



# Board of Light, Gas and Water Commissioners

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Memphis, TN 38103  
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## Board Meeting

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Wednesday, October 15, 2025

8:30 AM

Board Room

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### CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS:

Chairman Pohlman

The meeting was called to order at 8:29 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	
Mitch Graves	Board Member	Present	
Leon Dickson	Board Member	Absent	
James Lewellen	Advisory Board Member	Present	
John Butler	Advisory Board Member	Present	

### APPROVALS:

Chairman Pohlman

**Motion To:** Approve Minutes from the Meeting of October 1, 2025.

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

Carl 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 October 7, 2025, Items 12 through 21. (See Minute File No. 1511)

**PRESENTATIONS:****Gas Portfolio Management Presentation - Hyung Lee**

Mr. Hyung Lee, Project Engineer of the Gas Portfolio Management Team, described to the Board our gas transmission process and the various functions of the Gas Portfolio Management Team. Mr. Lee also presented to the Board information on projects being worked on by the Gas Portfolio Management Team as well as information on some contracts they were working to bring to the Board for approval.

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

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

Joe Kent - 511 Flamingo - Mr. Kent appeared before the Board mentioning various conspiracy theories for projects in the City of Memphis. Mr. Kent discussed in detail the MLGW Tree Trimming Contract. Mr. Kent believed that there should have been a bigger cut in the 2026 MLGW Tree Trimming Budget since we have caught up on our tree trimming cycle. Mr. Kent stated that our tree trimming contracts were corrupt public contracts.

**Review Regular and 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 105)

**REGULAR AGENDA**

(Item 1)

President McGowen and Rodney Cleek provided information regarding the proposed 2026 MLGW Budget, specifically noting the changes that had been made since their original presentation of the Budget to the Board.

President McGowen addressed the concerns regarding the tree trimming budget.

**Motion To:** Approve the 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Electric, Water and Gas Divisions.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [3 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Cheryl Pesce, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mitch Graves, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Michael Pohlman, Cheryl Pesce, Mitch Graves
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Leon Dickson
<b>AWAY:</b>	Carl Person

Commissioner Person 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 prior to voting on the 2026 MLGW Budget.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
(Items 2 through 20)

President McGowen stated that Item 21, E-Source Contract, that was listed on the Preliminary Agenda had been removed from the Final Agenda.

**Motion To:** Approve Consent Agenda Items 2 through 20.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [3 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mitch Graves, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Cheryl Pesce, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Michael Pohlman, Cheryl Pesce, Mitch Graves
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Leon Dickson
<b>AWAY:</b>	Carl Person

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

Advisory Board Member James Lewellen - Concur

Advisory Board Member John Butler - Did not Concur

Commissioners had an opportunity to ask questions before voting on the Consent Agenda Items.

**Motion To:** Approve Same Day Minutes for Items 7 and 10

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [3 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mitch Graves, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Cheryl Pesce, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Michael Pohlman, Cheryl Pesce, Mitch Graves
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Leon Dickson
<b>AWAY:</b>	Carl Person

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

2. Resolution awarding sixty-month purchase orders for medium voltage circuit breakers to ABB Inc., Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc., Siemens Industry, Inc., and Siemens Energy Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$16,500,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
3. Resolution awarding sixty-month purchase orders for high voltage power circuit breakers to Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc. and Siemens Energy Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$16,500,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
4. Resolution awarding purchase order for Dell computers, workstations, and monitors to Electronic Responsible Recyclers, LLC in the amount of \$311,673.75. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
5. Resolution approving of Scope Change and Increase (Change No. 2) to Contract No. 11913, Distribution Engineering Analysis Software with CYME International T & D, Inc. to expand the scope and increase the current contract value in the funded amount of \$59,487.33. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
6. Resolution awarding purchase order for substation network modules and software licenses to GE Grid Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$241,336.70. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
7. Resolution approving Increase (Change No. 1) to Contract No. 12540 (solicited under Contract No. 12512), Master Paving Program - Section 2 with VuCon, LLC, to increase the current contract in the funded amount of \$1,759,240.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
8. Resolution approving Renewal (Change No. 8) to Contract No. 11996, Operator Qualification Training with Veriforce, LLC to renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$35,899.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

9. Resolution ratifying the emergency award and approval of Extension, Scope Change and Increase of the funded amount for the Authorization of Payment (Change No. 1) to Contract No. 12539, Capleville LNG Regen Heater Piping (Emergency Award) with Mid South Boring & Piping, LLC to authorize payment, expand the scope, increase and extend the contract in the funded not-to-exceed amount of \$279,870.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
10. Resolution approving Scope Change and Increase (Change No. 1) to Contract No. 12500, 2-18" XHP Replacement to Equix Energy Services, LLC, to expand the scope and increase the current contract in the not-to-exceed funded amount of \$5,929,830.94. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
11. Resolution approving Ratification and Renewal (Change No. 9) to Contract No. 10614, Bloomberg Data License and Maintenance Agreement with Bloomberg, L.P. to ratify and renew the current contract in the funded not-to-exceed amount of \$82,440.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
12. Resolution approving Ratification and Renewal (Change No. 19) to Contract No. 10793, Professional Portfolio Software with Advent Software, Incorporated to ratify and renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$14,902.84. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
13. Resolution approving Ratification and Renewal (Change No. 1) to Contract No. 12531 (formerly Contract No. C2729), RedHat Enterprise Service License and Support Subscription with TechnoLogyx, Inc. to ratify and renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$106,932.20. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
14. Resolution approving Increase (Change No. 4) to Contract No. 12069, ArcFM Viewer Replacement with SSP Innovations, LLC to increase the current contract in the funded amount of \$64,116.72. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
15. Resolution approving Expansion and Renewal (Change No. 11) to Contract No. 11296, Enterprise GIS Software Selection and Installation with Environmental System Research Institute (ESRI), Inc. to expand the scope and renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$1,597,949.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
16. Resolution awarding purchase order for luminaire floodlights LED 400W equivalent to Brighter Days & Nites Inc. in the amount of \$232,200.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
17. Resolution awarding twenty-four-month purchase orders for crushed limestone CR-610 to Fullen Dock & Warehouse and Vulcan Materials Company in the amount of \$3,651,250.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

18. Resolution awarding purchase order for reclosers to G&W Electric Company in the amount of \$7,844,901.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
19. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12643, Johnson Controls Fire Protection Services to Johnson Control Fire Protection LP in the funded amount of \$400,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
20. Resolution approving Renewal (Change No. 2) to Contract No. 12553, (formerly Contract No. C2607), Well Lots Turf Management with Turf Doctors L&LM, LLC to renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$186,332.29. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

**PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING CONT'D****Other – President Doug McGowen**

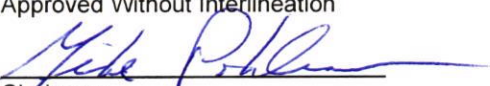
President McGowen announced that we have a Pension and OPEB Meeting following the Board Meeting. President McGowen described the need for some of the items on the Consent Agenda and President McGowan expressed his appreciation for the Board's support. President McGowen mentioned that last Friday he had the honor of being part of the groundbreaking for the Colossus Water Recycling Plant. President McGowen provided some background information regarding the need and development of the water recycling plant. President McGowen described the water treatment project as an exciting thing for our area. President McGowen stated that by this time next year the plant should be up and operating. President McGowen discussed the pros and cons of this water recycling plant for MLGW. President McGowen stated that this is going to be a lasting investment for our community. President McGowen mentioned the television program 60 Minutes airing a show about Utility Systems Cyber Hacks. President McGowen urged people to check out the broadcast as it is informative. President McGowen assured the Board and the community that we are aware of these types of hacks and we have an entire team working to make sure we are protected from that type of hack. President McGowen stated that we have people on staff 24/7 to make sure we are protected from this type of hack.

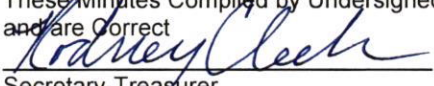
**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m. (See Minute File No. 1511)

Approved Without Interlineation  
  
Chairman

These Minutes Compiled by Undersigned  
and are Correct  
  
Secretary-Treasurer