

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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CALL TO ORDER

The Finance and Audit Committee of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, via Zoom webinar. Committee Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The following committee members were in attendance:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director Tim Wheeler, Board Treasurer & Committee Chair
Director David Luschen
Director Dusty Mars
Director Kohler McInnis
Chris Hansen, Chief Executive Officer
Patrick Berry, Chief Financial Officer

LPEA STAFF

Dan Harms, Chief Strategy Officer
Graham Smith, General Counsel
Janelle Thunstrom, Executive Office & Board Governance Manager
Jessica Dunbar, Administrative Assistant

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

None

GUESTS:

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Committee Chair Wheeler addressed the agenda for the September 10, 2025, Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) meeting.

Motion: CEO Hansen moved to approve the September 10, 2025, FAC meeting agenda with a revision to add discussion on Tri- State rates. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Committee Chair Wheeler addressed the August 14, 2025, FAC meeting minutes.

Motion: Committee Member McInnis moved to approve the August 14, 2025, FAC meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

JULY FINANCIALS REVIEW – ACTUALS

No further updates have been provided since the August meeting.

AUGUST FINANCIALS REVIEW - PRELIMINARY

CFO Berry presented the preliminary August 2025 financial results, reporting a positive operating margin of \$624,776, falling short of the budgeted amount of \$691,000 and resulting in a negative variance of approximately \$66,000. LPEA's YTD operating margins continue to exceed the annual goal of 6%.

Revenue trends were reviewed by customer class:

- Residential kwh sales were up 2%, and revenue was up 2%.
- Small commercial kwh sales were up 2%, revenue was up 4%.
- Large industrial kwh sales were down by 14%, revenue was down 12%.

CFO Berry and CSO Harms addressed all questions from committee members including when the industrial customer compressor came offline and how it impacts LPEA's load factor and financials.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee Chair Wheeler requested a motion to enter an executive session to discuss the Risk Policy Update, CFC Loan authorization review, the 2026 Budget First-Draft, the update on FastTrack Communications, and the 2024 Tri-State formulaic performance update.

Motion: Committee Member McInnis moved to enter an executive session to discuss the Risk Policy Update, CFC Loan authorization review, the 2026 Budget First-Draft, the update on FastTrack Communications, and the 2024 Tri-State formulaic performance update. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

The committee remained in the executive session from 9:21 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

CEO Hansen and Committee Member Mars departed the meeting prior to the resumption of the regular public session.

There was action taken coming out of the executive session.

Motion: Committee Chair Wheeler moved that FAC recommend that the board adopt the CFC Loan Authorization Documents, designating CEO Hansen as the executor of the resolutions. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, this meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors adjourned at 12:08 p.m. Recorded by J. Dunbar and approved by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Wheeler", is written over a horizontal line.

Tim Wheeler, Committee Chair