



# Board of Light, Gas and Water Commissioners

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

~ Minutes ~

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

8:30 AM

Board Room

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### CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS:

Vice Chairman Person

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

Vice Chairman Person commented on the great work being done by Bettye Hartwell and her team in the HR Department and on Commissioner Graves' nomination by President Trump to serve on the TVA Board. Vice Chair Person stated that Commissioner Graves has been on the MLGW Board since 2016. Vice Chair Person and the audience congratulated Commissioner Graves on his nomination.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Chairman Person

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### ROLL CALL:

Rodney Cleek

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Pohlman	Chairman	Absent	
Cheryl Pesce	Board Member	Present	
Carl Person	Vice Chairman	Present	
Mitch Graves	Board Member	Present	
Leon Dickson	Board Member	Present	
James Lewellen	Advisory Board Member	Absent	
John Butler	Advisory Board Member	Absent	

### APPROVALS:

Vice Chairman Person

**Motion To:** Approve Minutes from the Meeting of June 18, 2025.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Mitch Graves, Board Member  
**SECONDER:** Cheryl Pesce, Board Member  
**AYES:** Cheryl Pesce, Carl Person, Mitch Graves, Leon Dickson  
**ABSENT:** Michael Pohlman

### CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & UPDATE:

Rodney Cleek

Acknowledged receipt of Certified Copies of City Council Resolutions dated June 24, 2025, Items 16 through 24. (See Minute File No. 1507)

**PRESENTATIONS:**

(None)

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

Angela Blakely - 6883 Woodlake Drive - Ms. Blakely is a Former Employee of MLGW, and she has been attempting to get re-hired. Ms. Blakely appeared before the Board requesting a meeting with President McGowen.

President McGowen responded the Ms. Foster would be in touch with Ms. Blakely.

**Review Consent Agenda – President 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.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

(Items 1 through 4)

**Motion To:** Approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 4.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [4 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Leon Dickson, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mitch Graves, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Carl Person, Cheryl Pesce, Mitch Graves, Leon Dickson
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Michael Pohlman

Advisory Board Member James Lewellen was absent.

Advisory Board Member John Butler was absent.

Commissioners had an opportunity to ask questions.

1. Resolution approving Change No. 3 to Contract No. 12032, MLGW Electronic Bill & Presentment with Fidelity Information Services, LLC (FIS Global) to extend the current contract in the funded not-to-exceed amount of \$3,278,191.82. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
2. Resolution approving Change No. 2 to Contract No. 12519, Citrix License and Support Subscription (formerly Contract No. C2632) with Logicalis, Inc. to ratify and renew the contract in the funded amount of \$495,060.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)



3. Resolution approving Change No. 2 to Contract No. 12516 (formerly C2610), Security Automation Installation and Service Agreement with Access Control Integration, Inc., to ratify and renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$187,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
4. Resolution approving Change No. 2 to Contract No. 12507 (formerly Contract No. C2605), Microsoft Support Modern Engineer with Crayon Software Experts, LLC to ratify and renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$218,257.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

**PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING****Other - Doug McGowen**

President McGowen acknowledged Commissioner Graves' nomination by President Trump to serve on the TVA Board. President McGowen spoke of Commissioner Graves work on the MLGW Board and stated that many local utility companies were excited about Commissioner Graves nomination. President McGowen mentioned that today's Board Meeting was short, but stated not to be worried as at the next few meetings he will be bringing several items to continue our grid modernization, information on the facilities needed to house our control room and making a decision on that, and information on our solar and battery RFPs, including where we are on that and the responses we have received. President McGowen also stated we will also be getting into Budget Season, so there is lots of work happening. President McGowen mentioned our summer boot camps that are offered to eleventh and twelfth grade high school students in the Memphis/Shelby County School System. President McGowen stated that we had 58 students participate this year in our Utility Worker Boot Camp, Automotive Technology Boot Camp, and our Customer Service Academy. President McGowen stated that we hope to offer something in the IT Field next year. President McGowen stated that these boot camps are really about building a workforce in our community. President McGowen recognized Councilwoman Cooper-Sutton for being instrumental in the success of the Customer Service Academy this year. President McGowen also recognized the Superintendent of the Memphis/Shelby County Schools for attending the graduation for these students from our boot camps. A video that was created by our partner, Southwest Community College was shown that displayed the opportunities and experiences these students had because of these boot camps.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m. (See Minute File No. 1508)

Approved Without Interlineation

  
Chairman

These Minutes Compiled by Undersigned  
and are Correct

  
Secretary-Treasurer