

Board of Light Commissioners

Public-Zoom Meeting Minutes Amended

May 19, 2026

168 Worcester Rd, Princeton, MA

Action Items:

- Commissioners will sign the DPU report.
- Mr. Austin will check PMLD's private property lights to determine whether they are dark sky compliant.
- Commissioner Gott will look into the specific organization for dark sky compliant lights.

Present:

Rick Rys, Richard Chase, Phil Gott, Sean McKeon, Jack Austin, Heather Isaacs (Goulet, Salvidio & Associates, P.C.), Adam Schremser (Goulet Salvidio & Associates, P.C.), and Karen Mammone

Zoom:

Ashley Reddy

Meeting Called to Order at 3:02 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

May 19, 2026

Commissioner Rys made a motion to accept the agenda.
Commissioner Gott- 2nd
Commissioner Chase-aye
The agenda was approved (3-0) as written.

Presentation of 2025 Audit and DPU Report

Heather Isaacs and Adam Schremser of Goulet, Salvidio & Associates, P.C. presented the Board with copies of PMLD's Financial Statements for the years ending December 31, 2025, and 2024, along with the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) report.

Ms. Isaacs reviewed the documents and highlighted key financial figures, including PMLD's revenues, liabilities, and assets. She explained that for the last 10 years, the auditors have issued a qualified opinion on PMLD's reporting of the Worcester County Retirement System due to differing reporting periods. Specifically, the Worcester County Retirement System operates on a fiscal year, while PMLD follows a calendar year.

Ms. Isaacs reported that, aside from this longstanding reporting difference, PMLD once again received a clean audit opinion, meaning the financial statements are fairly presented in all material respects. She also noted that there were no internal control deficiencies, which reflects positively on the work of the PMLD staff.

Commissioner Gott would like to clarify the following sentence:

She also noted that there were no major internal control deficiencies, which reflects positively on the work of the PMLD staff.

Commissioner Chase questioned the line loss information on page 57 of the PDF version of the DPU report. Ms. Isaacs explained that they have no way of distinguishing between transmission, conversion, and distribution losses.

Ms. Isaacs explained there is an error and will provide a revised copy of page 4 of the DPU report with the correct estimates for the amount of electricity PMLD purchases and the associated cost of electricity sold.

Copies of the Financial Statements and the DPU report will be placed on file.

Review and Approve Public Minutes February 17, 2026

Minutes approved (3-0) as amended.

Commissioner Chase requested that the words "**with National Grid**" be added to the sentence on page 3 under the **MMWEC/Lightshift Battery Storage Project** section for clarification.

The sentence now reads:

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

Commissioner Rys made a motion to approve the minutes as amended

Commissioner Gott- 2nd
Commissioner Chase- aye

General Manager's Report:

- **Current Bank Balances**

The Board reviewed the bank account balance report dated May 1, 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 May 18, 2026. A copy will be placed on file. The cash flow figures for January through March 2026, with a target of 25.00%. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were 28.28% and expenses were 24.40%.

Update on Operations:

Revised Interconnect Policy

Mr. McKeon revised the interconnect policy for residential solar. The revision now reads under the following:

Distributed Generation Fee Schedules- Residential Metering- **<30 kW**

Exhibit C- Requirements for Interconnection of Non-Utility Generators:

Interconnecting Customer should complete and submit the Application Form to the PMLD based on the proposed size of the distributed generation (**either <30kW for residential customers** or ≥30kW for commercial customers).

Commissioner Rys made a motion to approve the amendment as described by Mr. McKeon.

Commissioner Gott- 2nd
Commissioner Chase- aye
Approved (3-0)

Recent Activities/Maintenance/Planned Outages

Please refer to the attached sheet for highlights of completed and scheduled work from April 14, 2026, to May 19, 2026.

- **MMWEC/Lightshift Battery Storage Project**

Mr. McKeon, with the assistance of Ms. Horsung, Princeton Town Clerk, located the documents confirming that the Light Department owns the PMLD building. Commissioner Chase recalled that, during his previous tenure as Commissioner, the Light Department leased the building for several years before exercising its option to purchase. Mr. McKeon noted that this was the final piece of information the attorney needed for the battery storage project. He added that this documentation is required regardless of whether the project interconnects with National Grid or Holden.

Commissioner Rys discussed his thoughts on Mr. McKeon's 5-year plan for possibly installing an islanding inverter to both charge the battery and use it as an emergency backup.

- **Holden Interconnect**

Mr. McKeon attended a meeting with ISO New England (Independent System Operator), National Grid, Holden, Princeton, Energy New England, and MMWEC (Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company) to discuss the metering settlement and Installed Capacity (ICAP) tags. The ICAP tags are used to separate Princeton's capacity obligations from Holden's. Mr. McKeon reported that he is now awaiting approval from National Grid and ISO New England so the project can move forward.

- **Review DOER Renewable Connection Process (225 CMR 29.00)**

Commissioner Rys reported on the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) meeting he attended in Holyoke, Massachusetts. One topic of discussion was the designation of a municipal point of contact for renewable energy developers. Under the proposal, the designated point of contact would have up to one year to coordinate responses with developers and other municipal boards. The meeting also included a presentation of a Department of Energy Resources (DOER) map identifying potential solar development sites throughout Massachusetts. If a developer were interested in installing a large-scale solar facility, they would first contact the municipality's designated point of contact. Commissioner Rys noted that he did not believe this initiative would have a significant impact on Princeton.

Updates on Facebook & Website

Comfort Zones, PMLD's website managers, have updated the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section on the PMLD website.

New Business/Parking Lot Items

The Commissioners discussed ideas they would like to see included in Mr. McKeon's five-year plan for PMLD. They agreed that the plan was an excellent first draft.

Commissioner Gott shared a resident's inquiry regarding whether PMLD's private property lights are dark sky compliant. Mr. Austin believes that all of PMLD's private property lights meet dark sky compliance standards but will verify this information for the next meeting. The Board will continue its discussion of private property lighting at the next meeting.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Commissioner Rys made a motion to adjourn the public session at 5:15 PM.

Commissioner Gott- 2nd

Commissioner Chase- aye

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Mammone

Recording Secretary