

**TRAVERSE CITY  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center  
Tuesday, December 9, 2025

**Board Members Present:** John Taylor – Board Chairperson, Maura Brennan – Board Member, Suzannah Tobin – Board Member, Lance Boehmer – City Commissioner & Board Member, Laura Ness – City Commissioner & Board Member

**Board Members Absent:** Paul Heiberger – Vice-Chairperson, Elysha Davila – Board Member

**Ex Officio Member Present:** Benjamin Marentette, City Manager

**Staff Present:** Brandie Ekren – Executive Director, Jen St. Amour – Executive Assistant, Karla Myers-Beman – Chief Financial Officer, Kelli Schroeder – Customer & Employee Relations Manager, Jacob Hardy – Sustainability & Key Accounts, Colin Hites – Sustainability & Climate Initiative Analyst, Tony Chartrand – Director of Engineering & Operations

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Disclosure of Recusal**

**3. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of Agenda.
- b. Consideration of approving minutes of the Regular meeting of October 28th, 2025. (Approval recommended)

that the minutes of the Regular meeting of October 28th, 2025, be approved.

- c. Consideration of approving TCLP's Energy Optimization Compliance Filing for 2026-2029. (Approval recommended) (Ekren/Hardy)

that the Light & Power Board approves TCLP'S Energy Optimization Compliance Filing for 2026-2029 and authorizes the Executive Director to submit the approved filing to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

- d. Consideration of authorizing Executive Director to execute Letters of Intent. (Approval recommended) (Ekren)

that the Light & Power Board authorizes the Executive Director to (1) execute three letters of intent enabling ChargePoint to submit proposals to MDOT'S EVC-RAA Grant Program for the Clinch Park Marina, Hall Street Service Center and Traverse Area District Library EV charging locations, and (2) execute and resulting agreements with ChargePoint

contingent upon legal review and confirmation that final terms are commercially reasonable and in the best interest of TCLP, without returning to the Board for further approval.

John Taylor moved that the Consent portion of the calendar be approved. Suzannah Tobin seconded the motion.

**Yes:** Maura Brennan, John Taylor, Suzannah Tobin, Lance Boehmer, and Laura Ness

**Absent:** Elysha Davila and Paul Heiberger

Carried 5 to 0.

#### 4. **Unfinished Business**

None.

#### 5. **New Business**

- a. Consideration of approving the EWR Surcharge effective January 1, 2026.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Karla Myers-Beman, Chief Financial Officer

Chairperson Taylor opened the Public Hearing at 5:23 p.m.

No individuals from the Public addressed the Board.

Chairperson Taylor closed the Public Hearing at 5:24 p.m.

Maura Brennan moved that the Light & Power Board approves the surcharge authorized by Public Act 295 of 2008 referred to as the EWR Surcharge to be effective January 1, 2026. Suzannah Tobin seconded the motion.

**Yes:** Maura Brennan, John Taylor, Suzannah Tobin, Lance Boehmer, and Laura Ness

**Absent:** Elysha Davila and Paul Heiberger

Carried 5 to 0.

- b. Sustainable Innovation Campus Ad Hoc - Request for Creation and Informal Board Direction.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Brandie Ekren, Executive Director

Suzannah Tobin moved that the Light & Power Board establish a Sustainable Innovation Campus Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of providing guidance to the Executive

Director on long-term facility and operational planning related to the Sustainable Innovation Campus initiative. The members of which include Chairperson John Taylor, Suzannah Tobin, Maura Brennan and Lance Boehmer, as alternate. Lance Boehmer seconded the motion.

**Yes:** Maura Brennan, John Taylor, Suzannah Tobin, Lance Boehmer, and Laura Ness

**Absent:** Elysha Davila and Paul Heiberger

Carried 5 to 0.

## 6. Reports and Communications

### a. **From Legal.**

### b. **From Staff.**

#### 1. FY 2026-27 Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Karla Myers-Beman, Chief Financial Officer

#### 2. Quarterly Financial Statements

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Karla Myers-Beman, Chief Financial Officer

### c. **From Board.**

#### 1. Select Community Investment Fund Ad Hoc Member (Taylor)

Laura Ness moved that the Light & Power Board elected Laura Ness as a CIF Ad Hoc member and Lance Boehmer as an alternate. Lance Boehmer seconded the motion.

**Yes:** Maura Brennan, John Taylor, Suzannah Tobin, Lance Boehmer, and Laura Ness

**Absent:** Elysha Davila and Paul Heiberger

Carried 5 to 0.

## 7. Public Comment

### a. **General Public Comment**

The following individuals from the Public addressed the Board:

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

8. **Adjournment**

There being no objection, Chairperson Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

*Brandie Ekren*

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Brandie Ekren, Secretary  
LIGHT & POWER BOARD