



**LANSING BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners met at the BWL Headquarters-REO Town Depot located at 1201 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI, at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2023.

Chairperson Semone James called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

The Corporate Secretary called the roll.

Present: Commissioners Beth Graham, Semone James, DeShon Leek, Tony Mullen, David Price, Dale Schrader, Tracy Thomas, and Sandra Zerkle. Non-Voting Commissioners present: J. R. Beauboeuf (East Lansing).

Absent: Commissioners Brian Pillar (Meridian Township) and Robert Worthy (Delta Township).

The Corporate Secretary declared a quorum.

Commissioner Dale Schrader led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Anne Brown, Senior Field Representative from Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin's office, presented Lansing Board of Water and Light with a resolution from Michigan's 7th Congressional District paying tribute for the effort put forth during the August 2023 storms. The resolution will be placed in Congressional Record.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Loretta Stanaway, spoke regarding the termination of the previous Internal Auditor and the lack of oversight in the City of Lansing.

MEETING PURPOSE:

Approval of Hiring of New Internal Auditor

Chairperson Semone James stated that she called for this Special meeting to consider the approval of Hiring the New Internal Auditor.

RESOLUTION #2023-10-01

Appointment of the Charter Position of Internal Auditor

The Board's Rules of Administrative Procedures specify that the Board is to appoint a Director and General Manager, Internal Auditor, and Corporate Secretary, respectively at its first regular meeting following July 1st of each year or as soon thereafter as may be appropriate.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Elisha Franco to the Charter position of Internal Auditor for the remainder of fiscal year 2023-2024, or, until a successor is appointed, whichever last occurs:

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Elisha Franco shall be extended an employment contract which shall be effective from November 6, 2023, and expire on June 30, 2024, or until a successor is appointed, whichever later occurs.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chairpersons of the Board of Commissioners and the Human Resources Committee are authorized to jointly execute said employment contract and related documents.

Motion by Commissioner David Price, **Seconded** by Commissioner Semone James, to approve the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at a Special Board Meeting held on October 19, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Beth Graham, Semone James, DeShon Leek, Tony Mullen, David Price, Dale Schrader and Sandra Zerkle

Nays: Commissioner Tracy Thomas

Action: Motion Carried.

MANAGER'S REMARKS/COMMENTS

There were no Manager's remarks.

COMMISSIONERS' REMARKS/COMMENTS

There were no Commissioners' remarks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elaine Fischhoff, Lansing, MI spoke regarding BWL's water shutoff policy even though payment had been sent and asked that the policy be reviewed.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Motion by Commissioner David Price, **Seconded** by Commissioner Sandra Zerkle to excuse Commissioners Brian Pillar and Robert Worthy from tonight's meeting.

Action: Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson James adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

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