LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Committee on Policies Meeting Minutes
Committee On Policies
Monday, October 20, 2025

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Zoom Webinar
LPEA Headquarters | Durango, Colorado

# **CALL TO ORDER**

The Committee on Policies of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors was held via Zoom webinar on Monday, October 20, 2025. Committee Chair Witchel called the meeting to order at 9:01 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

# **WEBINAR ATTENDEES**

Directors Brad Blake, Kohler McInnis, and Nicole Pitcher

John Purser

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Director Luschen moved to approve the amended agenda, with the addition of review of Policies 105

(Director Elections and Annual Meeting Voting Procedure), 107 (Campaign Finance Reporting Requirements), and 303 (Local Energy Action Fund), as referred by the full board at the October board

meeting. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

# **CONSENT BOARD ITEMS**

Committee Chair Witchel, addressed the Consent Board Items.

**Motion:** Director Luschen moved to approve the following consent board items: September 22, 2025, Meeting

Minutes. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

# **POLICY FOR REVISION: POLICY 303 (LOCAL ENERGY ACTION FUND)**

Policy 303, Local Energy Action Fund was reviewed and discussed. It was determined no changes were needed on this policy.

# POLICY FOR REVISION: POLICY 105 (DIRECTOR ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETING VOTING PROCEDURE)

Policy 105, Director Elections and Annual Meeting Voting Procedure was reviewed. The Committee went over suggested changes. Members supported eliminating the Election Supervisory Committee (ESC) having sanction authority and requiring a public statement of findings. Members supported the elimination of candidate video statements. Members supported changing the timing of ESC appointment to be prior to campaign packets being available. And Members supported changes to they type of information about ballot returns being publicly available.

# **POLICY FOR REVISION: POLICY 107 (CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS)**

Policy 107, Campaign Finance Reporting requirements was reviewed. The Committee went over suggested changes. Members supported a change to require a final errors and omissions campaign finance disclosure within 10 days of the election. Members supported a change to require disclosure of monetary contributions, but not in-kind contributions, by a candidate to their own campaign.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting of the LPEA Board of Directors adjourned at 10:01 a.m. Recorded by J.P. Thunstrom and approved by:

John Witchel, Committee Chair