

**SOUTH HADLEY ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 28, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M.**

Present for the Board: Chair John Hine, Vice Chair Denise Presley, Paul Dobosh,  
Ron Coutu Absent: Kurt Schenker

Present for SHELD: Administrative Specialist Kim Mendoza

The special virtual meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Hine who stated the Board would move to Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 47D, for the purpose of contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, the General Manager, and for the purpose of discussing trade secrets, confidential, competitively sensitive, or other propriety information pertaining to fiber projects and then return to Open Session.

On a motion by Mr. Dobosh and seconded by Ms. Presley, it was VOTED: To move to executive session for the reasons stated by the Chair and return to open session, by a roll call vote: Mr. Coutu-aye, Mr. Dobosh-aye, Ms. Presley-aye, Mr. Hine-aye.

Executive session ended at 7:49 PM and the Board returned to open session.

Mr. Hine asked for a motion to grant the General Manager an additional \$25,000 increase in salary, in addition to the 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment, effective January 1, 2024, and to authorize the Chair to work with the General Manager to draft the necessary contract changes.

Mr. Dobosh motioned, and Ms. Presley seconded, on the motion as stated by Chair Hine, by roll call vote: Mr. Dobosh-aye, Ms. Presley-aye, Mr. Coutu-opposed, Mr. Hine-aye. The motion passed 3 to 1.

**Adjourn:**

On a motion by Mr. Coutu, seconded by Mr. Dobosh, it was VOTED: To adjourn the open meeting by a roll call vote: Mr. Coutu-aye, Ms. Presley-aye, Mr. Dobosh-aye, Mr. Hine-aye.

The open session ended at 7:51 P.M.



Paul Dobosh, Light Board Clerk

Approved: January 25, 2024