

**MINUTES OF THE
ONE THOUSANDTH THREE HUNDREDTH AND SEVENTY SECOND MEETING
ELECTRIC POWER BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN
GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY
HELD JANUARY 28, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Electric Power Board was held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

Members present: Board Chair Anne Davis, Ian Prunty, Clifton Harris, and Casey Santos.

Officers present: Teresa Broyles-Aplin, David Frankenberg, Laura Smith, Dr. Trish Holliday and Brent Baker.

Board Chair Anne Davis called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 10, 2026

Upon motion by Member Santos and seconded by Member Harris, the Board approved the minutes from the Electric Power Board meeting held December 10, 2025, with four ayes and zero nays.

STORM UPDATE

Teresa Broyles-Aplin and Brent Baker shared an update on restoration efforts following Winter Storm Fern. Ms. Broyles-Aplin explained that the storm was historic in scale, coating the entire NES service territory in ice. She added that strong winds followed the ice, bringing down a significant number of trees. Together, these conditions led to the highest percentage of customer outages from a single weather event in NES history. She emphasized the difficult conditions crews continue to face, explaining that newly fallen trees can undo restoration work as quickly as it is completed.

She expressed appreciation to the Mayor's office, NDOT, the City of Brentwood, and the City of Forest Hills for their assistance in clearing roads to allow NES crews access to downed power lines. She also thanked the council members, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and the Fire and Police departments. Ms. Broyles-Aplin further noted her appreciation for Vice Chair Santos' engagement during the storm and her suggestions that were incorporated into response efforts.

Mr. Baker emphasized that NES remains fully committed to restoring power safely and as quickly as possible. He explained that the storm created challenges rarely seen before and highlighted the extensive advance planning with mutual aid partners, which allowed 200 crews to be staged ahead of the storm. He noted that restoration efforts have increased the number of lineworkers by more than 430%, with approximately 900 lineworkers and 215 vegetation crew members currently deployed. Mr. Baker reaffirmed that NES will remain focused on restoring service safely, responsibly, and as efficiently as possible until all customers' power is restored.

Chair Davis expressed her gratitude to NES customers, noting that she understands how difficult it is to be without power in such cold conditions. She thanked them for their patience and understanding while NES does everything possible to fully restore service.

Vice Chair Santos acknowledged the seriousness of the storm and the urgency of restoration efforts, and asked about adding crews, their arrival timelines, and their skill sets.

Mr. Baker stated that the execution of signed contracts and the mobilization of crews have been key components of the process. He indicated that NES is onboarding an unprecedented number of contractors today, with mutual aid partners and neighboring utilities offering support as efforts continue to safely scale operations.

Vice Chair Santos asked if NES is working collaboratively with agencies at all levels, including state and federal levels. Mr. Baker replied yes and shared that TEMA has offered support and resources, and NES is also working with TVA as well as federal agencies.

Chair Davis asked whether financial constraints could impact the work as NES increases operations. Ms. Broyles-Aplin replied that finances have not been a concern and explained that NES will be eligible for partial reimbursement through FEMA following the federal disaster declaration.

Vice Chair Santos asked about TVA assistance. Ms. Broyles-Aplin reported that TVA has offered resources and volunteered engineers to assist scout teams with damage assessments.

Vice Chair Santos asked for more information on why NES is unique in comparison to neighboring utility companies of similar size that have fewer outages. Mr. Baker explained that NES's urban environment results in significant circuit overlap, and the spacing required to safely de-energize and perform work adds complexity to restoration efforts. As well, he stated that it is imperative that the crews are paired up safely, but with less supervision from NES in order to make progress quickly.

Vice Chair Santos asked if an NES crew accompanies all incoming crews to help them understand the complexity of the system. Mr. Baker confirmed that it does. She then asked whether this was also required for other utilities. Mr. Baker replied that in some areas, where there is a direct line of visibility and conditions allow, crews may work without direct oversight.

Vice Chair Santos asked whether NES is providing assistance to customers beyond restoration efforts. Mr. Baker responded that NES has partnered with Metro to offer warming shelters, including energy support and transportation to those locations.

Member Harris inquired whether the NES notification system issue, which incorrectly notified customers that power had been restored, has been resolved. Mr. Baker responded that the situation highlights the complexity of both the system and the restoration process. He explained that lines serving two to three thousand customers were, at times, partially isolated—removing approximately three hundred customers—to facilitate repairs and restore service to a greater number of customers. This process resulted in inaccurate customer notifications. Mr. Baker stated that the practice has been halted to ensure customers no longer receive incorrect information.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

David Frankenberg presented management's recommendation for approval of \$24,089,267.84 in purchases and contracts exceeding \$50,000. This amount included \$4,431,635.12 in monthly purchases and contract additions between the \$50,000 and \$250,000 threshold that received prior management approval. He reported on twenty-three sole source items and ten sole brand items.

Upon motion by Member Prunty and seconded by Member Harris, the Board approved the list of purchases and contracts with four ayes and zero nays. This list consists of six pages and has been attested to on each page by the signature of the Secretary and is attached hereto as "Appendix A"¹ to these minutes. Total cost of purchases and contracts, as approved, amounts to \$24,089,267.84.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

David Frankenberg informed the Board that there were no public speaker requests for the month of January.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

At this point, the Board recessed and reconvened to ratify the actions taken by the Civil Service Board.

Upon motion by Member Santos and seconded by Member Harris, the Board ratified the actions taken during the Civil Service Board meeting with four ayes and zero nays.

¹ Appendix A Electronically Filed

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

Attest:



Secretary

Approved,



Board Chair