

**TRAVERSE CITY
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center
Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Board Members' Present: John Taylor – Chairperson, Paul Heiberger – Vice-Chairperson, Elysha Davila – Board Member, Bradley Matson – Board Member, Suzannah Tobin – Board Member, Lance Boehmer – City Commissioner & Board Member, Laura Ness – City Commissioner & Board Member

Board Members Absent:

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, Kelli Schroeder – Director of People & Community, 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 minutes of the Regular meeting of March 10, 2026, the minutes of the Sustainability Ad Hoc meeting of March 20, 2026, and the minutes of the Community Investment Ad Hoc meeting of March 24, 2026. (Approval recommended)

that the minutes of the Regular meeting of March 10, 2026, the minutes of the Sustainability Ad Hoc meeting of March 20, 2026, and the minutes of the Community Investment Ad Hoc meeting of March 24, 2026, be approved.

- c. Consideration of approving a three-year extension of AT&T Tower Lease Agreement. (Approval recommended) (Chartrand)

that the Light & Power Board approve a three-year extension of the existing AT&T Tower Lease Agreement and authorize the Executive Director to execute the amended Lease Agreement.

- d. Consideration of approving an agreement with General Motors. (Approval recommended) (Hardy)

that the Light & Power Board approves an agreement with General Motors (GM) in the amount of \$140,000 to ChargePoint DC Fast Charger Equipment, subject to review as to substance by the Executive Director and as to form by General Counsel.

- e. Consideration of authorizing a Lease Agreement with CN Financing Inc. (Approval recommended) (Ekren)

that the Light & Power Board authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a five-year lease agreement with CN Financing Inc., a subsidiary of First American Financial in the amount of \$302,366, more or less, at an approximate interest rate of 4.43%.

- f. Consideration of approving a Professional Services Agreement with Strategic Technology Advisors (STA). (Approval recommended) (Ekren)

that the Light & Power Board authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Strategic Technology Advisors (STA) in the amount of \$63,000, more or less, subject to review as to substance by the Executive Director and as to form by General Counsel.

Paul Heiberger moved that the Consent Calendar portion of the agenda be approved, as amended. Bradley Matson seconded the motion.

Yes: Elysha Davila, Paul Heiberger, John Taylor, Suzannah Tobin, Lance Boehmer, Laura Ness, and Bradley Matson

Absent: None

Carried 7 to 0.

4. Maura Brennan - L&P Board & Staff Appreciation

5. Unfinished Business

None.

6. New Business

- a. Consideration of approving the Community Investment Fund awards as recommended by the CIF Ad Hoc Committee.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Elysha Davila, CIF Ad Hoc Chairperson

Laura Ness moved that the Light & Power Board approves funding from the approved Community Investment Fund Budget line item towards the following organization:

- Tart Trails in the amount of \$7,500.

Paul Heiberger seconded the motion.

Yes: Elysha Davila, Paul Heiberger, John Taylor, Suzannah Tobin, Lance Boehmer, Laura Ness, and Bradley Matson

Absent: None

Carried 7 to 0.

- b. Public Hearing for Metal Melting Time of Use Rate.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Karla Myers-Beman, Chief Financial Officer

Chairperson Taylor opened the Public Hearing at 5:25pm.

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

Chairperson Taylor closed the Public Hearing at 5:26pm.

Lance Boehmer moved that the Light & Power Board approves the Metal Melting Primary Service Time of Use Rate to become effective with the August 2026 billing. Elysha Davila seconded the motion.

Yes: Elysha Davila, Paul Heiberger, John Taylor, Suzannah Tobin, Lance Boehmer, Laura Ness, and Bradley Matson

Absent: None

Carried 7 to 0.

- c. Consideration of forwarding the 2026-27 Electric & Fiber Operating Budgets to the City Commission for consideration as required by Charter.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Karla Myers-Beman, Chief Financial Officer

Suzannah Tobin moved that the Light & Power Board approves forwarding the 2026-27 Electric and Fiber Operating Budgets as presented or as amended to the City Commission for its consideration of approval. Elysha Davila seconded the motion.

Yes: Elysha Davila, Paul Heiberger, John Taylor, Suzannah Tobin, Lance Boehmer, Laura Ness, and Bradley Matson

Absent: None

Carried 7 to 0.

Paul Heiberger moved that the Light & Power Board directs staff to contribute into the retirement system based on the accelerated amortization calculated on the market value of assets option provided by MERS for the fiscal year end June 30, 2027. Laura Ness seconded the motion.

Yes: Elysha Davila, Paul Heiberger, John Taylor, Suzannah Tobin, Lance Boehmer, Laura Ness, and Bradley Matson

Absent: None

Carried 7 to 0.

Elysha Davila moved that the Light & Power Board directs staff to contribute to the other Post Employment Benefits Retiree Health Trust Fund on the plans assumptions and further directs staff to pay the retiree health insurance premiums out of the Retiree Health Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. Paul Heiberger seconded the motion.

Yes: Elysha Davila, Paul Heiberger, John Taylor, Suzannah Tobin, Lance Boehmer, Laura Ness, and Bradley Matson

Absent: None

Carried 7 to 0.

Laura Ness moved that the Light & Power Board approves the Electric Fund Minimum Cash Reserve amount as presented in the Cash Flow. Suzannah Tobin seconded the motion.

Yes: Elysha Davila, Paul Heiberger, John Taylor, Suzannah Tobin, Lance Boehmer, Laura Ness, and Bradley Matson

Absent: None

Carried 7 to 0.

7. Reports and Communications

a. From Legal.

None.

b. From Staff.

1. Information Technology Systems & Security Review - Possible Closed Session (5 votes required)

(Pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Sections 8(a) and 8(h))

Lance Boehmer moved that the Board enter closed session to consult with the Executive team on internal IT developments and policies pursuant to Section 8 of the Michigan Open Meetings Act following Public Comment and adjourn immediately thereafter. Paul Heiberger seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Yay: Elysha Davila, Paul Heiberger, John Taylor, Suzannah Tobin, Lance Boehmer, Laura Ness, and Bradley Matson

Nay: None

Carried 7 to 0.

c. **From Board.**

8. **Public Comment**

a. General Public Comment

No one from the Public addressed the Board:

The Board entered closed session at 5:58pm

9. **Adjournment**

There being no objection, Chairperson Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Brandie Ekren

Brandie Ekren, Secretary
LIGHT & POWER BOARD