



# Board of Light, Gas and Water Commissioners

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

~ Minutes ~

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

8:30 AM

Board Room

### CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS:

Chairman Graves

The meeting was called to order at 8:29 a.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Graves

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### ROLL CALL:

Dana Jeanes

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Pohlman	Board Member	Present	
Steven Wishnia	Board Member	Present	
Carlee McCullough	Board Member	Present	
Mitch Graves	Chairman	Present	
Leon Dickson	Vice Chair	Present	

### APPROVALS:

**Motion To:** Approve Minutes of the Meeting of December 1, 2021.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Michael Pohlman, Board Member  
**SECONDER:** Steven Wishnia, Board Member  
**AYES:** Michael Pohlman, Steven Wishnia, Carlee McCullough, Mitch Graves, Leon Dickson

### CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & UPDATE:

Dana Jeanes

Receipt of Certified Copies of City Council Resolutions, Item 18-24, 26-34, 37 and 38, dated December 7, 2021. (See Minute File No. 1464.)

### PRESENTATIONS:

United Way Golf Tournament Check Presentation - Chantal Lairy/Joshua Davis/Ryan Groves/Dr. Kenneth Robinson/Albert Edwards/Chris Wyatt

Reverend Kenneth Robinson, President & CEO, United Way of the Mid-South stated that he and his staff members, Chris Wyatt, Chief Marketing & Development Officer and Al Edwards, Director, Resource Development are excited for the opportunity to be present. Reverend Robinson thanked MLGW for being a steadfast partner in the community with a strong employee giving campaign. He added that MLGW's employees have always eagerly supported the United Way and they are grateful. MLGW's giving assists many United Way programs in meeting the needs of impoverished citizens in the Memphis area. Reverend Robinson thanked President Young and congratulated him as United Way's incoming, Chairman-Elect.

Ryan Groves, Ethics and Compliance thanked everyone involved in making the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual MLGW Golf Tournament, benefiting the United Way, a huge success. He thanked Josh Davis for his leadership as the tournament coach of 28 teams. He also thanked Chantal Lairy, Customer Experience and Market Analysis for an outstanding job in leading the MLGW employees in the fundraising campaign.

Ryan Groves, Chantal Lairy, Joshua Davis and President Young presented the United Way with MLGW's \$25,000 donation.

## GENERAL STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Dennis Lynch of 347 N. McLean thanked the Board for allowing him to speak. He stated that he wants to encourage MLGW management that when reviewing the RFPs for renewable energy to really look in depth and analyze carefully, particularly as it relates to battery and solar sources.

## PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING:

(President's Briefing Continued on Page 133)

The original of the resolutions and documents relating to each item is filed in the vault on 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.

## CONSENT AGENDA

(ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Leon Dickson, Vice Chair
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Steven Wishnia, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Michael Pohlman, Steven Wishnia, Carlee McCullough, Mitch Graves, Leon Dickson

## CHIEF CUSTOMER OFFICER

(None)

**CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER**

(None)

**CHIEF PEOPLE OFFICER**

(None)

**COMMUNITY & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

(None)

**DESIGN CONSTRUCTION & DELIVERY**

(None)

**ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS**

1. Resolution approving Change No. 3 to Contract No. 12035, Environmental Consulting and Remediation Services with BH&M Environmental Consultants, Incorporated in the funded amount of \$7,500,000.00. (This change is to renew the current contract for the third of four annual renewal terms for the period covering April 8, 2022, through April 7, 2023, with no increase in rates from the previous term.) (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

**PRESIDENT**

(None)

**SVP, CFO & CAO, FINANCE**

2. Resolution approving payment of the Total Fiscal Year 2021 Electric Equivalency Payment to the City, the County and each incorporated municipality in Shelby County before December 31, 2021. (Dana Jeanes) (SAME DAY MINUTES REQUESTED)
3. Resolution approving payment of the Total Fiscal Year 2021 Gas Equivalency Payment to the City, the County and each incorporated municipality in Shelby County before December 31, 2021. (Dana Jeanes) (SAME DAY MINUTES REQUESTED)
4. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12217, Consultant Risk Management Audit to Willis Towers Watson Southeast, Inc., in the funded amount of \$666,500.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
5. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12286, MLGW Utility Payment Centers to FirsTech, Inc., in the funded amount of \$310,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

**SVP, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

(None)

**SHARED SERVICES**

6. Resolution awarding a purchase order to Universal Scaffolding and Equipment, LLC., for control cable in the amount of \$425,028.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

**VP & GENERAL COUNSEL**

(None)

**Motion to: Adopt Same Day Minutes – Consent Agenda Items 2 and 3**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] – Items 2 and 3</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steven Wishnia, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Carlee McCullough, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Carlee McCullough, Steven Wishnia, Michael Pohlman, Leon Dickson, Mitch Graves

**PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING (Continued):****2. Greater Memphis Chamber Presentation - Ted Townsend/Beverly Robertson**

Greater Memphis Chamber Presentation - Mr. Ted Townsend, Chief Economic Development Officer joined the meeting via Zoom. Mr. Townsend provided an extensive overview of the notable growth of existing businesses and the attraction of new businesses to the city in 2021. He added that Memphis was recently ranked number one globally for logistics by Facilities Magazine. He stated that the Chamber's plan for retention and growth also includes workforce education that will put people back to work in jobs and positions with equitable wages.

All of the Board members were complimentary of the Chamber's work and its plan for future economic growth in Memphis.

**3. 2021 Retirees Year-End Report - J. T. Young**

President Young provided a report in accordance with HR Policy 2109. He stated that 23 retirees were rehired and worked according to policy in various roles. All met the criteria for policy as either part-time, seasonal, peak or as needed for special projects.

**4. Other - J. T. Young**

President Young stated that he appreciated the crews diligent and tireless work in restoring power to 56,000+ customers as a result of bad storms over the weekend. He also thanked Gale Jones Carson and her team for their continuous communication to the customers via several platforms. Great job by all!

President Young shared that the division had recently reached agreement with IBEW. He thanked everyone involved for their thorough work and especially for being mindful of a shared vision throughout the process.

President Young congratulated Nick Newman, VP Engineering & Operations, on his recent election to the MLGW Pension Board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

(See Minute File No. 1465.)

Approved Without Interlineation

  
ChairmanThese Minutes Compiled by Undersigned and  
are Correct  
Secretary-Treasurer