Board of Light Commissioners
Public Zoom Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2026

168 Worcester Rd, Princeton, MA

Action Items:

Mr. McKeon will add the outage report to the PMLD website.

Mr. McKeon will also add information to the website about the safety program that Ray Gouley and PMLD participate in at Thomas Prince School.

Present:

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

Zoom:

Phil Gott and Ashley Reddy

Meeting Called to Order at 3 PM

Commissioner Rys moved to call the meeting to order. (3-0)
Commissioner Chase- 2nd
Commissioner Gott- agreed

Review and Approve Agenda for Public Meeting September 15, 2026

Commissioner Rys moved to approve the agenda as written. (3-0)
Commissioner Chase- 2nd
Commissioner Gott- aye

Review and Approve Public Minutes July 15, 2026 (3-0)

Under *Balcony Solar and Plug-in Wall Battery Evolution-*

If a customer installs one of these systems, they would *need* to have a solar meter installed at a cost of $300.00. A regular meter would not provide credit for any excess power generated by the system and sent back to the grid. In fact, using a regular meter could result in the customer being charged for the electricity being sent back to the grid.

> *Commissioner Chase would like the word "need" removed from the above sentence. The sentence will now read "If a customer installs one of these systems, they **may** need to have a solar meter installed…"*

Under *New Business/Parking Lot Items-*

Commissioner Gott asked Mr. McKeon about PMLD's future fuel mix. Mr. McKeon explained that PMLD's future fuel mix includes FirstLight Hydro, Seabrook, and a New England/ISO New England mix. Currently, approximately 50% of PMLD's portfolio consists of renewable, non-carbon-emitting resources.

Commissioner Gott would like to clarify the last sentence in the above paragraph. After some discussion regarding the wording, the Board agreed to add "or." The sentence now reads as follows:

> *Currently, approximately 50% of PMLD's portfolio consists of renewable **or** non-carbon-emitting resources.*

Commissioner Rys moved to approve the July 15 Public Session Minutes as amended.

Commissioner Chase- 2nd

Commissioner Gott- as amended

Review and Approve Public Minutes August 10, 2026 (2-0)

Commissioner Rys moved to approve the August 10 Public Session Minutes as written.
Commissioner Gott- 2nd
Commissioner Chase- abstained (not present for meeting)
Commissioner Rys- approved

Review and Approve Executive Minutes August 10, 2026 (2-0)

Commissioner Rys moved to approve the August 10 Executive Session minutes as written.

Commissioner Gott-2nd
Commissioner Chase- abstained (not present for meeting)
Commissioner Rys- aye

General Manager's Report:

- ### Current Bank Balances

  The Board reviewed the bank account balance report dated September 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 September 14, 2026. A copy will be placed on file. The cash flow figures for January through July 2026, with a target of 58.33%. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were 61.85% and expenses were 60.02%.

Update on Operations:

- ### Recent Activities/Maintenance/Planned Outages

  Please refer to the attached sheet for highlights of completed and scheduled work from August 11, 2026, to September 15, 2026.

  Commissioner Chase thought it might be of interest to residents to have access to an outage report showing outage information over the years. Mr. McKeon has been tracking this information since joining PMLD and will add the report to the PMLD website.

- ### MMWEC/Lightshift Battery Storage Project

  Mr. McKeon recently spoke with Mr. Viadero from MMWEC (Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company). Mr. Viadero mentioned that National Grid is forming a new study group, and PMLD may be included in the group.

  Mr. Viadero also mentioned to Mr. McKeon that it may be best for PMLD to purchase its own battery if PMLD decides to install a grid-forming inverter to create a microgrid for emergency backup. Commissioner Rys thought the battery could be useful in the event of

a town-wide outage. However, one concern is that the battery would only provide power to the town for a few hours. Another concern is the existing contract regarding stored energy, which requires the energy to be available during a peak event.

Holden Interconnect

Mr. McKeon applied for a grant that could help fund the Holden Interconnect Project. The grant application will be submitted on Friday.

- **2027 NextZero Discussion (2-0)**

  The board and Mr. McKeon discussed the current rebates concerning heat pumps. After quite a bit of discussion, the board decided to add $50,000 to the current $100,000 for heat pump rebates.
  Commissioner Rys made a motion that we modify our NextZero Contract to offer $500.00 per ton of heat pump refrigeration with a maximum of 4 tons for air source heat pumps and $750.00 per ton for ground source heat pumps, limited by, again, to 4 tons, with an overall cap for the NextZero program of $50,000 per year for heat pumps.

  Commissioner Chase-2nd
  Commissioner Gott- abstain (will be installing heat pumps)
  Commissioner Rys- approve

- **Update on NextEra Billing**

  Starting in August, NextEra will be charging the correct Ancillary Service amounts. Mr. McKeon contacted NextEra to notify them that, under the contract, they are limited to going back 12 months for billing issues. As of this meeting, Mr. McKeon had not received a response from NextEra.

Updates on Facebook & Website

Mr. McKeon added information concerning balcony solar to the website.

New Business/Parking Lot Items

Mr. McKeon has not received any further communication from the Clearings. PMLD's attorney advised that PMLD should not enter the property until the legal issues have been resolved. The easement in question is a New England Telephone easement, not a PMLD easement.

A FedEx truck backed into one of the enclosures at the end of a driveway in the Clearings. FedEx has hired a contractor to repair the damage.

Public Comments

No public comments

Commissioner Rys moved to adjourn the public meeting at 4:20 PM. (3-0)
Commissioner Chase- 2nd
Commissioner Gott- aye

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Mammone

Recording Secretary