

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Committee of the Whole- Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)
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Monday, April 13, 2026
In-person with Electronic Attendance Option
LPEA Headquarters | Durango, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER (1:01 p.m.)

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Directors of La Plata Electric Association, Inc. was held on Monday, April 13, 2026, in person with an electronic attendance option. President Pitcher called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. with the following directors present:

Brad Blake	Joe Lewandowski	Nicole Pitcher, President (Virtual)
Ted Compton, Vice President	David Luschen	
Rachel Landis (Virtual)	Dusty Mars	
	Kohler McInnis	Kirsten Skeeahan (Virtual)

LPEA STAFF

Jessica Dunbar, Administrative Assistant
Chris Hansen, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Dan Harms, Chief Operating Officer (COO) (Virtual)
Greg Howes, Power Supply Sr. Director
Monica Rodriguez, Controller/Interim Chief Financial Officer
Graham Smith, General Counsel
Drew Timmerman, Vice President of Information Technology
Janelle Thunstrom, Executive Office & Board Governance Manager

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Directors John Witchel, Tim Wheeler & John Lee

WEBINAR ATTENDEES

NONE

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES

NONE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (1:02 p.m.)

President Pitcher addressed the April 13, 2026, LPEA Committee of the Whole Agenda.

Motion: Director McInnis moved to approve the April 13, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda as presented. Motion seconded and carried without dissent. Director Blake was not present for the vote.

FIRE MITIGATION PLAN DISCUSSION (1:03 p.m.)

CEO Chris Hansen addressed the board and explained that with the dry winter, the fire risk level for the next 6 to 8 months is very high. LPEA has been working rigorously to mitigate vegetation that might be problematic with the dryness we are experiencing. LPEA has new drones that have been purchased on behalf of our membership to more rapidly inspect with higher fidelity. With drone data, on-site inspection, as well as overhead satellite imagery, there are lots of different tools and data sets that we're bringing to improve our mitigation efforts.

Jerry Sutherlin, Vice President of Distribution presented the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS).

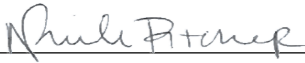
EXECUTIVE SESSION (2:10 p.m.)

The board remained in executive session from 2:10 p.m. to 3:38 p.m.

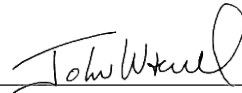
Following the Executive Session, no action was taken.

ADJOURN (3:39 p.m.)

There being no further business, the meeting of the LPEA Board of Directors adjourned at 3:39 p.m.
Recorded by J. Dunbar and approved by:



Nicole Pitcher, President



John Witchel, Secretary