

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Committee on Policies Meeting Minutes  
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Monday, January 26, 2026  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Zoom Webinar  
LPEA Headquarters | Durango, Colorado

**CALL TO ORDER (9:00 a.m.)**

The Committee on Policies of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors was held via Zoom webinar on Monday, January 26, 2026. 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

**EXCUSED ABSENCE**

NONE

**LPEA STAFF**

Jessica Dunbar, Administrative Assistant  
Graham Smith, General Counsel  
Janelle Thunstrom, Executive Office & Board Governance Manager

**WEBINAR ATTENDEES**

Directors Kirsten Skeeahan and Tim Wheeler

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (9:01 a.m.)**

Committee Chair Witchel requested a motion to approve the January 26, 2026, Committee on Policies agenda.

**Motion:** Director Lewandowski moved to approve the January 26, 2026, Committee on Polices (COP) agenda as presented. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

**CONSENT BOARD ITEMS (9:02 a.m.)**

Committee Chair Witchel addressed the Consent Board Items.

**Motion:** Director Luschen moved to approve the following consent board items: December 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

**POTENTIAL BYLAW AMENDMENTS FOR 2026 ANNUAL MEETING (9:02 a.m.)**

Attorney Smith presented proposed amendments to the bylaws.

**Motion:** Director Lewandowski moved that the Committee on Policies (COP) recommend that the full board approve a proposed bylaw amendment for a 30-day record date for ballot voting and day-of record date for in-person voting. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

**DISCUSSION ON POLICY 366- COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDENS PROGRAM (9:20 a.m.)**

**Motion:** Director Luschen moved to recommend to the full board the retirement of Policy 366 (Community Solar Garden Program). Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

**REVIEW POLICY 102- FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (9:27 a.m.)**

Attorney Smith presented proposed changes to Policy 102 (Functions of the Board of Directors).

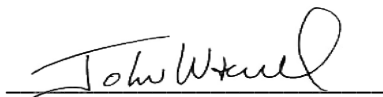
**Motion:** Director Lewandowski moved to recommend that the full board approve amendments to Policy 102 (Functions of the Board of Directors). Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

Following the discussion of agenda items, Director Skeeahan addressed the Committee regarding previously submitted bylaw amendments originally proposed by a community member last spring. Despite being voted down previously, the amendments were resubmitted to select Directors for reconsideration. Attorney Smith clarified that the sponsoring Director may request that these amendments be placed on a future Board meeting agenda for acknowledgment.

Following Director Wheeler's arrival, he was updated on the discussion regarding the Community Solar Garden Program and the subsequent recommendation to the board to retire Policy 366, which has been suspended since 2022. Director Wheeler advised that a new policy be established expeditiously and emphasize the importance of effective communication.

**ADJOURN (9:49 a.m.)**

There being no further business, the meeting of the LPEA Board of Directors adjourned at 9:49 a.m.  
Recorded by J. Dunbar and approved by:



John Witchel, Committee Chair