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Board of Light, Gas and Water Commissioners

Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 **8:30 AM** **Board Room**

For a recording of this meeting visit: *https://mlgw.iqm2.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	
James Lewellen	Board Member	Present	
John Butler	Board Member	Late	8:40 AM
Leon Dickson	Board Member	Remote	
Kevin Woods	Board Member	Remote	

APPROVALS: *Chairman Pohlman*

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

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Carl Person, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Cheryl Pesce, Board Member
AYES:	Pohlman, Pesce, Person, Lewellen, Butler, Dickson, Woods

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

CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & UPDATE: *Rodney Cleek*

(None)

NEW BOARD COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCED

President McGowen announced that in response to recent legislation, we now have two additional Board Commissioners that represent our suburban customers. President McGowen announced that Commissioner James Lewellen and Commissioner John

Butler are now official voting members of the Memphis Light, Gas, and Water Board. President McGowen announced that Commissioner James Lewellen as confirmed by the City of Collierville on July 13, 2026, and Commissioner John Butler was confirmed by the City of Bartlett on July 14, 2026.

Commissioner James Lewellen commented on being selected to be a Commissioner on the MLGW Board.

Commissioner John Butler commented on being selected to be a Commissioner on the MLGW Board.

PRESENTATIONS: ***Chairman Pohlman***

University of Memphis CAESAR Aquifer Study 2 - Dr. Brian Waldron and President McGowen

President McGowen provided a brief overview concerning our groundwater, our responsibility, and our future.

Dr. Brian Waldron of the University of Memphis provided an update on the CAESER (Center for Applied Earth Science and Engineering Research) Aquifer Study 2.

Dr. Brian Waldron and President McGowen answered the commissioners questions regarding the Aquifer Study 2 and our groundwater.

Commissioner Person asked that Scott Schoefernacker, Science Director for Protect Our Aquifer, come to the podium to ask any questions he may have.

Mr. Scott Shoefernacker asked several questions and requested that the slides presented be made available to the public. Dr. Brian Waldron responded.

President McGowen made final comments regarding the current aquifer study and possible future studies in an effort to protect our water.

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

Chairman Pohlman announced that Councilwoman Pearl Walker was attending the meeting online.

Chairman Pohlman read into record the policies and procedures for making public comments at the MLGW Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Rickey Lewis - 6399 Dimwood Cove - Former MLGW Employee

Pamela Moses - 2369 Jackson Avenue

Bessie Matthews - 3140 Briarly Lane - MLGW Retiree

Review of 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 66)

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1 through 6)

Motion To: Approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 6.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [5 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Carl Person, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	James Lewellen, Board Member
AYES:	Pohlman, Pesce, Person, Lewellen, Butler
AWAY:	Leon Dickson, Kevin Woods

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

Commissioner Person asked for an update on the Blue Suede Fiber Project. President McGowen responded.

1. Resolution approving Renewal (Change No.2) to Contract No. 12494 (solicited under Contract No. 12471), Professional Engineering Services - Blue Suede Fiber with Allen & Hoshall, Inc., to renew the current contract with no increase in the contract value. (Randy Orsby)
2. Resolution approving Renewal (Change No. 2) to Contract No. 12471, Professional Engineering Services - Blue Suede Fiber with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. to renew the current contract with no increase in the contract value. (Randy Orsby)
3. Resolution approving the Scope Expansion, Increase and Renewal (Change No. 1) to Contract No. 12525, Distribution UAV Inspection with UAV-Recon, LLC to increase the contract value, to expand the scope of work and renew the current contract in the funded amount of $1,104,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
4. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12688, Substation Engineering Design to RMS Energy Co., LLC in the funded amount of $492,000.00. (Randy Orsby)
5. Resolution approving the Increase and Renewal (Change No. 4) to Contract No. 12568 (formerly Contract No. C2569), Aerial Patrol Survey Gas Transmission Right-of-Way with Tennessee Helicopter Services, Inc. to increase and renew the current contract in the funded amount of $140,400.00. (Randy Orsby)

6. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12646, Aerator Maintenance to R.P. Services, Incorporated in the funded amount of $363,697.20. (Randy Orsby)

PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING: ***Chairman Pohlman***

Other – President Doug McGowen

President McGowen briefed the Board on several matters including an update on the LIHEAP Program and the Tennessee Board of Regents awarding MLGW with the Award of Excellence for our work with Southwest Tennessee Community College in creating our Boot Camps.

Commissioner commented on the excellent work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: ***Chairman Pohlman***

(None)

ADJOURNMENT ***Chairman Pohlman***

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m. (See Minute File No. 1520)

Approved Without Interlineation Mike Pohlman Chairman	These Minutes Compiled by Undersigned and are Correct Rodney Cleek Secretary-Treasurer