

# Ashburnham Municipal Light Board

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant

24 Williams Rd, Ashburnham, MA 01430

## Meeting Minutes

Commissioners: Richard Ahlin, Chairman  
Mark Carlisle, Vice Chairman  
Candace Wright, Secretary  
General Manager: Brooke Czasnowski  
AMLP Staff: Aili Ruuska  
Other Attendees: Haley Pedruczny (MMWEC Treasury & Financial Services Manager),  
Ryan Martin (MMWEC Lead Commodities Analyst)

Ahlin called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. with a roll call. Carlisle present, Wright present, Ahlin present.

Ahlin announced all Board meetings are subject to audio and video recording.

**Approval of Agenda:** Carlisle made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Wright seconded. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Wright aye, Ahlin aye.

**Approval of Minutes:** Carlisle made a motion to approve the January 21, 2026, open session meeting minutes. Wright seconded. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Wright aye, Ahlin aye.

Carlisle made a motion to approve the January 21, 2026, executive session meeting minutes. Wright seconded. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Wright aye, Ahlin aye.

**Citizen Speak:** No citizen comments.

### General Manager Items:

MMWEC Presentation – Rate Study Findings: Pedruczny and Martin presented the results of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company's (MMWEC) rate study performed on the behalf of AMLP. Topics covered included power cost drivers, financial health review, rate modification suggestions and the Residential Distributed Generation Policy (RDGP) review. Pedruczny and Martin reported that MMWEC has found significant increases in power costs over the last two years. They reviewed the current revenue by rate class and suggested increasing the Purchase Power Cost and the Customer Charge. The Board will have a vote to move forward with the suggested increases at the next Board meeting.

Pedruczny and Martin also discussed the Standby Charge in the RDGP and explained how it was different from the Customer Charge. They provided a summary of other Municipal Light Plant policies that were similar to the RDGP. Czasnowski followed up MMWEC's presentation with an analysis of how solar adoption affects customer bills and revenue collection.

Pedruczny and Martin left the Board meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Monthly Dashboard: Czasnowski provided the Board with a monthly snapshot of customer service and operational performance metrics.

Battery Storage Update: The battery continues to be used to reduce peak loads. Czasnowski provided the monthly summary through December 2025.

Budget and Power Bill Review: Czasnowski presented the Budget and Power Bill Analysis, noting that all operational budget items remain within expected ranges except for power. Power prices have remained very high, leading to increased costs. Czasnowski reviewed the 2025 Budget Summary with the Board, highlighting how higher power costs will continue to impact the budget moving into 2026.

Legislative Updates: Czasnowski did not report on.

General Manger Goals: Czasnowski discussed upcoming goals and objectives. She continues to work on the new battery energy storage system. She is working with MMWEC and LightShift to address a couple of items identified in the System Impact Study. The Capital IT plan continues, with SharePoint conversions and possible phone replacement scheduled for this year. A draft of the Digger spec has been completed.

***Other Updates:***

- Goulet, Salvidio & Associates: GSA spent two in-person days at AMLP in preparation for the year-end financial report. GSA will present the financial statements to the Board at the March Board meeting.

***New Business:***

- Lineworker Job Posting: Czasnowski informed the Board of a current job opening at AMLP due to a resignation. A lineworker position was posted on the AMLP website, Town of Ashburnham website, and the Northeast Public Power Association (NEPPA) job board. An initial review of applicants will begin March 16, 2026.

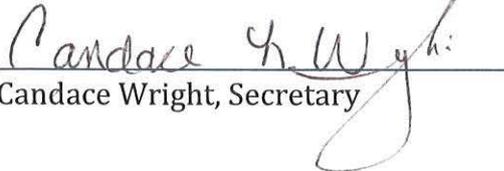
The next meeting for the Board was scheduled for March 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant.

Carlisle made a motion that the Ashburnham Municipal Light Board shall enter executive session under M.G.L Chapter 21(a)(2).

2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.

Wright seconded. The vote was taken at 11:41 a.m. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Wright aye, Ahlin aye.

Carlisle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wright seconded. The vote was taken at 1:25 p.m. All in favor. Carlisle aye, Wright aye Ahlin aye.

  
Candace Wright, Secretary