S DIVISION**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steven Wishnia, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Darrell T. Cobbins, Board Member
<b>RECUSED:</b>	Rick Masson, Chairman
<b>AYES:</b>	Derwin Sisnett, Steven Wishnia, Darrell T. Cobbins

7. Resolution awarding an extension of Purchase Order number 138554 with R. J. Young for Rental of Copier/Printer multi-function devices until May 1, 2014 or until a new contract has been executed. (Jozelle Booker)

**PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING (Continued):**

2. Other - Jerry R. Collins, Jr.

Councilman Myron Lowery, Chairman of the MLGW Committee at the City of Memphis, addressed the Board. He stated he is planning to sponsor an Ordinance for all new construction of apartments which would require separate water meters for each individual unit. This would alleviate future problems for residents having their water disconnected, in cases where the tenant paid the owner or manager directly, but in turn, the owner or manager did not pay the water bill. Councilman Lowery is requesting the support of MLGW in this Ordinance and Mr. Collins acknowledged that he does have their support.

Allan Long distributed copies of a presentation which provided an update of the Smart Grid Investment Grant. He defined what the network is, how it works, the need for the project, the components, benefits, challenges, and accomplishments of the project.

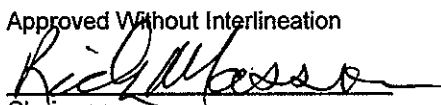
Michael Taylor provided an update of how the LNG market is developing. He stated drilling has really taken off. He also stated that long-haul transportation is growing in the LNG area and the market is being driven by supply in the transportation area. He provided statistics from 2013. He stated he anticipates approximately \$5,000,000 in sales in 2014 and continued growth into 2015.

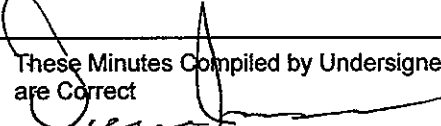
Jerry R. Collins, Jr. distributed copies of a letter sent to Steve Wishnia dated November 19, 2013, whom at the time was the Chairman of the MLGW Board of Commissioners. The letter was sent by Councilman Jim Strickland and Councilwoman Janis Fullilove. The letter was requesting (a) a policy giving customers the right to opt-out at any time of having a smart meter installed at a residence, commercial building or facility without being charged an additional fee; (b) a policy allowing customers to opt-out by various means of communication; (c) requesting MLGW to send notices to all customers advising there would be no charge or fee to opt-out of having a smart meter; and (d) through MLGW's use of utility bills and PSA's notifying customers of their rights and methods of opting out. Mr. Collins stated the current opt-out process is working and he doesn't believe a policy is needed due to the fact there is a successful process in place. Commissioner Wishnia suggested a letter of response be sent to the Council explaining the current process that is in place and additional details of the opt-out program. Commissioner Cobbins stated he agrees with the current process. He stated the letter of response should include the facts of the current process and note that it is being monitored and MLGW will keep the City Council informed.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

SEE MINUTE FILE NO. 1373.

Approved Without Interlineation  
  
Chairman

These Minutes Compiled by Undersigned and  
are Correct  
  
Secretary-Treasurer