

**TRAVERSE CITY  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center  
Tuesday, March 10, 2026

**Board Members Present:** Paul Heiberger – Vice-Chairperson, Elysha Davila – Board Member, Maura Brennan – Board Member, Suzannah Tobin – Board Member, Lance Boehmer – City Commissioner & Board Member

**Board Members Absent:** John Taylor – Board Chairperson, Laura Ness – City Commissioner & Board Member

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

1. **Roll Call**

2. **Disclosure of Recusal**

3. **Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of Agenda.
- b. Consideration of approving the minutes of the Regular meeting of February 10th, 2026. (Approval recommended)

that the minutes of the Regular meeting of February 10th, 2026, be approved.

- c. Consideration of amending the 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. (Approval recommended) (Myers-Beman/Chartrand)

that the Light & Power Board approves the Capital Improvement Plan as amended.

- d. Consideration of approving revised Org Chart & Wage Classifications for new positions. (Approval recommended) (Schroeder)

that the Light & Power Board approves the revised Organizational Chart and the wage classifications of the new positions.

Suzannah Tobin moved that the Consent Calendar portion of the agenda, be approved.  
Lance Boehmer seconded the motion.

**Yes:** Maura Brennan, Elysha Davila, Paul Heiberger, Suzannah Tobin,  
and Lance Boehmer

**Absent:** John Taylor and Laura Ness

Carried 5 to 0.

**4. Unfinished Business**

None.

**5. New Business**

- a. Consideration of scheduling a public hearing at the April 14, 2026, Regular meeting to be effective August 1, 2026.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Brandie Ekren, Executive Director

Karla Myers-Beman, Chief Financial Officer

Maura Brennan moved that the Light & Power Board tentatively approves the rate adjustment and authorizes the secretary to set a public hearing for the August 2026 billing rate adjustment to be held at the April 14, 2026 Regular meeting; and further that a notice of the public hearing be posted on the utility's website and placed in the Traverse City Record Eagle. Lance Boehmer seconded the motion.

**Yes:** Maura Brennan, Elysha Davila, Paul Heiberger, Suzannah Tobin,  
and Lance Boehmer

**Absent:** John Taylor and Laura Ness

Carried 5 to 0.

- b. Consideration of approving a project authorization and contract with KEEN Technical Solutions.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Jacob Hardy, Sustainability & Key Accts. Manager

Lance Boehmer moved that the Light & Power Board approves the project authorization and authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract with Keen Technical Solutions in the amount of \$248,065.23, more or less, subject to review as to substance by the Executive Director and as to form by General Counsel. Elysha Davila seconded the motion.

**Yes:** Maura Brennan, Elysha Davila, Paul Heiberger, Suzannah Tobin,  
and Lance Boehmer

**Absent:** John Taylor and Laura Ness  
Carried 5 to 0.

**6. Reports and Communications**

**a. From Legal.**

**b. From Staff.**

1. Budget Highlights

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Brandie Ekren, Executive Director  
Karla Myers-Beman, Chief Financial Officer

2. 2024-25 Annual Report

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Kelli Schroeder, Customer & Employee Relations Manager

**c. From Board.**

**7. Public Comment**

**a. General Public Comment**

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no objection, Vice-Chairperson adjourned the Board at 5:55pm.

*Brandie Ekren*

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Brandie Ekren, Secretary  
LIGHT & POWER BOARD