

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Committee on Policies Meeting Minutes
[Committee On Policies](#)
Monday, August 24, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Zoom Webinar
LPEA Headquarters | Durango, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER (9:01 a.m.)

The Committee on Policies of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors was held via Zoom webinar on Monday, August 24, 2026. Committee Chair Lewandowski called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The following committee members were in attendance:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director Joe Lewandowski, Committee Chair
Director Brad Blake
Director Kirsten Skeehan

LPEA STAFF

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

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chris Hansen, Chief Executive Officer
Dan Harms, Chief Operating Officer

WEBINAR ATTENDEES

Board Vice President Dusty Mars

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

Committee Chair Lewandowski called the August 24, 2026, Committee on Policies (COP) meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Committee Chair Lewandowski requested a motion to approve the August 24, 2026, Committee on Policies agenda.

Motion: Director Blake moved to approve the August 24, 2026, Committee on Policies (COP) agenda, with the amendment to remove Item III on the agenda, CFO Title Cleanup in Policies. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

CONSENT BOARD ITEMS (9:03 a.m.)

Committee Chair Lewandowski addressed the Consent Board Items.

Motion: Director Blake moved to approve the following consent board items: April 27, 2026, Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

REVIEW POLICY 104- BOARD OF DIRECTORS- CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RELATIONSHIP (9:04 a.m.)

General Counsel Smith and members of the Committee reviewed the proposed changes to [Policy 104](#)- Board of Directors- Chief Executive Officer Relationship. Committee members provided input and suggested revisions regarding the format and content of the CEO's annual evaluation.

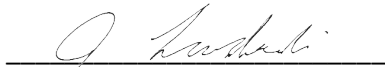
Committee members agreed to take a look at [Policy 103](#)- Delegations of Authority from Board of Directors to Chief Executive Officer, at the next Committee on Policies meeting, on September 28, 2026.

REVIEW 119- STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONS FOR COOPERATIVE ATTORNEY (9:50 a.m.)

General Counsel Smith and members of the Committee reviewed the proposed changes, for [Policy 119](#)- Statement of Functions for Cooperative Attorney. Proposed changes included revisions to the language stating that "the cooperative attorney shall identify, assess, quantify, highlight, and advise the Board and CEO on all legal risks and other legal matters related to the cooperative." The Committee also discussed that the policy does not clearly specify when the Board Chair or a Committee may contact the Board Attorney directly without requiring CEO approval or authorization.

ADJOURN (10:33 a.m.)

There being no further business, the Committee on Policies meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.
Recorded by J. Dunbar and approved by:



Joe Lewandowski, Committee Chair