

**MINUTES OF THE
ONE THOUSANDTH THREE HUNDREDTH AND SEVENTY SIXTH MEETING
ELECTRIC POWER BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN
GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY
APRIL 22, 2026**

The meeting of the Electric Power Board was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

Members present: Ian Prunty, Clifton Harris, and Rob McCabe; Anne Davis and Casey Santos attended virtually.

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

Interim Board Chair Clifton Harris called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

SAFETY MOMENT

Kevin Phelps presented a safety moment on Spring driving tips.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legal Committee

Laura Smith reported that the Legal Committee met this morning and received a Quarterly Legal Report.

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

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

INDEPENDENT REVIEW UPDATE

Bill Harbison and Aubrey Harwell provided an update on the preliminary After Action Review which was issued April 15th. They stated that the full report should be completed by June 15th.

WINTER STORM FERN UPDATE

Teresa Broyles-Aplin provided an overview of the recent April 16, 2026, spring storm. She applauded employees for their hard work and commitment to NES customers.

Ms. Broyles-Aplin delivered a Four Pillars update outlining the findings of PA Consulting's preliminary report which included five recommendations and comparing them to NES progress.

Member McCabe commented that NES has processes and procedures in four of the five initial recommendations but stated that the one gap is the damage prediction model and asked if that was an accurate assessment. Ms. Broyles-Aplin responded that it has the longest lead time out of all of the items they have recommended. Member McCabe commented that NES did not have any damage prediction and that it was more of a gap rather than a shortfall of processes or procedures. Ms. Broyles-Aplin concurred.

Ms. Broyles-Aplin clarified one section of the report that said NES's plans only contemplated a storm that would put up to 50,000 out of power. NES's plan actually states that a Class Five event is 50,000 or more customers without power. NES has had a lot of storms over the years in excess of 50,000 customers out. She stated that there are resource deployment initiatives and other activities that vary once you get above that number, but the 50,000 threshold was set to indicate that at 50,000, the Incident Command System (ICS) is fully deployed. The recommendation is that the Emergency Response Plan (ERP) be modified to provide clear guidance on specific processes, expectations, or governance structures for even larger scale events.

Member Prunty asked, when anticipating storms like this, whether there are any exercises that model scenarios that are beyond a 50,000 household outage? Ms. Broyles-Aplin responded yes and noted that the exercises apply to various situations, not just storms, and were also implemented during the pandemic. She stated that she wants it to be more prescriptive in the ERP and would like to outline various levels of activation.

Member Prunty inquired whether NES employees hold storm duty roles across the organization. Ms. Broyles-Aplin responded that employees have taken on various storm-related responsibilities over the years, and the goal is to establish a more formally defined and trained structure.

Chair Davis asked, regarding the new tree trimming policy and implementation of LIDAR, where NES stands with respect to the underground utilities pilot study. Ms. Broyles-Aplin responded that four locations have been identified for the project that is slated to begin in July. The study will include testing different technologies and approaches. She noted that a recommendation to approve a vendor to assist with the study will be presented later on the board agenda.

Member Prunty asked if the report from PA Consulting mentioned its perspective on NES's current vegetation management strategy. Ms. Broyles-Aplin replied that there was recognition that vegetation was a contributor to outages during Fern and immediately following Fern, and the report stated that NES took appropriate action to enhance vegetation trimming standards. These new standards include wider clearances between trees and power lines, as well as removing any overhanging limbs.

Member Prunty asked if there are any updates or if there is a timeline for when a Public Information Officer will be hired. Ms. Broyles-Aplin explained that it makes sense to onboard a Chief Communication person prior to the Public Information Officer since that role would report to the Chief Communications person. She invited Dr. Trish Holliday to comment. Dr. Holliday indicated that the role is intended to extend beyond one defined strategic role but rather will support a broader communications vision and added that the team is partnering with the recruitment agency Korn Ferry on the search.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES

Ron Womble reported that NES currently leverages managed services for most of the enterprise IT support. The primary contract expires in October 2026. After initial scoring, three vendors were invited to give presentations and address additional questions by the committee. After deliberation and scoring, the RFP committee recommended entering a contract with Inspyr Solutions beginning July 1, 2026, for a term of five years with an additional five one-year options. Mr. Womble stated that the value of the agreement is not to exceed \$87,500,000.

Member McCabe asked whether Inspyr Solutions is a public or private company. Mr. Womble confirmed it is privately owned and added that Inspyr's acquisition of BG Staff Solutions, a previous vendor, will ensure employee continuity.

Upon motion by Member McCabe and seconded by Member Prunty, the Board approved a contract for IT support services with Inspyr Solutions with five ayes and zero nays.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR AN UNDERGROUND SYSTEM STUDY

Daniel Johnson stated that in response to Winter Storm Fern and as part of the Pillar 4 initiative, NES has committed to completing a system-wide undergrounding and grid hardening study. Management recommended entering into a professional services contract with Burns and McDonnell to perform the study. Mr. Johnson said that Burns and McDonnell have conducted similar studies for other large utilities and have experience in planning, reliability modeling, and cost-benefit evaluation. The contract term will extend through April 30, 2029.

Management recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$3,000,000 to Burns and McDonnell for these services.

Upon motion by Member Prunty and seconded by Member McCabe, the Board approved engineering services for an underground system study with five ayes and zero nays.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO ALLOCATE TVA’S COMMUNITY CARE MATCHING CONTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY BILL ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS

Barry Daniel reported that TVA’s Community Care Fund is a TVA-funded program that supports nonprofit and community organizations across the Valley that are actively meeting local needs, with matching funds made available in connection with qualifying local power company contributions. For fiscal year 2026, TVA has made \$227,000 available through the Community Care Fund. NES’s \$1 million contribution in February 2026 has already unlocked the availability of the full \$227,000 in TVA matching funds.

Management recommended directing these funds to NeedLink Nashville to provide emergency bill assistance for low-income customers consistent with prior years.

Upon motion by Member McCabe and seconded by Member Prunty, the Board approved the allocation of TVA’s Community Care matching contribution to support emergency bill assistance for low-income customers with five ayes and zero nays.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Amanda Cochran presented management’s recommendation for approval of \$19,547,778.80 in purchases and contracts exceeding \$50,000. This amount included \$2,132,092.40 in monthly purchases and contract additions between the \$50,000 and \$250,000 threshold that received prior management approval. She brought the Board’s attention to three sole source items and three sole brand items.

Upon motion by Member McCabe and seconded by Member Prunty, 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”¹ to these minutes. Ms. Cochran brought the board’s attention to three sole source items and three sole brand items. Total cost of purchases and contracts, as approved, amounts to \$19,547,778.80.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

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Board Chair

¹ Appendix A Electronically Filed


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Appendix “A”

**Approval of Purchases and Contracts
at the Meeting on Wednesday April 22, 2026**

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

Total Materials and Supplies Purchases	\$2,974,645.00
Total Contracts and Services	\$10,741,041.40
Total Additions, Extensions, and Changes	\$3,700,000.00
Total Ratified Purchases and Contracts	\$2,132,092.40
TOTAL	\$19,547,778.80
Total Line Items	\$90,500,000.00

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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>
Connector, Three U-Bolt (1,800)	Stuart C. Irby	\$271,800.00	Competitive (1 Year) Blanket	2/8
Prinoth Panther T6, Tracked with Altec AA55E, 2026, New (1)	Global Rental Co.	390,721.00	Cooperative	N/A
Switch, Pad Mounted, Three Phase, Live Front, PMH-9 (18)	Stuart C. Irby	641,556.00	Competitive	4/5
Underground Distribution Switchgear (5)	Stuart C. Irby	1,670,568.00	Competitive Sole Brand	2/4
TOTAL		\$2,974,645.00		

CONTRACTS AND SERVICES

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type Contract</u>	<u>Bids Received/Sent</u>
Control Building Construction, White Bridge Road Substation	T.W. Frierson Contractor	*\$3,216,041.40	Competitive (1 Year)	1/34
Internal Audit and Consulting Services	Baker Tilly Advisory Group	7,000,000.00	Professional Service (5 Years)	N/A
NERC Reliability Standards Consulting Services	GDS Associates, Inc.	525,000.00	Professional Service (3 Years)	N/A
TOTAL		\$10,741,041.40		

*Price includes a 10% contingency.

ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS, AND CHANGES

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Additional Amount</u>	<u>Change Requested</u>
Disaster Recovery and Lockbox Services for Mail Remittance Payments	First Horizon Bank	N/A	**Extension (6 Months)

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EV Forecast and Distribution Grid Impacts Analysis	Energy & Environmental Economics, Inc.	N/A	Extension (6 Months)
Grant Writing and Administrative Services	KPMG, LLP	N/A	Extension (1 Year)
Legal Services	Sherrard Roe Voigt & Harbison, PLC	\$700,000.00	Addition (New NTE \$950,000.00)
Paving Related to Central Substation	Jones Bros. Contractors	N/A	Extension (8 Months)
Street and Private Light Maintenance	Davis H. Elliot Construction	N/A	**Extension (6 Months)
Third Party Administrator for Worker's Compensation	Charles Taylor TPA, LLC	N/A	***Extension (3 Months)
Transmission and Distribution Storm Recovery	Delta Services	1,000,000.00	Addition (New NTE \$1,800,000.00)
Transmission and Distribution Storm Recovery	GMB Powerline Services, LLC	1,000,000.00	Addition (New NTE \$9,000,000.00)
Transmission and Distribution Storm Recovery	Service Electric Company	1,000,000.00	Addition (New NTE \$8,100,000.00)
TOTAL		\$3,700,000.00	

**Total contract term is five years and six months.

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RATIFIED PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS

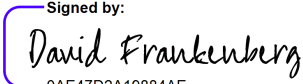
<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type Contract</u>	<u>Bids Received/Sent</u>
Arm Cable 20 Inch (1,020); Cable Rack Support (790)	Border States Industries	\$118,808.40	Sole Brand	3/6
Audiovisual and Video Conferencing Equipment and Maintenance	Audio Visual Innovations	250,000.00	State of Tennessee (2 Years, 6 Months, & 16 Days)	N/A
Automatic Gate Services	Hydro-Exc., Inc.	25,500.00	Addition (New NTE \$74,500.00)	N/A

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Cabinet, Sectionalizing, Three Phase, 25kV (60)	Stuart C. Irby	166,896.00	Competitive	4/4
Cabinet, Underground, Vista (10)	Stuart C. Irby	113,202.00	Competitive Sole Brand	2/3
CaseWare Software Renewal and Cloud Solution	CaseWare International, Inc.	69,803.00	Sole Source (1 Year)	N/A
Circuit Breakers and Equipment	Inline Electric Supply	135,000.00	Competitive (1 Year)	2/50
Connector, Copper, Stranded (13,500)	Wesco Distribution	63,180.00	Competitive (1 Year) Blanket	4/8
Distribution Transformer, Pole-Type, Three Phase, 45kVA (7)	Central Moloney	52,003.00	Competitive	1/2
Fasteners	Capital City Bolt & Screw	75,000.00	Competitive (5 Year)	8/8
GIS Support, Maintenance, and Transfer of Knowledge	Ferguson And Associates	240,000.00	Sole Source (6 Months)	N/A
Security Software	AmberBox, Inc.	150,000.00	Sole Source (1 Year)	N/A
Legal Services	Sherrard Roe Voigt & Harbison, PLC	100,000.00	Addition (New NTE \$250,000.00)	N/A
Pole, Steel, Galvanized, H1, 50' (60)	MD Henry Co., Inc.	212,700.00	Competitive	4/7
Post Fern Recovery Advisory Support	Burt Group Consulting	200,000.00	Professional Service (6 Months)	N/A
Strategic and Crisis Communication Services	Blake Harris & Associates	85,000.00	Professional Service (6 Months)	N/A
Welding Supplies	A-L Compressed Gasses	75,000.00	Competitive (5 Years)	1/18
TOTAL		\$2,132,092.40		

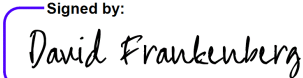

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LINE ITEMS

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type Contract</u>	<u>Bids Received/Sent</u>
IT Staffing Services	INSPYR Solutions	\$87,500,000.00	Competitive (5 Years)	8/30
Engineering Services for UG System Study	Burns & McDonnell Engineering	3,000,000.00	Professional Service (3 Years)	N/A
TOTAL		\$90,500,000.00		

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