



# 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, January 21, 2026

8:30 AM

Board Room

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### CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS:

Chairman Pohlman

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

Chairman Pohlman recognized that Commissioner Leon Dickson and Councilwoman Pearl Walker were joining the meeting remotely.

### 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	
James Lewellen	Advisory Board Member	Present	
John Butler	Advisory Board Member	Present	

### APPROVALS:

Chairman Pohlman

**Motion To:** Approve Minutes from the Meeting of January 7, 2026.

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

### CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & UPDATE:

Rodney Cleek

Acknowledged receipt of Certified Copies of City Council Resolutions dated January 13, 2026, Items 11 through 19. (See Minute File No. 1514)

**PRESENTATIONS:****United Way Golf Tournament Check Presentation - Ryan Groves and Josh Davis**

Mr. Ryan Groves and Mr. Josh Davis, Co-Chairs of the MLGW United Way Charity Golf Tournament, appeared before the Board to present a check to United Way for the funds that were raised at the Annual MLGW United Way Golf Tournament on October 3, 2025. Mr. Groves thanked his Co-Chair, Josh Davis, for all his hard work and assistance in putting the golf tournament together. Mr. Groves thanked Ms. Dalya Myers-Jenkins and her team for always coming out and getting the teams signed up and the hole-in-one contest. Mr. Groves also thanked Ursula Madden for filling in for Chief McGowen and being the Executive Sponsor and for coming to the event and thanking all the teams for their support. Mr. Groves mentioned that some of our corporate sponsors were at the meeting. Mr. Groves recognized Mr. Jimmy Allen of TVA and Ms. Lisa Pratt of L G & W Credit Union. Mr. Groves also mentioned representatives of United Way, Regina Holland and Tomeka Wigginton who were also present. Mr. Groves stated that over the past ten years MLGW has raised \$250,000.00 for the United Way by way of the Golf Tournament. Mr. Groves mentioned that the MLGW Golf Tournament is the biggest single-day fundraiser that United Way has. Mr. Groves presented a check in the amount of \$50,000.00, making it \$300,000.00 that MLGW has raised through the Golf Tournament, to Regina Holland and Tomeka Wigginton.

Ms. Tomeka Wigginton, Chief of the United Way Board of Directors, thanked everyone for all their hard work. Ms. Wigginton stated that the Golf Tournament is an amazing fundraiser not only because of the funds raised, but also because all United Way has to do is show up. Ms. Wigginton was very appreciative of MLGW's help.

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

(None)

**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 10)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(Items 1 through 5)

**Motion To:** Approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 5.

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

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

Advisory Board Member James Lewellen - Concurs

Advisory Board Member John Butler - Concurs

All Commissioners had an opportunity to ask questions regarding Consent Agenda Items prior to voting. MLGW Staff responded to all questions asked.

1. Resolution approving the Board to authorize payment in the amount of \$227,000.00 as matching funds with TVAs Community Care Funds to be distributed to a local 501(c)(3) organization for utility bill assistance. (Doug McGowen) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
2. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12606, Data Historian Replacement to Open Systems International, Inc. in the funded amount of \$710,857.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
3. Resolution awarding a purchase order for Quest Toad software licenses to TechnoLogyx, Inc. in the amount of \$461,065.29. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
4. Resolution approving the Renewal (Change No. 4) to Contract No. 12298, Janitorial Services to Mason's Professional Cleaning Services, LLC to renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$360,484.38. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
5. Resolution approving the Renewal (Change No. 3) to Contract No. 12253, On-Call Consulting Services with Allen & Hoshall, Inc. to renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$500,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)



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**PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING CONT'D****Compliance Report - Ryan Groves**

Mr. Ryan Groves, Manager of Ethics and Compliance, provided a report on Ethics and Compliance for 2025. Mr. Groves provided an update on all regulatory compliance related inspections and audits held during 2025.

Advisory Board Member John Butler asked for additional information in regard to our preparedness and readiness for cyber-attacks. Mr. Groves responded.

**Other - Doug McGowen**

President McGowen discussed the upcoming weather that was approaching our area the threat that can have on our system mentioning that we defend against millions of cyber-attacks annually, and during storms the threat is higher due to the chaos as a result of weather events.

President McGowen mentioned the recent Martin Luther King holiday. President McGowen informed the Board the MLGW Employees make that a day of service, and our theme this year is "Serve like King". President McGowen reported that last week we had a week of service. On January 14, 2026, we had a Power of Warmth event that is focused on our seniors with limited resources. Through this event we provided Seniors with electric blankets which help to keep their utility cost down. The next two days more than 100 MLGW Employees volunteered to prepare and deliver on January 16, 2026, 500 Energy Efficiency Kits to residents in the Parkway Village area. The volunteers also put together 400 kits for students at the adjacent elementary school, which included informational coloring books, as well as 50 kits for teachers. President McGowen stated that it was a really compelling event that ran smoothly thanks to our team.

President McGowen mentioned that our employees are very giving, as you can see by the United Way Golf Tournament check that was presented earlier. All of those donations are from our employees. President McGowen gave a shout out to all of our employees that make serving our community a priority.

President McGowen discussed the incoming weather. President McGowen provided the expected timeline for the storm hitting our area, and what type of precipitation we are expecting. President McGowen reviewed the many issues that we could experience in our area and to our utility systems. President McGowen stated that we are prepared and we have been preparing all week. President McGowen stated that we have been working to make sure our water system does not freeze up, our Shared Services have been preparing with sand, salt, and snow removing machines. President McGowen mentioned that we will have our full team working this weekend, as well as tree trimming teams and contract electric teams on standby. President McGowen stated that we also have our team of Engineers and Drone team on standby to direct work. President

McGowen provided residents with precautions they can take. President McGowen asked everyone to pay attention to the forecast. President McGowen asked everyone to lookout for their neighbors and help each other out. President McGowen also stated the Mayor the City of Memphis will be holding a press conference as well.


**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m. (See Minute File No. 1514)

Approved Without Interlineation

  
Chairman

These Minutes Compiled by Undersigned  
and are Correct.

  
Secretary-Treasurer

  
Acting