



Board of Light, Gas and Water Commissioners

220 S. Main Street
Memphis, TN 38103
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Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

8:30 AM

Board Room

For a recording of this meeting visit: <https://mlgw.iqm2.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	Present	
Leon Dickson	Board Member	Remote	
Kevin Woods	Board Member	Present	
James Lewellen	Advisory Board Member	Present	
John Butler	Advisory Board Member	Present	

APPROVALS:

Chairman Pohlman

Motion To: Approve Minutes from the Meeting of March 18, 2026.

RESULT: ADOPTED [4 TO 0]

MOVER: Carl Person, Vice Chairman

SECONDER: Cheryl Pesce, Board Member

AYES: Michael Pohlman, Cheryl Pesce, Carl Person, Kevin Woods

AWAY: Leon Dickson

Commissioner Dickson attended remotely and therefore did not vote.

CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & UPDATE:

Rodney Cleek

Acknowledged receipt of Certified Copies of City Council Resolutions dated March 24, 2026, Items 10 through 14. (See Minute File No. 1516)

PRESENTATIONS:

(None)

GENERAL STATEMENT(S) FROM THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Pohlman read into record the policies and procedures for the public speaking at the Board Meeting.

Pamela Moses - 2383 Jackson - Rise Up America - Ms. Moses appeared before the Board suggesting the MLGW charged the people higher PGA for no reason. Ms. Moses stated recent PGA figures. Ms. Moses suggested that the recent spike was only to pad the pockets of Elon Musk while residents of Shelby County, Tennessee, struggle to make ends meet. Ms. Moses threatened to file a class action lawsuit against MLGW if they did not provide information to back up the recent cause of the gas price hike. Ms. Moses stated that all she had to do was call her lawyers. Ms. Moses stated that a class action lawsuit would bankrupt MLGW and the City.

Sarah Houston - 200 Wagner Place - Executive Director of Protect Our Aquifer - Ms. Houston announced that today she was proud to deliver a blueprint for a groundwater protection plan. The blueprint that Ms. Houston was there to discuss was presented to the Board once reviewed by MLGW's General Counsel, Jennifer Sink. Ms. Houston described the background information that was used to create this blueprint for groundwater protection. Ms. Houston named many efforts that were being made and the nearly three million dollars that is being spent to research the groundwater, however, Ms. Houston stated that we have not learned much new information from these studies, and we certainly do not have a plan in place to protect our groundwater. Ms. Houston informed the Board that the information she provided was a good start to get a protection plan in place. Ms. Houston discussed the Shelby County Groundwater Protection Board. Ms. Houston stated that the Groundwater Protection Board Meets tomorrow morning, April 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., and she invited everyone to attend.

Chairman Pohlman recognized that Councilwoman Pearl Walker joined the meeting online. Chairman Pohlman thanked her for joining us.

Review of 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. (President's Briefing Continued on Page 41)

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1 through 16)

Motion to: Approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 16:

RESULT: APPROVED [4 TO 0]

MOVER: Cheryl Pesce, Board Member

SECONDER: Carl Person, Vice Chairman

AYES: Michael Pohlman, Cheryl Pesce, Carl Person, Kevin Woods

AWAY: Leon Dickson

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

Advisory Board Member James Lewellen - Concur

Advisory Board Member John Butler - Concur

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

Commissioner Person asked how he can get an update and overall status in regard to construction in connection Item #2. Chief McGowen, Vice President Quinton Clark, and Jon Mosteller, Project Manager, responded.

Commissioner Person asked for quarterly updates on the project(s) as well as pictures of what they are working on.

Commissioner Person asked Chief McGowen if he could give an update on how the rising cost of gasoline was going to affect us.

Commissioner Dickson asked for additional information regarding Item #16 the approval of the decision of the CAC Board which was appointed by the MLGW Board of Commissioners. Jennifer Sink, VP and General Council responded.

1. Resolution approving the Scope Change and Increase (Change No. 1) to Contract No. 12491, North Service Center and Expansion Sites: Environmental Site Investigation with Ensafe, Inc. to expand the scope and increase the current contract value in the funded amount of \$996,250.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
2. Resolution approving Renewal and Increase (Change No. 5) to Contract No. 12238, Electric Substation Construction and Maintenance Services with RMS Energy Company, LLC to renew the current contract and increase the contract value in the funded amount of \$12,000,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
3. Resolution approving the Ratification and Extension (Change No. 5) to Contract No. 12188, Gas Leak Survey with Heath Consultants, Inc. to ratify and extend the current contract with no increase in the contract value. (Randy Orsby)
4. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12666, Allen Pumping Station Construction Engineering & Inspection Services to HDR Engineering, Inc. in the funded amount of \$6,035,491.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
5. Resolution approving adding and removing Authorized Signers for several MLGW Bank Accounts due to personnel changes. (Rodney Cleek)
6. Resolution requesting approval of Brookfield Real Estate Solutions II, a Private Real Estate manager, to manage \$17,000,000 for the benefit of the MLGW OPEB Trust Fund, as part of a reallocation. (Rodney Cleek)
7. Resolution requesting approval of Brookfield Real Estate Solutions II, a Private Real Estate manager, to manage \$10,000,000 for the benefit of the MLGW Retirement and Pension Fund, as part of a reallocation. (Rodney Cleek)
8. Resolution requesting approval of Harrison Street Real Estate Partners X, a Private Real Estate manager, to manage \$17,000,000 for the benefit of the MLGW OPEB Trust Fund, as part of a reallocation. (Rodney Cleek)

9. Resolution requesting approval of Harrison Street Real Estate Partners X, a Private Real Estate manager, to manage \$10,000,000.00 for the benefit of the MLGW Retirement and Pension Fund, as part of a reallocation. (Rodney Cleek)
10. Resolution approving the Increase, Ratification and Renewal (Change No. 2) to Contract No. 12675 (formerly Contract No. C2722), Loop1 ITOM Essentials Managed Support Services for SolarWinds with Loop1, LLC to increase, ratify and renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$205,875.00. (Randy Orsby)
11. Resolution approving the Ratification, Increase and Extension (Change No. 3) to Contract No. 12029, Physical Archive Storage with Vital Records Control, Inc. to ratify, increase and extend the current contract in the funded amount of \$9,503.30. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
12. Resolution awarding a purchase order for self-loading cable reel trailers to Reelstrong, LLC, in the amount of \$366,500.35. (Randy Orsby)
13. Resolution awarding a purchase order for half-ton four-wheel drive pickup trucks to Wilson County Motors, LLC in the amount of \$1,263,999.80. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
14. Resolution approving the Ratification and Extension (Change No. 2) to Contract No. 12594, Revenue and Meter Services Support (Emergency) with Bridgewater Consulting Group, Inc. to ratify and extend the current contract with no increase in the contract value. (Randy Orsby)
15. Resolution approving the ratification of Purchase Order Number 7079631 with Seven States Power Corporation for seven (7) electric vehicle charging equipment in the amount of \$885,647.71. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
16. Resolution approving and upholding the report of the Customer Appeal Committee for the period of October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. (Jennifer Sink)

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

President McGowen addressed the public comment in regard to the Purchase Gas Agreement. President McGowen confirmed that we have previously thoroughly addressed this matter both at an MLGW Board Meeting as well as a City Council Meeting. However, President McGowen provided a brief explanation as to the increase in price and thus an increase on customers' utility bills. President McGowen stated that the information is of record and readily available to anyone who would like to see it both with MLGW and the City.

President McGowen introduced our newest team member, Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO), Mrs. Neva Burke. President McGowen provided a summary of Mrs. Burke's experience and why we are excited to have her onboard.

Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, Neva Burke, addressed the Board thanking them for the opportunity to be a part of the team. Mrs. Burke provided the Board with her background as well as her hopes for MLGW.

President McGowen announced to the Board that with the help of TVA matching funds we have a new Emergency Preparedness Information Center, EPIC. President McGowen stated that EPIC is a rolling community center and mobile command center. President McGowen stated that EPIC's first outing was at the Glenview Community Center last week. Councilwoman Swearingen Washington attended the event. President McGowen reported that we have a lot to learn, but the mobile command center was very well received.

President McGowen updated the Board on legislation that could impact MLGW. President McGowen informed the Board that yesterday, House Bill 2592 passed out of the House, State and Local Committee by a 12 to 1 vote. President McGowen stated that if this Bill is passed by the Senate, it would require municipal utilities to have voting board members for areas that are serviced outside of the municipality that have more than 3500 customers. President McGowen stated that for us, it would

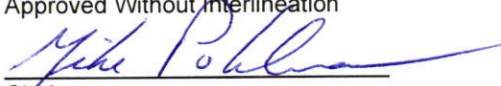
require us to add two voting board members to represent our customers located in Shelby County. President McGowen confirmed that our Board would look much like it does today except the two Advisory Board Members would become voting members. President McGowen recounted the process for getting the two additional Advisory Board Members added to the Board. President McGowen stated that House Bill 2381, Utility Divestiture Bill, is being heard at the House Commerce Committee today. President McGowen stated that if this Bill passes it would allow a city or county that is being serviced by a municipal utility that is outside the municipal boundary to choose to divest themselves from the municipal utility in full or in part. The Bill would allow the community to divest themselves from the municipal utility and buy the infrastructure from the municipal utility company or assign the right to purchase the infrastructure to a local cooperative electric company. President McGowen spoke of the negative impacts this could have on MLGW. President McGowen provided detailed information as to the investments we have made into local municipalities' infrastructure as they have grown over the years. President McGowen spoke of our recent investments in infrastructure as a whole. President McGowen stated that MLGW does not need legislation to do the right thing.

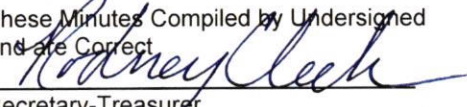
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m. (See Minute File No. 1517)

Approved Without Interlineation

Chairman

These Minutes Compiled by Undersigned
and are Correct

Secretary-Treasurer