

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Committee on Policies Meeting Minutes  
Friday, January 24, 2025  
11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

<https://www.lpea.coop/policy-committee>

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Committee on Policies of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors was held via Zoom webinar on Friday, January 24, 2025; Committee Chair Pitcher called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. The following committee members were in attendance:

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Director Nicole Pitcher, Committee Chair  
Director Joe Lewandowski  
Chris Hansen, CEO

**EXCUSED ABSENCE**

Director Kirsten Skeehan  
Elizabeth Howe, VP Business Services

**LPEA STAFF**

Graham Smith, General Counsel  
Patrick Berry, VP of Finance  
Janelle Thunstrom, Executive Assistant

**WEBINAR GUESTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES**

Committee Chair Pitcher addressed the Committee on Policies January 24, 2025, meeting agenda and the meeting minutes for December 16, 2024.

**Motion:** Committee Member Lewandowski moved to approve the January 24, 2025, meeting agenda as presented. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

**Motion:** Committee Member Lewandowski moved to approve the presented December 16, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

**REVIEW OF [POLICY 105](#) (DIRECTOR ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETING VOTING PROCEDURES)**

Attorney Smith presented the proposed revisions to Policy 105, which outlines the Elections and Voting Procedures. Smith guided the committee through the recommended changes, highlighting sidebar notes and comments to further refine the policy. At the January board meeting, the board approved [Resolution 2025-02](#), authorizing the use of electronic ballots for the 2025 Election and Annual Meeting.

**Motion:** Committee Member Hansen moved to recommend the full board approve amendments to Policy 105 as presented at the February board meeting. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.


**UPDATE ON ENERGY RISK MANAGEMENT AS RELATED TO [POLICY 110](#) (COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS)**

VP Berry provided a brief update on the progress of developing an energy risk management policy. He shared that a draft policy, developed in collaboration with the Energy Authority, was presented during the last Finance and Audit Committee meeting. This draft serves two key purposes: meeting the initial Southwest Power Pool (SPP) requirement for a risk management policy and establishing a foundational policy for future development as our power strategy evolves toward the 4/1/2026 go-live date. Berry outlined a tentative timeline, including workshops and board engagement in Q1 2025, policy drafting in Q3, and board and committee workshops in Q4. Final policy approval is targeted for Q1 2026. He mentioned that the policy would be discussed further at the February board meeting.

VP Berry took all questions from the committee members.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the Committee on Policies of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m. Recorded by J.P. Thunstrom and approved by:

  
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Nicole Pitcher, Committee Chair