LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
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Wednesday, June 17, 2026
In-person with Electronic Attendance Option
LPEA Headquarters |Durango, Colorado

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of La Plata Electric Association, Inc., was held in person with an electronic attendance option on Wednesday, June 17, 2026. President Pitcher called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and noted the attendance of the following directors:

Greg Barber	Joe Lewandowski, Secretary	John Purser
Brad Blake	Dusty Mars, Vice President	Kirsten Skeehan
Ted Compton	Kohler McInnis	Tim Wheeler, Treasurer
Jennifer Jenkins	Nicole Pitcher, President	John Witchel

LPEA STAFF

Jessica Dunbar, Administrative Assistant
Chris Hansen, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (Arrived at 9:51 a.m.)
Dan Harms, Chief Operating Officer (COO)
Monica Rodriguez, Controller/Interim Chief Financial Officer
Graham Smith, General Counsel
Laura Schepis, Vice President of Government and Community Relations
Jerry Sutherlin, Vice President of Distribution
Drew Timmerman, Vice President of Information Technology
Janelle Thunstrom, Executive Office & Board Governance Manager

EXCUSED ABSENCE

NONE

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES

Susan Atkinson, Erika Brown, Emelie Frojen, Werner Heiber, and Dave Peters

WEBINAR ATTENDEES

Diana Boudreaux, Kelly Hegarty, Molly Morris, Brian Rogers, Martin Vazquez, and Jessica Wheeler

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

President Pitcher addressed the agenda for the LPEA board meeting on June 17, 2026.

Motion: Director McInnis moved to approve the presented agenda, with the amendment to table the discussion of Policy 108. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

Jerry Sutherlin provided a safety moment.

Director Skeehan provided a board education moment.

CEO Hansen presented a token of appreciation to outgoing Director David Luschen in recognition of his dedicated service and contributions to the LPEA Board of Directors.

MEMBER COMMENTS (9:07 a.m.)

General Counsel Smith outlined the ground rules for public commentary.

Comments were received from members attending electronically and in person.

President Pitcher recapped the public comments and addressed comments and concerns.

CONSENT BOARD ITEMS (9:30 a.m.)

President Pitcher addressed the Consent Board Items.

Motion: Director McInnis moved to approve the following consent board items: Approval of May 20, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes, Accept New Member List, Capital Credit Payments to Estates, Monthly Write-Off, and to vote on the Travel and Training Request separately. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

Director Purser requested additional funding from the Board to support his travel and training budget. Director Wheeler offered to allocate a portion of his remaining travel and training budget to cover Director Purser's request.

Motion: Director Skeehan moved to approve the transfer of available travel and training funds from Director Wheeler's budget to Director Purser's budget to support Director Purser's travel and training request. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (9:33 a.m.)

President Pitcher accepted nominations for executive officers. Directors discussed each position and nominees, and the nominees spoke about their desire and qualifications to hold the position prior to voting.

Attorney Smith accepted secret ballots for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, as per LPEA's bylaws.

If no candidate received a majority of the votes cast, a runoff was to be held between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

2026-27 Executive Officers

President: Director Pitcher
Vice President: Director Mars
Secretary: Director Lewandowski
Treasurer: Director Wheeler

Pitcher was elected by unanimous vote (12 in favor) to the office of Board President; Director Mars was elected by a majority vote of 8 to 4 over Director Compton to the office of Board Vice President; Director Lewandowski was elected by unanimous vote (12 in favor) to the office of Board Secretary; Director Wheeler was elected by majority vote (12 in favor) to the office of Board Treasurer.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FROM THE LPEA BOARD TO THE ROUND-UP BOARD (10:04 a.m.)

Director Lewandowski nominated Director Purser. Director Purser accepted the nomination but withdrew it after further consideration.

Director Lewandowski nominated Director Jenkins. Director Jenkins accepted the nomination.

Director Jenkins nominated Director Blake. Director Blake accepted his nomination as a backup but withdrew after further consideration.

President Pitcher nominated Director Barber. Director Barber accepted the nomination.

Motion: Director Skeehan moved to vote by acclamation. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

Acclamation Vote: President Pitcher requested an acclamation vote to accept Director Barber and Director Jenkins as the Round-Up representatives. The vote carried with all in favor.

ELECTION OF LPEA REPRESENTATIVES TO CREA AND WESTERN UNITED (10:13 a.m.)

President Pitcher accepted oral nominations for the Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA) representative.

Director Witchel nominated Director Compton as the CREA representative. Director Compton accepted his nomination.
Director Purser nominated Director Skeehan as the CREA Representative. Director Skeehan accepted her nomination.

Director Compton was elected as the CREA Representative by secret ballot majority vote of 7 to 5.

President Pitcher accepted nominations for the Western United representative.

Director Wheeler nominated Director Barber as the Western United representative. Director Barber accepted his nomination.

Director Lewandowski nominated Director Skeehan as the Western United representative. Director Skeehan accepted her nomination.

Director Barber was elected as the Western United representative by secret ballot by majority vote of 7 to 4.

Motion: Director Wheeler moved to elect Director Barber as the CREA alternate, and Director Compton as the Western United alternate. Motion seconded.

Director Wheeler withdrew his motion for an acclamation vote.

President Pitcher accepted nominations for the CREA and Western United alternates.

Director Compton nominated Director Barber for CREA alternate. Director Barber accepted his nomination.

President Pitcher nominated Director Skeehan for CREA alternate. Director Skeehan accepted her nomination.

The ballot vote ended in a tie, two times.

Motion: Director Compton moved to decide the alternate by a coin toss. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

Director Barber was elected as the alternate for CREA.

President Pitcher accepted nominations for the Western United alternate.

Director Barber nominated Director Compton for the Western United alternate. Director Compton accepted his nomination.

Acclamation Vote: President Pitcher requested an acclamation vote to accept Director Compton as the Western United alternate. The vote carried with all in favor.

CEO AND STAFF REPORTS (11:05 a.m.)

DIVISION DASHBOARDS (11:05 a.m.)

CEO Hansen reviewed the monthly board dashboard, which had been made publicly available prior to the meeting. The report summarized operational, safety, and financial highlights for May, and outlined progress toward the goals set in the 2026-2030 Mission, Vision, Plan.

REGIONAL MARKET UPDATE (11:40 a.m.)

CEO Hansen provided an update on regional energy markets, noting that participation in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) includes a 120-day settlement adjustment period. During this timeframe, capacity and energy purchase amounts may be adjusted as market settlements are finalized. Staff will continue reviewing settlement data and will keep the Finance and Audit Committee and the Board informed of any material financial changes.

ATTORNEY UPDATE ON FERC AND RELATED ACTIONS (11:46 a.m.)

Graham Smith, General Counsel for LPEA, provided a detailed update on the status of ongoing legal and regulatory proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Tri-State's motion for reconsideration and reconsideration en banc at the Tenth Circuit was denied. Two active FERC rate matters are ongoing, one with Tri-State and one with Basin Co-op. Both of those are in administrative law judge settlement procedures and are subject to FERC confidentiality rules, so any additional information will be in executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (11:49 a.m.)

President Pitcher requested a motion to enter executive session to receive confidential updates on FERC proceedings and related actions, Power Supply progress, Transmission Asset discussion, Storage Strategy, and employee matters.

Motion: Director McInnis moved to enter an executive session to receive confidential updates on FERC proceedings and related actions, Power Supply progress, Transmission Asset discussion, storage strategy, and employee matters.

The board entered the executive session at 11:49 a.m. and returned to the public session at 1:45 p.m.

During executive session, the following matters were discussed:

Attorney Update on FERC and Related Actions- 20 minutes
Power Supply- 11 minutes
Storage Strategy- 8-10 minutes
Employee Matter- 30 minutes

BOARD ACTIONS RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION (1:45 p.m.)

No action was taken.

BOARD ACTION AGENDA (1:47 p.m.)

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATE (1:47 p.m.)

Committee Chair Wheeler referred to his written Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) report. He reported that the meeting was spent discussing the new timeline for finalized financials that can take up to 120 days due to power purchase settlements.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE DISCUSSION (1:49 p.m.)

President Pitcher addressed the board on the importance of improving member engagement. Creating a Member Engagement Committee would allow the board and LPEA employees to find ways to improve member engagement.

Motion: Director Wheeler moved to create a Member Engagement Committee. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

APPOINT LA PLATA COUNTY AND ARCHULETA COUNTY FAIR DELEGATES (1:57 p.m.)

President Pitcher addressed the appointment of delegates to the La Plata and Archuleta County fairs and requested nominations.

Director Mars self-nominated as the Archuleta County Fair delegate.

Director Jenkins nominated Director McInnis as La Plata County Fair delegate, and Director Jenkins will also attend. Director McInnis accepted his nomination.

Motion: President Pitcher moved to appoint Director Mars as the Archuleta County Fair delegate. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

Motion: Director McInnis moved to appoint himself as the La Plata County Fair delegate. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

REPORTS (2:03 p.m.)

ATTORNEY REPORT (2:03 p.m.)

Attorney Smith referenced his written report in the board packet and answered board member questions.

DIRECTOR REPORTS (2:03 p.m.)

Directors referred to written and verbal reports in the board packet and took questions and suggestions from board members and staff.

ADJOURN (2:36 p.m.)

There being no further business, the meeting of the LPEA Board of Directors adjourned at 2:36 p.m.
Recorded by J. Dunbar and approved by:

Nicole Pitcher, President

Joe Lewandowski, Secretary