

**MUNICIPAL LIGHTING AUTHORITY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 392 of 2012**

**123.1275 Meeting; selection of officers; bond; employees and other professional services; quorum; rules and bylaws; business conducted at public meeting; compliance with freedom of information act; annual audit; progress reports.**

Sec. 15.

(1) Within 30 days following the appointment of the last board member to the board, the board shall hold its first meeting.

(2) At its first meeting, the board shall select a chairperson, treasurer, and any other officers as the board considers necessary. The board shall require the treasurer to post a suitable bond of not less than \$100,000.00 issued by a responsible bonding entity, with the cost of the premium of the bond paid for by the authority.

(3) The board shall select, employ, and fix the compensation for employees of the board and contract for those engineering, legal, and other professional services that the board considers necessary to effectuate the purposes of the authority.

(4) A majority of the members of the board constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business and exercising powers of the authority. Official action may be taken by an authority upon the vote of a majority of the board members present, unless the articles of incorporation or authority bylaws require a larger number.

(5) The board shall adopt rules and bylaws governing its procedures and the holding of meetings. The board shall designate an office or location as its principal place of business.

(6) The business of the board shall be conducted at a public meeting of the board held in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275. Public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275. After organization, a board shall adopt a schedule of regular meetings and adopt a regular meeting date, place, and time.

(7) A board shall keep a written or printed record of each meeting, which record and any other document or record prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the authority in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

(8) A board shall provide for a system of accounts for the authority to conform to a uniform system required by law and for the auditing of the accounts of the authority. The board shall obtain an annual audit of the authority by an independent certified public accountant and report on the audit and auditing procedures in the manner provided by sections 6 to 13 of the uniform budgeting and accounting act, 1968 PA 2, MCL 141.426 to 141.433. The audit also shall be in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and shall satisfy federal regulations relating to federal grant compliance audit requirements.

(9) The board shall provide a monthly progress report to the chief executive officer and the governing body of the local government and shall make that monthly progress report available on the authority's internet website.

(10) The board shall provide an annual progress report to the chairpersons of the senate and house government operations committees and shall make that annual progress report available on the authority's internet website. The annual progress report shall detail the authority's operating revenues, expenditures, vendor contracts, and all major decisions on lighting within the local government, including all rulings concerning the future locations of streetlights within the local government.

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