



Metro Nashville District Energy System Advisory Board
Regularly Scheduled Meeting of
May 21, 2026
Minutes of Meeting

Facilitators: Dan Coyle, DES Project Contract Administrator, and Kevin Jacobs, Thermal Engineering Group (TEG)

Board Members Present:

Olivia Hill, At-Large Metro Council Member
Brian Taylor, Public Representative
Heidi Hoeffner (*on behalf of Jenneen Reed, Metro Finance Director*)
Ann McGauran, State of Tennessee Representative
Philip Sackett, ISC Private Customer Representative
Kim Shinn, Public Representative
Gerald Smith, Metro General Services Director
Curtis Thomas (*on behalf of Dr. Troy White, MDHA Executive Director*)
Blake Ramey, New Private Customer Representative

Others Present:

Mike Winters, District Energy Asset Operations (DEAO) [Constellation]
Jon Belcher, TEG
Randy Pomeroy, TEG/PMC
James Dunn, FBT Gibbons
Freddie Adom, Metro General Services
Brian Cantrell, Metro General Services
Joe Hall, Hall Strategies
John Ferguson, Metro ITS - Metro Nashville Network
Adrienne Fancher, Metro Water Services
Stephanie Roe, Metro ITS (Webex host)

Advisory Board Chair Olivia Hill called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Brian Taylor moved for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, and Heidi Hoeffner seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Adrienne Fancher, Metro DES Liaison, reminded the Board members that the meeting would be recorded by Metro Nashville Network (MNN), and she reviewed the logistics of conducting a meeting on livestream.

Kevin Jacobs reviewed the Customer Cost Comparison. Mr. Jacobs noted a general increase in steam usage across customer categories.

For Historic Chilled Water Sales comparing years 2023 through 2026, Mr. Jacobs noted an increase in chilled water sales during March each year. For Historic Steam Sales, steam sales were higher than average in January and February reflecting a colder-than-average winter.



For Marketing, Mr. Jacobs noted execution of a customer contract with the new owner of 414 Union [Philips Plaza]. DES anticipates making the service connection in the summer. Mr. Jacobs also highlighted additional downtown properties that are active marketing targets.

In reviewing the System Operator's performance, Mr. Jacobs noted that the Steam-Electric, Steam-Water, Chilled Water-Electric, and Chilled Water-Water performance metrics were met this quarter. The Steam Plant Efficiency was above the guarantee for January as the system recovered from condensate leaks repaired in December.

Regarding water treatment, Mr. Jacobs noted there were no excursions. Previous biological issues in the Chilled Water system have not recurred, and the side stream filter is working well.

Regarding year-to-date natural gas purchases, Mr. Jacobs noted that DES used the pre-purchased propane during the late-January ice storm. Steam sendout increased during the storm. Total fuel spending (natural gas and propane) is below budget. Although the price of propane is typically higher than natural gas, during this event, the market price of natural gas spiked to twice the price of propane. Therefore, DES used propane as a fuel contingency. There were no operational issues during the storm event.

For the FY26-to-date costs, Mr. Jacobs noted that costs are tracking well with planned revenue and expenses through this point in the fiscal year.

Mr. Jacobs observed during the quarterly EGF Walkthrough that Constellation continues to address minor issues. Jon Belcher conducted the EDS Walkthrough. He noted that groundwater flow in the downtown area has shifted – possibly due to active construction – which is adding infiltration to previously dry manholes.

Mr. Jacobs reviewed the FY26 Capital Expenditures and noted that increased R&I funds are available for distribution system projects like the condensate repairs in lieu of using bond funds.

For the status of Capital Projects, Mr. Jacobs reported continued delays for the Auto Nashville Hotel and the promising new connections for 414 Union and the Nashville Fire Department Headquarters. Mr. Jacobs noted that DES is coordinating the decommissioning of the Nissan Stadium service with the stadium demolition contractor. Mr. Belcher reviewed several distribution system projects and noted the projects that were closed or in close-out phase during the quarter.

The System Operator, DEAO [Constellation], presented an update for the Advisory Board. Mike Winters began his presentation with a memorial tribute to Ronnie Lowe, who dedicated more than 50 years of service to the Nashville Thermal Transfer Corporation and DES. Mr. Winters noted the operational highlights of the winter storm and no service interruptions during the quarter. Ms. Hill commended the DES staff for its service during the storm event.

For Special Topics and Other Board Member Items: (1) In response to Mr. Taylor's request for an update about TPAC taking DES service on East Bank, Ms. Fancher noted that DES has committed to extending steam and chilled water across the Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge. DES provided TPAC with a detailed proposal for both chilled water only and combined steam/chilled water service, and TPAC's response is pending. (2) Philip Sackett asked if DES is ready for an influx of interest from developers due to the Super Bowl announcement. Mr. Jacobs responded affirmatively that service capacity is under continuous evaluation and a wave of hotel conversions has already started downtown. (3) Mr. Jacobs reminded the Board of the annual customer meeting scheduled for June 4th. (4) Ms. Fancher asked the Board if it wished to continue live streaming the meetings on MNN. A motion to approve live streaming Advisory Board meetings was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Hoeffner. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Hill adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.



These minutes were approved on _____.

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