

Board of Light Commissioners

Public-Zoom Meeting Minutes- *Amended*

April 14, 2026

168 Worcester Rd, Princeton, MA

Action Items:

- Ms. Reddy will make the necessary changes to the bank balance report. From now on, the date will be set as the first of the month.
- Mr. McKeon will update the FAQs on the PMLD website.
- Mr. McKeon will email the Commissioners a draft of the PMLD 5-year plan.
- Mr. McKeon will revise the wording on the monthly light bill.

Present:

Rick Rys, Richard Chase, Phil Gott, Sean McKeon, Jack Austin, and Karen Mammone

Meeting Called to Order at 3:00 PM

Commissioner Rys made a motion to call the meeting to order.

Commissioner Gott- 2nd

Commissioner Chase- aye

Review and Approve Agenda for Public Meeting

April 14, 2026

The agenda was approved (3-0) as written.

Commissioner Gott- 2nd

Commissioner Chase- aye

Review and Approve Public Minutes March 10, 2026

Minutes approved (3-0) as amended

Under Balcony Solar:

Mr. Austin's research found that the currently installed meters can only measure electricity consumption and cannot record reverse power flow. If a resident installs a balcony solar system, the existing meter will not accurately capture energy being sent back to the grid. In such cases, a bidirectional meter would be required to measure both consumption and generation accurately.

Commissioner Rys would like to clarify the wording under Balcony Solar. If a resident installs a balcony solar system while using their current meter, they will be charged for any power exported back to the grid. The current meter cannot measure reverse power flow.

Commissioner Gott- 2nd

Commissioner Chase- aye

General Manager's Report:

- **Current Bank Balances**

The Board reviewed the bank account balance report dated April 10, 2026. A copy will be placed in the file. All bills are paid in a timely manner.

- **2026 Cashflow Budget Review**

Mr. McKeon presented the board with a copy of the 2026 budget details dated April 10, 2026. A copy will be placed on file. The cash flow figures for January through February 2026, with a target of 16.67%. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were 21.16% and expenses were 16.73%.

Update on Operations:

- **Update the Interconnection Policy Wording (see attachment)**

Mr. McKeon reviewed and revised the wording on pages 16 and 30 of the Interconnection Policy on the PMLD website. The residential solar kW is now clearly stated; 30 kW or less is residential.

The Board discussed the potential construction of a Public Safety Building, which may include the installation of a solar energy system. Commissioner Chase attended the meeting and suggested to the Planning Board that the solar system's capacity should be measured in kilowatts instead of square footage. He noted that the capacity of solar modules has increased, resulting in varying outputs in kilowatts. Measuring kilowatts would provide a more accurate assessment; however, the Planning Board ultimately rejected this proposal.

The board discussed the installation of solar systems for both commercial and municipal customers, but no decision was made. Commissioner Gott expressed concern about the lack of a specific plan for municipal customers. He proposed a motion stating that there would be no minimum charge for solar installations on municipal buildings; however, this policy could be reevaluated if PMLD encountered any issues. Currently, there will be no changes to the commercial solar policy.

Commissioner Rys- seconded the motion
Commissioner Chase- Aye

Commissioner Gott proposed changes to the wording on pages 20 and 21. He recommended adding batteries and balcony solar to the list of interconnection power types. Mr. McKeon agreed to include batteries but suggested that balcony solar be classified under "other." Additionally, Commissioner Chase proposed adding vehicle-to-grid technology.

- **Recent Activities/Maintenance/Planned Outages**

Please refer to the attached sheet for highlights of completed and scheduled work from March 11, 2026, to April 14, 2026.

The Board and Mr. McKeon discussed the demolition of the old school and the work that PMLD might need to undertake there. Mr. McKeon mentioned that he had asked Ms. Patch for the demolition crew's contact information, but she did not have it available at the time of the meeting.

- **MMWEC/Lightshift Battery Storage Project**

There has been no progress regarding PMLD joining a cluster group with National Grid.

Commissioner Chase would like "with National Grid" added to the sentence to clarify who the study is with.

- **Holden Interconnect**

Mr. McKeon spoke with Mr. Tupper, the General Manager of the Holden Municipal Light Department. Mr. Tupper recently had a conversation with Mr. Cavanaugh from Energy of New England (ENE). Mr. Cavanaugh is currently waiting for confirmation from ISO regarding the metering configuration, which is crucial for determining how the system will operate. Additionally, ENE is reviewing the financial aspects of the project to assess the expected return on investment.

Updates on Facebook & Website

No recent updates.

New Business/Parking Lot Items

Commissioner Gott mentioned the recent post showing Princeton as the highest Municipal on the MMWEC rate chart.

Commissioner Gott would like to see the FAQs on our website updated to be clearer for residents. He mentioned the stabilization fund needs to be funded. Mr. McKeon spoke about having a draft of a 5-year plan that he would like to post on the website once it is completed and approved by the board. This 5-year plan discusses the need to fund OPEB, decommissioning the wind turbines, building maintenance, and other items that PMLD has not been able to fund due to the wind turbine payments. Mr. McKeon has changed the number of years PMLD has not changed the rates from 5 years to 9 years.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Commissioner Rys made a motion to adjourn the public session at 4:30 PM.

Commissioner Gott- 2nd

Commissioner Chase- aye

Respectfully submitted, Karen Mammone, Recording Secretary

