MLGW

Board of Light, Gas and Water Commissioners

220 S. Main Street
Memphis, TN 38103
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Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Wednesday, May 6, 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	Present	
Leon Dickson	Board Member	Remote	
Kevin Woods	Board Member	Absent	
James Lewellen	Advisory Board Member	Present	
John Butler	Advisory Board Member	Absent	

APPROVALS: ***Chairman Pohlman***

Motion To: Approve Minutes from the Meeting of April 1, 2026.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [3 TO 0]**
MOVER: Carl Person, Vice Chairman
SECONDER: Cheryl Pesce, Board Member
AYES: Michael Pohlman, Cheryl Pesce, Carl Person
ABSENT: Kevin Woods
AWAY: Leon Dickson

Commissioner Dickson 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 April 28, 2026, Items 6 through 13. (See Minute File No. 1516 and 1517)

PRESENTATIONS: ***Chairman Pohlman***

2025 "Windy" Art Contest Awards Presentation - Beverly Perkins

Beverly Perkins, Manager of Corporate Social Responsibility - Ms. Perkins presented the 2025 "Windy" Art Contest Winners. Ms. Perkins recognized Mr. Gaston Moulin, Bilingual Communications Coordinator, for all of his hard work in coordinating the art contest and the awards ceremony. Ms. Perkins and Mr. Moulin recognized each winner as well as their family and art teachers.

K-2 - Winning Student - Prajna Pandiyan - 1st Grade - Tara Oaks Elementary
3-5 - Winning Student - Akshara Habbu - 5th Grade - Bailey Station Elementary School
6-8 - Winning Student - Prienna Kapadia - 7th Grade - Collierville Middle School
9-12 - Winning Student - Maggie Allen - 12th Grade - Collierville High School

2025 United Way Campaign Check Presentation - Beverly Perkins

Beverly Perkins, Manager of Corporate Social Responsibility - Ms. Perkins appeared before the Board to present the 2025 United Way Fundraising check to United Way Staff. Ms. Perkins thanked United Way Personnel, Regina Holland, Uretha Smith and Carolyn McCormick. Ms. Perkins also recognized some key people that helped make the 2025 United Way Fundraising efforts a success. Ms. Perkins thanked the United Way Steering Committee as well as the MLGW Employees that contributed to the United Way. Ms. Perkins, Dalya Myers-Jenkins and Laquisha Woods presented a check to the United Way Representatives in the amount of $724,737.38.

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

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

Glenda Hicks - 608 Gilleas - Co-Founder 21st Century Memphis or Bust - Ms. Hicks made public statements regarding the increase in gas prices, estimated bills, and the 1st quarter financials. Ms. Hicks requested a response regarding these matters. Ms. Hicks made issue about stating her address and requested that we move to just requiring the zip code as Shelby County has done.

Sarah Houston - 200 Wagner Place - Executive Director for Protect Our Aquifer - Ms. Houston supported changing the requirement to stating zip code only. Ms. Houston appeared before the Board regarding xAI pausing the construction of the Water Reuse Facility. Ms. Houston also mentioned that there is a special Groundwater Board Meeting being held tomorrow, May 7, 2026, to discuss the groundwater protection plan.

LeAndre Key - 9289 Chastain Place - Keystone Energy Foundation - Mr. Key appeared before the Board with a proposal to provide solar and battery energy for half the cost of what we are charged by TVA. Mr. Key described how Keystone Energy Foundation could provide this cheaper option to customers.

Dr. Ray Bauer - 755 University Street - Co-Founder of 21st Century Memphis or Bust - Dr. Ray Bauer appeared before the Board stating that she does not want to speak her address. Dr. Bauer discussed the PGA rates, commercial water discounts, and requested for Joe Kent the January, February, and March 2026 Financials.

Hunt Henion - 3103 Spottswood Drive - Member of Memphis Shelby County Lead Safe Collaboration - Mr. Henion read a letter from Joyce Henderson, Chairperson for the Memphis Shelby County Lead Safe Collaboration. Ms. Henderson's letter spoke on fluoride in the water and health issues it causes. Mr. Henion stated that they are asking for a pharmaceutical grade fluoride be used or that fluoride free water be made available. Mr. Henion referenced their website where more information could be found.

Chet Kibble - 3229 Lakeview Road - Director of Memphis Shelby County Lead Safe Collaboration - Mr. Kibble provided the website of Memphis Shelby County Lead Safe Collaboration www.gettheleadoutmemphis.com. Mr. Kibble shared concerns with the lead service line replacement and the efforts of the Memphis Shelby County Lead Safe Collaboration. Mr. Kibble also shared with permission the name of Diane Pierce Pryor. Mr. Kibble stated that Ms. Pryor is the latest person to contact the collaboration for assistance with health issues that they believe are a result of lead poisoning.

Pamela Moses - 2369 Jackson - Ms. Moses shared the address of a Board Member stating that it is uncomfortable to state such personal information. Ms. Moses appeared before the Board for the thousands of people that are struggling to pay their utility bills. Ms. Moses called for a moratorium on all unnecessary fees being charges, especially late fees.

Chairman Pohlman announced that Councilwoman Pearl Walker attended the meeting online.

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 48)

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1 through 27)

Motion To: Approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 27

RESULT:	**APPROVED [3 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Carl Person, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Cheryl Pesce, Board Member
AYES:	Michael Pohlman, Cheryl Pesce, Carl Person
ABSENT:	Kevin Woods
AWAY:	Leon Dickson

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

Advisory Board Member James Lewellen - Concurs

Advisory Board Member John Butler - Absent

Commissioners had opportunity to ask questions regarding Consent Agenda Items prior to voting.

MLGW Staff responded to all questions.

Motion To: Approve Same Night Minutes for Items 7,8,10,18,20,23, and 24.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [3 TO 0]**
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SECONDER:	Cheryl Pesce, Board Member
AYES:	Michael Pohlman, Cheryl Pesce, Carl Person
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1. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12660, Drilled Pier Foundation Installation to Chris-Hill Construction Company, LLC in the funded amount of $1,205,865.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
2. Resolution approving of the Ratification and Renewal (Change No. 5) to Contract No. 10699, Title Plant Access Agreement with Fidelity National Financial (Formerly Fidelity National Title Group) to ratify and renew the current contract with no increase in the contract value. (Randy Orsby)
3. Resolution approving the Scope Change and Increase (Change No. 2) to Contract No. 12649 (formerly Contract No. C2839), Nutanix Support and Maintenance with CDW Government, LLC to expand the scope and increase the current contract in the funded amount of $313,532.52. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

4. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12645, NERC Consultant to GDS Associates, Inc. in the funded not-to-exceed amount of $1,980,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
5. Resolution approving the Ratification and Renewal (Change No. 1) to Contract No. 12687 (formerly Contract No. C2801), Substation Engineering Grounding with Mesa Associates, Inc. to ratify and renew the current contract in the funded amount of $200,000.00. (Randy Orsby)
6. Resolution approving the Scope Change and Increase (Change No. 16) to Contract No. 10332, ABB Software Maintenance with Hitachi Energy (formerly ABB Power Training and Development Company, Incorporated) to expand the scope and increase the current contract value in the funded amount of $1,113,362.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
7. Resolution approving the Renewal (Change No. 2) to Contract No. 12449, Water On-Call Boring with Memphis Road Boring Company, Inc. to renew the current contract with no increase in the contract value. (Randy Orsby) (SAME DAY MINUTES REQUESTED)
8. Resolution approving the payment for Street Cut Permits to the City of Memphis in the amount of $2,500,000.00. (Chandrika Winston-Rosser) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL) (SAME DAY MINUTES REQUESTED)
9. Resolution approving of Extension (Change No. 2) to Contract No. 12655 (formerly Contract No. C2609), ARP Administration Engineering Services with ABES Engineering, Inc. to extend the current contract with no increase in the contract value. (Randy Orsby)
10. Resolution awarding a thirty-six-month purchase order for asphalt to Lehman Roberts Co. in the amount of $1,330,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL) (SAME DAY MINUTES REQUESTED)
11. Resolution approving the Ratification and Renewal (Change No. 3) to Contract No. 12366, Large Directional Drilling with Memphis Road Boring Company, Inc. to ratify and renew the current contract with no increase in the contract value. (Randy Orsby)
12. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12677, Network Maintenance to Logicalis, Inc. in the funded amount of $729,621.66. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
13. Resolution approving the Increase and Renewal (Change No. 3) to Contract No. 12545 (formerly Contract No. C2668), Veritas NetBackup Renewal with Thomas Consultants, Inc. to increase and renew the current contract in the funded amount of $227,248.68. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
14. Resolution approving the Scope Expansion and Increase (Change No. 5) to Contract No. 12069, ArcFM Viewer Replacement with SSP Innovations, LLC to expand the scope and increase the current contract in the funded amount of $20,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
15. Resolution approving the Increase and Extension (Change No. 5) to Contract No. 11594, PowerPlan Maintenance Agreement with PowerPlan, Inc. to increase and extend the current contract in the funded amount of $2,814,188.38. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

16. Resolution approving the Ratification and Increase (Change No. 5) to Contract No. 12175, Locksmith Services with Quality Safe and Lock Company, Inc. to ratify and increase the current contract in the funded amount of $10,000.00. (Randy Orsby)
17. Resolution awarding purchase orders for four-wheel drive trucks with service bodies to Landers Ford, Inc. and Nashville Automotive dba Serra Chevrolet Buick GMC in the amount of $948,499.20. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
18. Resolution awarding a purchase order for regulators 23kV 1PH to Howard Industries Incorporated in the amount of $317,250.00. (Randy Orsby) (SAME DAY MINUTES REQUESTED)
19. Resolution awarding a purchase order for electric forklifts to Crown Equipment Corporation in the amount of $338,877.40. (Randy Orsby)
20. Resolution awarding a purchase order for floodlight luminaires LED 400W equivalent to Brighter Days & Nites, Inc. in the amount of $414,714.68. (Randy Orsby) (SAME DAY MINUTES REQUESTED)
21. Resolution awarding a purchase order for four-wheel drive backhoes to Stribling Equipment, LLC in the amount of $1,706,625.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
22. Resolution approving of Increase (Change No. 2) to Contract No. 12371, System Furniture with Office Interiors to increase the current contract in the funded amount of $1,500,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
23. Resolution awarding a purchase order for luminaire post tops LED 100W equivalent green to Brighter Days & Nites, Inc. in the amount of $257,600.00. (Randy Orsby) (SAME DAY MINUTES REQUESTED)
24. Resolution approving the Ratification, Scope Expansion, Renewal and Increase (Change No. 4) to Contract No. 12531, Flower Planting and Mulch Maintenance with Rotolo Consultants, Inc. to ratify, expand the scope, renew and increase the current contract in the funded amount of $316,498.53. (Randy Orsby) (SAME DAY MINUTES REQUESTED)
25. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12662, Billing Services Assistance to Hometown Hub, LLC in the funded amount of $5,709,705.67. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
26. Resolution approving the Increase and Renewal (Change No. 1) to Contract No. 12533, Division Copy Fleet with Konica Minolta to increase and renew the current contract in the funded amount of $117,720.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
27. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12679, Virtual Operator Trainer to CM-Labs Simulations, Inc. in the funded amount of $265,013.09. (Randy Orsby)

PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING CONT'D

Metrics Update - Daniel Hochstein

Daniel Hochstein, Manager of Performance Engineering, presented to the Board the 4M Forum MLGW Performance Metrics for the First Quarter to the Board. The metrics review provided information on our reliability, safety, infrastructure improvements, financial and customer & operations. The 4M Forum Performance Metrics informatioOn can be found on the MLGW Website mlgw.com.

Schedule of Charges Presentation - Chandrika Rosser

Chandrika Rosser, VP of Gas and Water Engineering and Operations, presented to the Board a preview of the updated Schedule of Charges to be presented to the Board at the May 20, 2026 MLGW Board Meeting for approval. Mrs. Rosser provided to the Board detailed information as to the proposed updates to the Schedule of Charges. Mrs. Rosser discussed updating charges that MLGW charge further stating that we went from 181 charges to 103. The proposed $1.50 credit card charge was discussed.

Other - Doug McGowen

President McGowen discussed several other items including the fluoride issue, Lead Line Replacement, and Tennessee Legislation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m. (See Minute File No. 1518)

Approved Without Interlineation

Chairman

These Minutes Compiled by Undersigned and are Correct

Secretary-Treasurer