

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Committee on Policies Meeting Minutes
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Monday, April 27, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Webinar
LPEA Headquarters | Durango, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER (9:13 a.m.)

The Committee on Policies of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors was held via Zoom webinar on Monday, April 27, 2026. Committee Chair Witchel called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. The following committee members were in attendance:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director John Witchel, Committee Chair (Arrived at 9:13 a.m.)
Director Joe Lewandowski
Director David Luschen

LPEA STAFF

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

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chris Hansen, Chief Executive Officer

WEBINAR ATTENDEES

Director Brad Blake

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (9:13 a.m.)

Prior to the meeting being called to order, General Counsel Smith notified the committee that Committee Chair Witchel will be approximately 10 minutes late. The meeting was temporarily paused and resumed at 9:13 a.m.

Committee Chair Witchel called the April 27, 2026, Committee on Policies (COP) meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

Committee Chair Witchel requested a motion to approve the April 27, 2026, Committee on Policies agenda.

Motion: Director Lewandowski moved to approve the April 27, 2026, Committee on Policies (COP) agenda as presented. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

CONSENT BOARD ITEMS (9:14 a.m.)

Committee Chair Witchel addressed the Consent Board Items.

Motion: Director Lewandowski moved to approve the following consent board items: January 26, 2026, Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

CONTINUED POLICY REVIEW CADENCE (9:14 a.m.)

General Counsel Smith reviewed the remaining policies requiring review. Although [Policy 313](#)- Reimbursement for Damages, [Policy 359](#)- Renewable Generation and Environmental Attributes, [Policy 363](#)- Regulations Governing Complaints, and [Policy 367](#)- Energy Efficiency and Demand-side Management, indicate they have not been reviewed within the past 10 years, they have been reviewed. [Policy 104](#)- Board of Directors- Chief Executive Officer Relationship and [Policy 119](#)- Statement of Functions for Cooperative Attorney(s), are the final two policies remaining for committee review.

Policy 104- Board of Directors – Chief Executive Officer Relationship and Policy 119- Statement of Functions for Cooperative Attorney(s) will be put on the next Committee on Policies (COP) meeting agenda to be reviewed.

COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN POLICY (9:17 a.m.)

CEO Hansen and the Board will develop a strategic direction for the Community Solar Garden Policy. Once that direction has been established, a policy outline will be referred to the Committee on Policies. The committee and staff will then review the details and current industry best practices before presenting a draft policy to the Board for consideration.

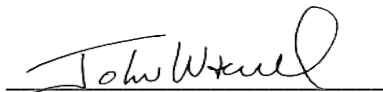
ELECTRIC SERVICE REGULATIONS REVIEW (9:34 a.m.)

General Counsel Smith will work with LPEA staff to gather recommendations regarding the Electric Service Regulations and compile a list of proposed revisions for the committee's review.

Due to the vacancy in the Committee on Policies Chair position following Chair Witchel's departure, the Committee on Policies meeting scheduled for May 18, 2026, will not be held. Committee meetings will resume once a new chair and committee members have been appointed.

ADJOURN (9:40 a.m.)

There being no further business, the Committee on Policies meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.
Recorded by J. Dunbar and approved by:



John Witchel, Committee Chair