



Public Lighting Authority

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**OUR MISSION** is to improve,  
modernize and maintain the  
street lighting system in Detroit.

## **PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

November 4, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

#### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Lorna Thomas, M.D., Chair  
Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Vice Chair  
Rod Parker, Treasurer  
Nicole Spieles, Secretary  
David W. Jones, At Large

#### **Resolutions:**

Resolution 2015-13

#### **Motions (Carried/Failed):**

Resolution 2015-13 Carried

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Meeting of the Public Lighting Authority (PLA) was held November 4, 2015 at the PLA, 65 Cadillac Square, Suite 3100, Detroit, MI 48226. Dr. Lorna Thomas, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 4:58 p.m., welcoming everyone.

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken by Nicole Spieles, Secretary, and members in attendance included: Dr. Lorna Thomas, Chair; Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Vice Chair; Rod Parker, Treasurer; Nicole Spieles, Secretary; and David W. Jones, At Large.

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion made to approve the agenda by: Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Vice Chair

Motion seconded by: Rod Parker, Treasurer

Vote called

**Motion Carried**

### **MINUTES**

Motion made to approve the September 23, 2015 minutes by: David Jones, At Large

Motion seconded by: Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Vice Chair

Vote called

**Motion Carried**



## ACTION ITEMS

### **Resolution 2015-13 Approve the Third Amendment and Restated Employment Agreement for Chief Executive Officer of the Public Lighting Authority**

Motion made to approve by: Lorna Thomas, M.D., Chair

Roll Call requested by David Jones, At Large

Lorna Thomas, M.D., Chair - Yes

Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Vice Chair - Yes

Rod Parker, Treasurer - Abstain

Nicole Spieles, Secretary - Abstain

David W. Jones, At Large - No

**Resolution Defeated**

Floyd Allen called for Closed Session to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion to end Closed Session: Nicole Spieles, Secretary

Seconded: Rod Parker, Treasurer

**Motion Carried**

### **Resolution 2015-13**

Resolution amended – proposed for CEO Agreement

Remove Article 1, Section 1, leave term in its entirety. Accept employment at will with terms of Agreement, removing phrase.

Motion to approve by: Lorna Thomas, M.D., Chair

Seconded by: Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Vice Chair

Vote Called – All in favor.

**Motion Carried**

## DISCUSSION

### **September Financials/Monthly Report – Nicolette Carlone & Mohamed Hassan**

- Nicolette Carlone (PLA) and Mohamed Hassan (Gregory Terrell) reviewed the August 2015 Financials.
- Total current assets: \$130,979,690; Total Capitalized Construction Cost: \$88,000,621; Total Assets: \$219,523,139
- Total Current Liabilities: \$6,937,747; Total Liabilities: \$196,663,424; Total Liabilities & Net Position: \$219,523,139
- Total Revenue: \$7,454,212; Total Expenditures: \$3,702,920; Change in Net Position: \$3,751,292
- Net Position – End of Period: \$22,859,715
- Monthly Report – Exhibit A - \$60,445,075.23 – Under Budget
- Smart Grid: Not reflected in Financials; shall present in 2016. PLA has eight (8) vehicles and adding one (1) additional vehicle.
- Additional costs for ESRI and New World software

### **Project Update – Mukesh Patel and Joseph Stinolis**

- Overhead Collectors, Residential and Underground Collectors and Residential near completion.
- Thoroughfares and service drives-engineering completed. Currently working on Belle Isle and Downtown lighting engineering.
- 60% of Downtown design completed – should be out third week of January.
- 900 poles to be installed on Belle Isle. Investigating new technology for Belle Isle-solar battery assisted technology.



- 56,390 lights installed to date. 58-59,000 expected to be installed by end of the year. Jefferson Avenue is completed. Grand River and Michigan Avenue to be completed in 2015. Fort, Gratiot and Woodward expected to be completed in 2016. Construction is averaging 440 light installations per week with 200 foundations completed each week.
- Joseph Berry Sub and Indian Village completed by December 15th.
- Complete Collectors by end of 2015.

Eva: "Interesting that Channel 4 came and left before the report on PLA performance.

Eva: Please add for the Record – Leadership and current staff made all of this possible (Engineering & Construction progress).

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no public comments, a motion was made to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

**Motion Carried to Adjourn**