

GRAND HAVEN BOARD OF LIGHT AND POWER
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A regular meeting of the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power was held on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM at 1700 Eaton Drive in Grand Haven, Michigan and electronically via live Zoom Webinar.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Westbrook.

Present: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling, and Westbrook.

Absent: None.

Others Present: General Manager Rob Shelley, Secretary to the Board Danielle Martin, Operations and Power Supply Manager Erik Booth, and Distribution and Engineering Manager Austin Gagnon.

26-13A Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to add item 6E FY27-FY30 Collective Bargaining Agreement Approval to the agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

26-13B Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the meeting agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

Jim Hagen, 400 Lake Avenue, expressed concerns about the air impact of a potential gas generation facility being located near the airport.

Jeffrey Miller, 1120 South Harbor Drive, commented on the Strategic Plan and Board meeting times.

Field Reichardt, 1053 Ohio Avenue, commented on a proposed 25 MW generation facility and provided suggestions for community input.

26-13C Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda includes:

- Approve the August 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes, and September 9, 2026 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

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- Receive and File the August Financial Statements and Power Supply and Retail Sales Dashboards
- Receive and File the August Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Dashboard
- Receive and File the MPPA Energy Services Project Resource Position Report dated 08/31/2026
- Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$2,834,004.14 from the Operation & Maintenance Fund
- Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$462,904.22 from the Renewal & Replacement Fund

The KPI's are normalizing with two months of data now available. Staff will continue to monitor lagging industrial sales.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

26-13D Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the Purchase Order. The Purchase Order includes:

- Purchase Order #23767 to the City of Grand Haven in the amount of \$1,925,599 for Harbor Island North Channel CCR Removal

The purchase order total includes a \$250,000 water treatment allowance. Once more information is known, City and BLP staff will ensure an appropriate split of costs incurred.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

26-13E The General Manager provided an update on the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF).

Public Act 95 (LIEAF) requires electric utilities to make assistance available for customers in need of help paying for electric and heat bills. Last year, the State set the required amount at \$1.25 per meter, per month. Because the BLP had a balance carried over from our Hometown Helping Hand program, we were able reach the State's required funding by charging only \$0.41 per meter, per month. The BLP opted out of the State program and chose to administer its own program locally through a partnership with The Salvation Army. Over the past year, \$63,000 was

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distributed to local people in need. If the BLP had opted into the State's administration, \$225,000 would have been sent in for distribution. For the new program year, the State has raised the required funding to \$1.50 per meter, per month. Because the BLP program has a carryover balance, will meet the State's requirement by charging only \$0.73 per meter, per month beginning with September's billing.

No formal action taken.

26-13F Director Welling, supported by Director Polyak, moved to approve the 2027 Board meeting schedule.

In January, staff will present a strategic goals action plan with quarterly progress updates included on the schedule. The Board will continue conducting an annual self-evaluation and is committed to semi-annual joint meetings with City Council.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

26-13G Director Crum, supported by Director Welling, moved to authorize BLP staff and MPPA to continue due diligence work on a local peaking plant.

Following MPPA's presentation last month, staff participated in additional meetings with MPPA to discuss the details of how various aspects of a joint project would work such as ownership, maintenance, offtake structure and more. Contractors also conducted on-site visits. Due diligence efforts will include engineering studies, air modeling, and similar work. While this work individually will fall under the General Manager's spending authority, combined it may go over, so he is requesting Board approval to move forward.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

26-13H Director Welling, supported by Director Crum, moved to approve the FY27-FY30 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The General Manager reported the negotiation process went well and thanked union leadership for their efforts. Changes include adjustments to overtime calculations, medical insurance contributions, the Earned Sick Time Act, parental leave, mutual aid, and pay increases.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor: Directors Crum, Knoth, Polyak, Welling and Westbrook; Opposed: None.
Motion carried.

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26-13I Chairperson Westbrook reported he attended the BLP's 130th celebration this past weekend. He felt the event was successful and well attended and expressed his thanks to employees who worked at the event. The General Manager thanked Erik Booth and Kennedy Morrow for their work organizing the event.

No formal action taken.

Other Business

- The BLP has received APPA's Cybersecurity Accelerator Program Award. This award is a benchmark for best practices and the BLP received the highest level possible with a score of 95 out of 100.
- 240 shares of the community solar project have been sold with only 93 more, or \$53,000 in investment, being needed to reach the threshold for the project to proceed.
- We have hired a Journeyman Lineman, Journeyman Tree Trimmer, and Finance Manager. With injured employees returning to work, we will be at full staff by the end of the month.
- Auditors were on-site the week of Labor Day and will be at the Board's October meeting to present their report.
- The Board is scheduled for a joint meeting with City Council on October 12th.

Public Comment Period:

Jim Hagen, 400 Lake Avenue, recommended technical reports and studies be made available.

Jeffrey Miller, 1120 South Harbor Drive, recommended the Board solicit public input regarding local generation.

Adjournment

At 7:12PM by motion of Director Welling, supported by Director Crum, the September 17, 2026 Board meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Danielle Martin
Secretary to the Board

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