



# Board of Light, Gas and Water Commissioners

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

~ Minutes ~

Wednesday, June 4, 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 8:30 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	
Mitch Graves	Board Member	Present	
Leon Dickson	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 May 21, 2025.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Cheryl Pesce, Board Member  
**SECONDER:** Leon Dickson, Board Member  
**AYES:** Pohlman, Pesce, Person, Graves, Dickson

### CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & UPDATE:

Rodney Cleek

Acknowledged receipt of Certified Copies of City Council Resolutions dated May 20, 2025, Items 18 through 30 with Same Night Minutes approved for Item 19. (See Minute File No. 1506)

**PRESENTATIONS:****Power of Giving Plus 1 Fundraiser - VP Ursula Madden**

Ms. Ursula Madden, VP of Corporate Communications, presented to the Board the MLGW Power of Giving Fund. Ms. Madden reminded the Board of their recent approval for two new bank accounts with First Horizon that are associated with the MLGW Power of Giving Fund. Ms. Madden informed the Board that one of the accounts will be used for the new community assistance program, Plus 1, and the second account is to be determined. Ms. Madden provided details regarding the new Plus 1 Fund. Ms. Madden also mentioned how people could contribute to the MLGW Power of Giving Fund/Plus 1 and some fundraising that will take place to raise money for that fund.

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

Chairman Pohlman made a statement regarding our policies and procedures for the public speaking at the Board Meeting.

Sarah Houston - 200 Wagner Place - Executive Director for Protect Our Aquifer - Ms. Houston provided the Board with some updates and amendments being made by the Shelby County Groundwater Board. Ms. Houston also informed the Board of the next Groundwater Board Meeting. Ms. Houston discussed xAI's Water Recycling Plant and stated that TDEC has released the plans. Ms. Houston mentioned that Protect Our Aquifer is having an action meeting at the Whitehaven Public Library.

Elonda Ann Reed - 844 Crockett Street - Ms. Reed appeared before the Board stating that she had previously appeared before the Board and that she was told that her billing issues would be resolved, but nothing has been done. Ms. Reed also stated that she had a lawsuit against the Division, and that because of that, she had been told that employees could not speak to her. Ms. Reed stated that the lawsuit had been dismissed, and she is still unable to get someone to assist her with her issues.

Jennifer Sink, VP and General Counsel, provided the Board with some additional information regarding Ms. Reed's comments.

**Review 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.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

(Items 1 through 9)

**Motion to:** Approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 9:.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Cheryl Pesce, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mitch Graves, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Pohlman, Pesce, Person, Graves, Dickson

Advisory Board Member James Lewellen - Concurs

Advisory Board Member John Butler - Concurs

Commissioners had opportunity to ask questions, and responses were provided.

1. Resolution approving a six-month extension of Purchase Order Number 7032368 to Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc. for high voltage power circuit breakers for an additional amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
2. Resolution amending Purchase Order Number 7033750 to Prolec-GE Waukesha, Inc. formerly SPX Transformer Solutions, Inc. for power transformers for an additional amount not to exceed \$8,500,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
3. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12576, MPLS Network Support Services to Mobile Communications America, Inc. in the funded not-to-exceed amount of \$533,615.36. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
4. Resolution approving Change No. 7 to Contract No. 12183, Synergi Gas Modeling Software with DNV-GL Noble Denton USA, LLC to renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$44,971.98. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
5. Resolution ratifying the emergency award of Contract No. 12269, Bore Between Union Extended and Flicker (Emergency) with Owens Irrigation, Inc. dba Owens Construction Services of TN in the funded not-to-exceed amount of \$424,334.95. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
6. Resolution awarding purchase order for half-ton pickup trucks to Family Ford DBA Hardy Family Ford in the amount of \$785,332.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)



7. Resolution awarding purchase order for compact track loaders with attachments to Thompson Machinery Commerce Corp. in the amount of \$177,600.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
8. Resolution approving Change No. 3 to Contract No. 12368, Mobile Sweeping Cleaning with BFCM Floor Services, LLC to renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$82,545.56. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
9. Resolution awarding purchase order for concrete mixer trucks to Tri-State Truck Center, Inc. in the amount of \$443,638.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

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

President McGowen commented Ms. Houston's update regarding the water recycling plant stating that this has been a long time coming. President McGowen stated that past leadership and people in the community were advocates for a water recycling plant in their time. President McGowen stated that the water recycling plant although it takes away from the amount of water we sell, is important for our community. President McGowen stated that he is encouraged to hear about the progress. President McGowen also provided a brief update on the RFP on Solar and Battery. President McGowen mentioned that there is so much attention on xAI, but stated that there is much more work going on at MLGW. President McGowen discussed several on-going projects such as the water bed work, steel tap replacement, work to change to modern pipeline at Weaver-Gill, recently commissioned several new substations, notice to proceed for the 5G Private Network, work to modernize the Grid, Plus-1 Fund, and increased reliability due to vegetation management.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

(None)

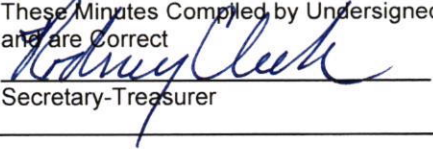
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m. (See Minute File No. 1507)

Approved Without Interlineation

  
Chairman

These Minutes Compiled by Undersigned  
and are Correct

  
Secretary-Treasurer