

**MINUTES OF THE  
ONE THOUSANDTH THREE HUNDREDTH AND SEVENTY FIFTH MEETING  
ELECTRIC POWER BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN  
GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY  
MARCH 25, 2026**

The meeting of the Electric Power Board was held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

Members present: Board Chair Anne Davis, Ian Prunty, Clifton Harris, Rob McCabe, and Casey Santos (virtual).

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 8:03 a.m.

**SAFETY MOMENT**

Brad Heck presented the safety moment on safety responsibilities of employees.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

David Frankenberg reported that there were no public comment requests for the month of March.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 25, 2026**

Upon motion by Member McCabe and seconded by Member Prunty, the Board approved the minutes from the Electric Power Board meeting held February 25, 2026, with five ayes and zero nays.

**WINTER STORM FERN UPDATE**

Teresa Broyles-Aplin outlined continuing security concerns since the ice storm, citing the need for increased security. These include harassing emails, employee vehicle break-ins, and eleven credible death threats against management, all of which are being addressed with the Nashville Metro Police Department. She expressed appreciation for MNPd's role in securing the NES campus.

Ms. Broyles-Aplin moved to NES's operational outlook and presented a Winter Storm Fern overview and financial update. She also reported on the progress of NES's Four Pillars; 1) Emergency Management Leadership, 2) Communications & Outage Information, 3) Estimated Time of Restoration, and 4) Resiliency, Undergrounding & Vegetation Management.

She stated that it is spring storm season and the recent significant spring storm event provided an opportunity to exercise some of the changes that have been made to NES processes. She emphasized the LiDAR work and how it is transforming how NES plans vegetation management. The result is faster mobilization, more accurate risk prioritization, and crews arrive ready to work without the need to plan.

Member Prunty asked about the Estimated Time of Restoration (ETR) tool. Ms. Broyles-Aplin explained that it is an internally developed tool currently undergoing testing that aids in evaluating system conditions and estimating damage.

Member McCabe commented that there are two independent reviews underway and stated that during this time NES has been focusing on performance, preparedness and forward thinking. He said it is important to be as comprehensive as possible and asked if management has directed staff to consider the Four Pillars so the work will align with the independent reviews once results are released. Ms. Broyles-Aplin shared that the Four Pillars is a company-wide effort and includes Employee Feedback Forums with many employees actively involved in Four Pillars related working groups.

Vice Chair Santos inquired about Pillar One regarding response and commented that these types of storms are not seen very often. She asked how scenario planning and crew deployment are managed for several types of storms, and how NES is collaborating with other utilities that have these types of storms more often. Ms. Broyles-Aplin replied that there have been discussions with other utilities that experience storms more often, such as hurricanes, about NES Operation leadership visiting their control rooms to experience how they operate in real time and to see how they stage resources efficiently.

Member Prunty commented that it is really exciting to see the use of LiDAR technology in order to be better prepared for storms and stated that there will be significant cost savings using this technology.

Member Harris asked if there are policies in place that require that trees be trimmed within so many feet of power lines. Ms. Broyles-Aplin responded that the policy dictates the clearance level, which was ten feet, but is now fifteen feet. Brent Baker reviewed some of the standards that are related to the risk level of trees.

Vice Chair Santos asked, regarding infrastructure, if there are areas within the grid that are aging that over time need will need to be assessed. Ms. Broyles-Aplin stated that NES has implemented sectionalizing technology on its worst performing circuits and is expanding its deployment systemwide to help isolate outages and get a larger number of customers restored sooner.

Member Prunty inquired about the vendors that support NES during emergencies and asked how NES is evaluating the assistance received from them during the storm. Ms. Broyles-Aplin replied that the evaluation is within the scope of the after action review because there should be a comprehensive view of how the organization operates overall, which includes support vendors. She stated that as NES works through the Four Pillars, the organization is looking for ways to improve vendor relations.

Member Harris commented, regarding Pillar One, that he was surprised to see that there were 44 additional nursing homes found that were not identified. He asked whose responsibility it is to report the critical referral customers to NES. Ms. Broyles-Aplin responded that historically, when a nursing home signs up for service, NES would be notified at that time. She said it was brought to the attention of NES during the storm by public officials that were receiving calls from nursing homes that were not flagged in the system as a priority facility. NES then went to the State and used data to identify and populate those facilities.

Chair Davis asked, regarding vulnerable customers, if there is a way to request assistance from Metro Council for a list of constituents that may fit this category in their districts. Ms. Broyles-Aplin replied that she thinks that Metro Council would be incredibly helpful in that regard. She added that the Councilmembers were extremely concerned about their constituents during the storm and stated that briefings with Councilmembers have been scheduled for the next week and will add this to the topics of discussion.

## **INDEPENDENT REVIEW UPDATE**

Aubrey Harwell of Adams and Reese and Bill Harbison of Sherrard, Roe, Voigt and Harbison updated the Board on the status of the After Action Review, noting that a consulting firm has been selected and interviews are currently underway.

## **RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Daniel Johnson stated that due to the devastation caused by Winter Storm Fern, NES has recognized the need to have multiple vegetation management contracts to complete the current planned cycle trimming commitments and to have additional resources available in the event of another major storm. Nashville Electric Service has chosen to award contracts to Davey Tree Expert Company, Electra Grid Solutions, First Choice, Lewis Tree Service, W.A. Kendall, Wright Tree Service, and Xylem. Mr. Johnson stated that these contracts will extend through June 30, 2026, which will give NES time to competitively bid new contracts for planned work and emergency storm response.

Management recommended approval of these seven Vegetation Management contracts in the amount of \$3,000,000 each for a total of \$21,000,000.

Upon motion by Member McCabe and seconded by Member Harris, the Board approved the seven Vegetation Management contracts in the total amount of \$21,000,000 with five ayes and zero nays.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NASHVILLE ELECTRIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES FOR THE WINTER STORM FERN RESPONSE**

Laura Smith recognized NES employees for their efforts during Winter Storm Fern which brought prolonged freezing temperatures, widespread ice accumulation, and hazardous conditions across the Nashville Electric Service territory. Ms. Smith, along with management, recommended approval of the resolution.

Upon motion by Member Harris and seconded by Member McCabe, the Board approved the resolution recognizing NES employees for the Winter Storm Fern response with five ayes and zero nays.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 18, 2026, AS LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY**

Ms. Smith presented a resolution recommending that April 18, 2026, be designated as Lineman Appreciation Day. She expressed recognition and appreciation for all NES Linemen on behalf of NES and the Electric Power Board for their brave efforts and recommended approval of the resolution.

Upon motion by Member Harris and seconded by Member McCabe, the Board approved the resolution designating April 18, 2026, as Lineman Appreciation Day with five ayes and zero nays.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION REQUESTING UNCLAIMED FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE**

Tabitha Beach reported that, as of March 2026, NES has unclaimed customer refund checks previously submitted to the State of Tennessee that have fulfilled the dormancy period and are now eligible for return to the organization in the amount of \$249,107.43.

Management recommended that the Board approve the resolution requesting the unclaimed balance of accounts remitted to the State Treasurer under the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

Upon motion by Member McCabe and seconded by Member Prunty, the Board approved the resolution and remittance form requesting unclaimed funds from the State of Tennessee with five ayes and zero nays.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF PURCHASES**

Amanda Cochran presented management's recommendation for approval of \$9,224,861.14 in purchases and contracts exceeding \$50,000. This amount included \$2,248,411.51 in monthly purchases and contract additions between the \$50,000 and \$250,000 threshold that received prior management approval. He reported on twenty-seven sole source items and two sole brand items.

Upon motion by Member McCabe and seconded by Member Harris, the Board approved the list of purchases and contracts with five ayes and zero nays. This list consists of five pages and has been attested to on each page by the signature of the Secretary and is attached hereto as "Appendix A"<sup>1</sup> to these minutes. She brought the board's attention to six sole source items. Total cost of purchases and contracts, as approved, amounts to \$9,224,861.14.

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<sup>1</sup> Appendix A Electronically Filed

**MISCELLANEOUS**

There were no miscellaneous items to report.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

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Secretary

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*Anne Davis*  
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Board Chair


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**Approval of Purchases and Contracts  
at the Meeting on Wednesday March 25, 2026**

**Management recommends Board approval  
of the following purchases and contracts:**

<b>Total Materials and Supplies Purchases</b>	<b>\$2,827,419.00</b>
<b>Total Contracts and Services</b>	<b>\$1,983,690.63</b>
<b>Total Additions, Extensions, and Changes</b>	<b>\$2,165,340.00</b>
<b>Total Ratified Purchases and Contracts</b>	<b>\$2,248,411.51</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,224,861.14</b>

**Total Line Items** **\$21,000,000.00**

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All above items have been processed in accordance with Board approved policy and applicable rules and regulations.

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**MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES PURCHASES**

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type Contract</u>	<u>Bids Received/Sent</u>
Conductor, Copper, 25KV EPR 4/0 W/CN 3CP (11,000)	Wesco Distribution	*\$463,056.00	Competitive	1/11
Power Circuit Breaker, 161kV, 2000A, 40kA (10)	Siemens Energy, Inc.	1,486,650.00	Competitive	3/5
Prinoth Panther T8 Tracked with Altec DM4747E-TR, 2025, Used (1)	Global Rental Co., Inc.	477,713.00	Cooperative Contract	N/A
Repair Parts for Hydraulic Equipment	Southern Fluidpower	400,000.00	Competitive (5 Years)	7/8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,827,419.00</b>		

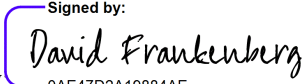
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\*Price includes a 20% contingency.

**CONTRACTS AND SERVICES**

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type Contract</u>	<u>Bids Received/Sent</u>
NES Community Portal	DataCapable	\$416,190.63	Sole Source (3 Years)	N/A
Patch Paving and Asphalt Repairs	Sammie Gibbs Construction	450,000.00	Metro Contract (5 Years)	N/A
SOD Navigator Tool and Managed Services	Ernst & Young	367,500.00	Sole Source (3 Years)	N/A
Stop Loss Insurance	International Assurance	750,000.00	Professional Service (1 Year)	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,983,690.63</b>		

**ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS, AND CHANGES**

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Additional Amount</u>	<u>Change Requested</u>
Asbestos Abatement	Envirowerks LLC	\$100,000.00	Addition (New NTE \$350,000.00)

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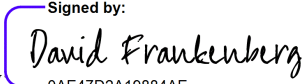
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Central Substation- Construction Manager at Risk	T.W. Frierson Contractor	N/A	Extension (8 Months)
Central Substation- Engineering, Procurement, and Construction	Aubrey Silvey Enterprises	N/A	Extension (8 Months)
Engineering Technical Staff Augmentation	DRG Technical Solutions	1,000,000.00	Addition (New NTE \$6,000,000.00)
HVAC Control System Maintenance	The Comfort Group	100,000.00	Addition (New NTE \$367,000.00)
I3-Milestone ePortal Mobile Application	I3-Milestone	65,340.00	Addition (New NTE \$321,798.00)
Legal Services	Adams and Reese LLP	900,000.00	Addition (New NTE \$1,125,000.00)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,165,340.00</b>	

**RATIFIED PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS**

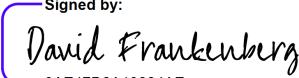
<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type Contract</u>	<u>Bids Received/Sent</u>
Cable, Aluminum, 600V XLP 2/0 1N TPXD SM (68,000 ft.)	Cape Electric	\$110,160.00	Competitive	6/20
Cable, Copper, 4/0 SD Ins Trans Lead (9,000 ft.)	Stuart C Irby	54,090.00	Competitive	6/37
Collection Services for Property Damage Recovery	The Law Offices of Jennifer McCoy	50,000.00	Addition (New NTE \$150,000.00) Extension (1 Year)	N/A
Conductor, 1 ft. #1/0 AL Triplex, 7 Strand (198,000 ft.)	Cape Electric	247,500.00	Competitive (1 Year) <b>Blanket</b>	5/8
CPR, First Aid, and AED Training	Code One CPR	75,000.00	Professional Service (5 Years)	N/A
Demo and Replace Tile in Restrooms	Skilled Services	13,380.00	Addition (New NTE \$110,000.00)	N/A

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Electrical Supplies	Border States Industries	N/A	Extension (1 Year)	N/A
<b>Annual Maintenance and Online Services</b>	<b>ESRI, Inc.</b>	216,678.63	<b>Sole Source</b> (1 Year, 1 Month, & 14 Days)	N/A
<b>Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair of Equipment at Downtown Nashville Substations</b>	<b>Aubrey Silvey</b>	150,000.00	<b>Sole Source</b> (5 Years)	N/A
Legal Services	Sherrard Roe Voigt & Harbison	100,000.00	Addition (New NTE \$150,000.00) Extension (5 Months)	N/A
Light Bulbs, Ballasts, and Supplies	E Sam Jones Distributor	100,000.00	Addition (New NTE \$180,000.00)	N/A
LPCo2 Suppression System Maintenance	Koorsen Fire & Security	100,000.00	Competitive (5 Years)	2/5
Media and Crisis Communications Consulting Services – Winter Storm Fern	Benchmark Communications	69,923.80	Emergency Storm Restoration	N/A
<b>Network Lighting Control, Photocell (500)</b>	<b>Ubicquia</b>	65,000.00	<b>Sole Source</b>	5/20
OEM Repair Parts for Various Make/Model Vehicles and Equipment	Beaman Parts Warehouse	110,000.00	Competitive (5 Years)	8/9
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<b>Annual Maintenance Renewal</b>	<b>Bentley Systems, Inc.</b>	145,321.91	<b>Sole Source</b> (1 Year)	N/A
Plumbing Supplies	Sunago Supply Corp.	50,000.00	Addition (New NTE \$110,000.00)	N/A
Post Fern Recovery Advisory Support and Recovery Pillars PMO Establishment and Program Delivery Support	Burt Group Consulting	200,000.00	Professional Service (9 Months)	N/A
Screw Anchor, 14” Helix (1,440)	Wesco Distribution	131,140.80	Competitive (1 Year) <b>Blanket</b>	5/8

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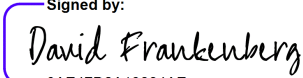
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Sleeve, Triplex Neutral #6 ACSR (11,500)	Border States Industries	54,395.00	Competitive (Storm Recovery)	N/A
Storm Recovery Support of the Four Pillars	E Source Companies, LLC	172,500.00	Professional Service (12 Weeks)	N/A
Triple Bottom Line (TBL) Analysis	Wilmot, Inc.	50,000.00	Addition (New NTE \$95,000.00) Extension (1 Year)	N/A
Warranty Repairs, and Parts for Electric Power Tools	Power Tool Service of Nashville, Inc.	100,000.00	Competitive (5 Years)	1/25
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,248,411.51</b>		

**LINE ITEMS**

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type Contract</u>	<u>Bids Received/Sent</u>
Vegetation Management Services	Davey Tree Expert Co. Electra Grid Solutions First Choice Lewis Tree Service, Inc. W.A. Kendall and Co. Wright Tree Service, Inc. Xylem I, LLC	\$21,000,000.00	Cooperative/ Piggyback (3 Moths)	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$21,000,000.00</b>		

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