



**PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

October 9, 2014, 5:00 pm

**MINUTES**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Lorna Thomas  
Eva Garza Dewaelsche  
David W. Jones  
Nicole Spieles

**Resolutions:**

Resolution 2014-19  
Resolution 2014-20

**Motions (Carried/Failed):**

Resolution 2014-19 Carried  
Resolution 2014-20 Carried

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Meeting of the Public Lighting Authority was held October 9, 2014 in Auditorium on the 13<sup>th</sup> Floor at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. Lorna Thomas, Chair of the Board, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken by Eva Garza Dewaelsche and members in attendance included: Lorna Thomas, Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Nicole Spieles and David W. Jones.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion made to approve the agenda by: Eva Garza Dewaelsche  
Motion seconded by: Nicole Spieles

**Motion Carried**

**MINUTES**

Motion made to approve the June 11, 2014 minutes by Eva Garza Dewaelsche  
Motion seconded by: Nicole Spieles  
Vote called

**Motion Carried**

**DISCUSSION**

- Board Chair introduced all new employees of the Public Lighting Authority: Shirley Aldana, Adam Troy, Sandra Hughes O'Brien, Katrina Crawley (who was absent), Archie Lytle, Lisa Poole, MaryAnn Carney, Michael Harrington and Monica Ross.
- August Financials/Monthly Report – Nicolette Carlone and Mohamed Hassan
  - Lorna Thomas asked if the spend rate increased over the past two to three months due to accelerated pace of the project. Nicolette Carlone confirmed that is correct.
- 2014 Audit – Michael Nicholas (George Johnson & Company)
  - Mike distributed and discussed an Audit Wrap-Up Report dated June 30, 2014 (attached in minute book).
  - Mike offered to make a presentation to the Board (free of cost) on a topic that might be of interest to them (items noted on page 10 of the Wrap-Up Report). Lorna Thomas accepted this offer and will get back to Mike with a confirmed topic.



- David Jones asked whether Internal Controls were a part of the audit. Mike Nicholas and Mohamed Hassan explained that, while it is not required by GASB or State Law, George Johnson & Company did not find any errors or misstatements while reviewing the Internal Controls. Mohamed Hassan (Accountant of the Board) reconciles all financials and reviews Internal Controls monthly and has not found any material weaknesses.
  - Eva Garza Dewaelsche asked if the PLA is required to have an independent auditor as well as an accounting staff. Odis Jones answered “no, but I do it in order to give the PLA another layer of oversight.” She also asked if the Board can request special reporting from the independent auditor if needed. Mike Nicholas and Mohamed Hassan both answered “yes,” but those requests should come through the CEO.
- M-2 Rail – Sandra Hughes O’Brien, Archie Lytle and Sean O’Brien
    - Sandra Hughes O’Brien gave an overview of the Memo of Understanding between the PLA and M-2 Rail, verifying a cost savings to the PLA of approximately \$650,000.00.
    - The Board needed clarification on Page 4, Paragraph 11 of the M-2 Rail Contract – “or any other party.”

## ACTION ITEMS

### **Resolution 2014-20** Accepting Fiscal Year June 30, 2014 and 2013 Audit

Motion called by: Eva Garza Dewaelsche

Motion seconded by: Nicole Spieles

Vote called by: David Jones

Lorna Thomas (yea), Eva Dewaelsche (yea), Nicole Spieles (yea), David Jones (yea)

**Motion Carried**

### **Resolution 2014-19** Authorizing the CEO to Enter into an Agreement with M-2 Rail

Motion made to approve Resolution 2014-19 with an amendment to Page 4, Paragraph 11, striking the words “or any other party.”

Motion called by: David Jones

Motion seconded by: Eva Dewaelsche

Roll call vote by: David Jones

Lorna Thomas (yea), Eva Dewaelsche (yea), Nicole Spieles (yea), David Jones (yea)

**Motion Carried**

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Roy McCalister, Jr., President of Greenwich Park Association, expressed the community's concern and wanted to ensure that the wiring would not be done underground but overhead.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no other public comments, a motion was entertained and supported to adjourn at 6:02 p.m.

Motion called by: Lorna Thomas

Motion seconded by: Eva Dewaelsche

**Motion Carried to Adjourn**