

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Committee on Policies Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 7, 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 7, 2025. Committee Chair Witchel called the meeting to order at 9:02 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, Ted Compton, and Dusty Mars

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Committee Chair Witchel addressed the Committee on Policies July 7, 2025, meeting agenda.

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

POLICY FOR REVISION: [POLICY 105](#) REVISION IN LIGHT OF 2025 ELECTION

Attorney Smith presented updated redlines to Policy 105 (Director Elections and Annual Meeting Voting Procedures). The Committee reviewed and discussed the sections of the draft, offering revisions and requests for clarification. Additional discussion and a revised draft will be included on the next COP agenda for further review and input.

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

VP Sutherlin provided a brief introduction to the concept of Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS), outlining LPEA's preliminary considerations for developing such a program in response to increasing wildfire risk. Initial comments emphasized the importance of balancing public safety with member impacts. Staff noted that a more comprehensive review, including policy implications, operational protocols, and stakeholder communication strategies, would be presented at a future meeting for in-depth discussion.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the Committee on Policies of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m. Recorded by J.P. Thunstrom and approved by:


John Witchel, Committee Chair