# Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

## **Board - Committee - Commission - Council:**

RMLD Board of Commissioners

Date: 2023-02-06	Time: 7:00 PM
Building: Virtual	Location: Zoom
Address:	Session: Open Session
Purpose: General Business	Version: Final

## Attendees: Members - Present:

Marlena Bita, Chair; Philip Pacino, Vice Chair; John Stempeck, Commissioner; David Talbot, Commissioner; Robert Coulter, Commissioner.

#### **Members - Not Present:**

RMLD Staff: Gregory Phipps, General Manager; Erica Morse, Executive Assistant.

#### **Others Present:**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By: Philip B. Pacino, Secretary Pro Tem

#### Topics of Discussion:

## 1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Bita called the RMLD Board of Commissioner's (BoC) meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

This meeting was held remotely on Zoom. All participants were remote.

#### **Opening Remarks and Introductions**

Chair Bita read the RMLD BoC Code of Conduct and asked all remote attendees to identify themselves.

Vice Chair Pacino served as Secretary at the meeting.

Chair Bita suggested that moving forward the BoC vote in order of seniority. The BoC agreed to this process.

## 2. Approval of General Manager Contract

Commissioner Talbot expressed his gratitude and optimism for RMLD's new General Manager, Mr. Phipps. While many have shared similar sentiments, there is a collective hope that Mr. Phipps will bring valuable changes, redefining the role of an electric utility during these transformative times. Mr. Talbot extended his thanks to both Mr. Phipps and the Board for their efforts during the search process. This sentiment was echoed by the Board.

Mr. Phipps thanked the BoC for the opportunity.

Chair Bita conveyed her inspiration from the team's spirit and her excitement for Mr.

Phipps to pursue trailblazing and pioneering initiatives at RMLD that could reshape the energy industry.

Vice Chair Pacino made a **motion**, seconded by Commissioner Talbot, that the RMLD Board of Commissioners approve the General Manager contract, as presented. **Motion Carried: 5:0:0** (5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained) *Roll call: Chair Bita, Aye; Vice Chair Pacino, Aye; Mr. Stempeck, Aye; Mr. Talbot, Aye; Mr. Coulter, Aye.* 

#### 3. Adjournment

The BoC adjourned Regular Session at 7:06 PM.

Vice Chair Pacino made a **motion**, seconded by Commissioner Talbot, that the Board of Commissioners adjourn regular session. **Motion Carried: 5:0:0** (5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained) *Roll Call: Chair Bita, Aye; Vice Chair Pacino, Aye; Mr. Stempeck, Aye; Mr. Talbot, Aye; Mr. Coulter, Aye.* 

A true copy of the RMLD Board of Commissioners minutes As approved by a majority the Commission.

Philip B Pacino

Philip B. Pacino, Secretary Pro Tem RMLD Board of Commissioners

As approved on September 28, 2023