

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Committee on Policies Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 21, 2025
9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.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 Monday, July 21, 2025. Committee Chair Witchel called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The following committee members were in attendance:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director John Witchel, Committee Chair
Director Joe Lewandowski
Director David Luschen
Chris Hansen, Chief Executive Officer
Elizabeth Howe, Chief Operating Officer

EXCUSED ABSENCE

None

LPEA STAFF

Graham Smith, General Counsel
Janelle Thunstrom, Executive Office & Board Governance Manager
Amanda Anderson, Strategic Communications Officer
Jerry Sutherlin, Vice President of Distribution

WEBINAR GUESTS

Directors Brad Blake and Nicole Pitcher

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Committee Chair Witchel addressed the Committee on Policies July 21, 2025, meeting agenda.

Motion: Committee Member Luschen moved to approve the July 21, 2025, meeting agenda, as presented. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

CONSENT BOARD ITEMS

Committee Chair Witchel addressed the Consent Board Items.

Motion: Committee Member Luschen moved to approve the following Consent Board Items: July 7, 2025, COP Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

POLICY FOR REVISION: POLICY 105 (DIRECTOR ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETING VOTING PROCEDURES)
REVISION IN LIGHT OF 2025 ELECTION

Attorney Smith presented proposed revisions to Policy 105. The Committee reviewed edits intended to clarify director endorsements, align voting timelines, and improve transparency in election communications. The group discussed allowing candidate videos in the digital ballot but expressed concern over production disparities and equity among candidates. Members were supportive of consolidating candidate packets with election notices, increasing the candidate statement word limit from 250 to 350 words, and requiring conflict of interest disclosures under Policy 129 at the time of filing. The Committee agreed that such disclosures would not be disqualifying but would enhance transparency for members.

The Committee also expressed interest in exploring LPEA-hosted candidate forums or town halls as a neutral platform for member education. No formal action was taken. Attorney Smith will revise the policy language based on Committee input for future consideration.

Director Lewandowski was excused from the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

POLICY 107 (CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS)

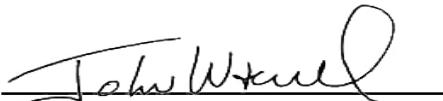
Discussion of this policy was deferred due to time constraints.

POLICY IDEAS OR REVISIONS BY COP MEMBER OR STAFF: PSPS (Public Safety Power Shut Off)

Vice President Sutherlin introduced the topic of a potential policy on Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS), noting the growing relevance of formalizing procedures and member communications surrounding such events. Due to limited time, the committee did not engage in extended discussion, and the item was held over for the next COP agenda.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the Committee on Policies of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m. Recorded by J.P. Thunstrom and approved by:


John Witchel, Committee Chair