



Board of Light, Gas and Water Commissioners

220 S. Main Street
Memphis, TN 38103
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Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

8:30 AM

Board Room

For a recording of this meeting visit: <https://mlgw.igm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS:

Chairman Pohlman

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Pohlman

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

Rodney Cleek

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Pohlman	Chairman	Present	
Cheryl Pesce	Board Member	Present	
Carl Person	Vice Chairman	Remote	
James Lewellen	Board Member	Present	
John Butler	Board Member	Present	
Leon Dickson	Board Member	Present	
Kevin Woods	Board Member	Present	

APPROVALS:

Chairman Pohlman

Motion To: Approve Minutes from the Meeting of September 16, 2026.

RESULT: ADOPTED [6 TO 0]

MOVER: Leon Dickson, Board Member

SECONDER: Cheryl Pesce, Board Member

AYES: Pohlman, Pesce, Lewellen, Butler, Dickson, Woods

AWAY: Carl Person

Commissioner Person attended the meeting remotely and therefore did not vote.

CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & UPDATE:

Rodney Cleek

Acknowledged receipt of Certified Copies of City Council Resolutions dated September 15, 2026, Items 16 through 24, with Same Night Minutes approved for Item 17 and Item 19. (See Minute File No. 1522)

PRESENTATIONS:**Chairman Pohlman**

(None)

GENERAL STATEMENT(S) FROM THE PUBLIC:**Chairman Pohlman**

Chairman Pohlman read into record the policies and procedures for making public statements before the Board.

Pamela Moses - 2383 Jackson

Dr. Ray Bauer - Co-Founder of 21st Century Memphis or Bust - 755 University Street

Sarah Houston - Executive Director of Protect Our Aquifer - 200 Wagner Place

Glenda Hicks - Co-Founder of 21st Century Memphis or Bust - 608 Gilleas Road

Richard Massey - 3615 Central Avenue

Review of Consent Agenda – Doug McGowen

The original of the resolutions and documents relating to each item is filed in the vault of 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. (President's Briefing Continued on Page 88)

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1 through 8)

Motion To: Approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 8.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Leon Dickson, Board Member
SECONDER:	Cheryl Pesce, Board Member
AYES:	Pohlman, Pesce, Lewellen, Butler, Dickson, Woods
AWAY:	Carl Person

Commissioner Person attended the meeting remotely and therefore did not vote.

Commissioners had an opportunity to ask questions regarding Consent Agenda Items. MLGW Staff responded.

1. Resolution approving the Increase and Payment (Change No. 22) to Contract No. 9955, Partial Funding of Pollution Control-Ground Water Quality Control Program with Memphis & Shelby County Health Department to authorize the annual fee payment in the funded amount of \$141,512.25. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
2. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12698, South Second Street and Union Avenue Water Main Replacement to Magnolia Underground Construction, Inc. in the funded amount of \$1,100,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
3. Resolution approving the Increase and Renewal (Change No. 2) to Contract No. 12531 (formerly Contract No. C2729) RedHat Enterprise Service License and Support Subscription with TechnoLogyx, Inc. to increase and renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$80,723.20. (Randy Orsby)
4. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12625, Meter Interval Data Analysis to LBMC, PC, in the funded amount of \$580,539.30. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
5. Resolution awarding a purchase order for standard concrete post tops to Engineered Sealing Components LLC in the amount of \$754,188.80. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
6. Resolution awarding a purchase order for floodlight luminaires LED 1000W equivalent to ATG Supply LLC in the amount of \$663,644.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
7. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12704, South Service Center Employee Parking Lot Repaving to Barnes & Brower, Inc., in the funded amount of \$307,236.09. (Randy Orsby)
8. Resolution approving the ratification of Purchase Order number 7087081 with Brighter Days & Nites, Inc. in the amount of \$1,704,645.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING CONT'D:***Chairman Pohlman*****Preliminary FY 2027 Budget Presentation - Doug McGowen**

President McGowen stated that before presenting the Preliminary FY 2027 Budget that he would like to ask Mr. Timothy Davis, Vice President of Customer Experience and Energy Services to join him at the podium. President McGowen informed the Board that Mr. Davis and his team recently attended an IUCX Conference and were recognized for some great achievements in the utility industry. Mr. Timothy Davis explained that MLGW was awarded 1st Place in Excellence for Employee Experience at the E-Source 2026 Utility Awards. Mr. Davis recognized all the departments at MLGW that play a part in creating a great employee experience. Mr. Davis acknowledged Ms. Tiffany Collins of MLGW and the support that we received from TVA that allowed MLGW to also be awarded for the two electrical car hubs that were built.

President McGowen shared that Mr. Timothy Davis was recognized as the IUCX 2026 Distinguished Leader at the conference. Mr. Timothy Davis shared a few comments regarding his recognition.

President McGowen addressed the public comments regarding the \$1.50 fee that is being charged when making payments on your utility bill with a debit or credit card.

President McGowen and Mr. Rodney Cleek, Vice President, CFO, and Secretary-Treasurer, presented to the Board the proposed Budget for 2027 and the proposed schedule for approval.

The Board of Commissioners asked questions and made comments regarding the 2027 Preliminary Budget Presentation. President McGowen and Vice President Cleek responded.

Other - Doug McGowen

President McGowen made closing comments regarding the 2027 Budget.

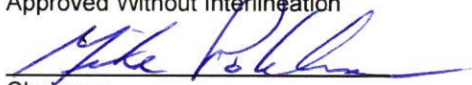
COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Chairman Pohlman**

(None)

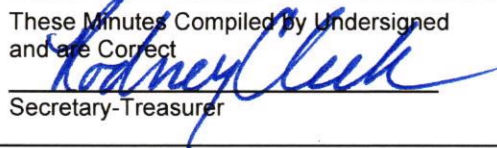
ADJOURNMENT**Chairman Pohlman**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m. (See Minute File No. 1523)

Approved Without Interlineation


Chairman

These Minutes Compiled by Undersigned
and are Correct


Secretary-Treasurer