

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. (LPEA)
Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 10, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
<https://lpea.coop/board-directors-committees>

CALL TO ORDER

The Finance and Audit Committee of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors was held Wednesday, August 10, 2023, via Zoom webinar. Committee Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The following committee members were in attendance:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director Tim Wheeler, Board Treasurer & Committee Chair
Director Nicole Pitcher
Jessica Matlock, Chief Executive Officer
Elizabeth Howe, VP of Business Services

LPEA STAFF

Dan Harms, EVP of Grid Solutions and Special Projects
Monica Rodriguez, Controller
Graham Smith, General Counsel
Janelle Thunstrom, Executive Assistant

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Director David Luschen

GUESTS:

Directors Kohler McInnis and Kirsten Skeehan

Karl Ramsey, Financial Consultant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Committee Chair Wheeler addressed the August 10, 2023, Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) meeting agenda.

Motion: Committee Member Matlock moved to approve the August 10, 2023, FAC meeting agenda as presented. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Committee Chair Wheeler addressed the July 13, 2023, FAC meeting minutes.

Motion: Committee Member Pitcher moved to approve the July 13, 2023, FAC meeting minutes. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

JULY FINANCIALS REVIEW

Karl Ramsey, Financial Consultant, gave an overview of the July financials. Most of the board's financial goals were met in July. The cash reserves were approximately \$3M below the board's target, this is due to a quarterly debt payment. Cash reserves are anticipated to be back to 12% by next week. Ramsey also addressed the income statement in detail. CEO Matlock and VP Ramsey answered questions regarding the July financials.

BUDGET UPDATE

Elizabeth Howe, VP of Business Services gave an update on the 2024 budget. VP Howe reviewed the key concepts and explained LPEA's activity-based and zero-based budgeting approach as developed by the VPs of each department. The first draft budget review will be at the FAC meeting in September. VP Howe, CEO Matlock, and EVP Harms took questions and suggestions on budget numbers.

REVIEW OF NET METERING (NM) AND QUALIFYING FACILITY (QF) TARIFF

EVP Harms gave a brief update on the Net Metering (NM) and Qualifying Facilities (QF) tariffs. EVP Harms set up solar installer meetings to go over and obtain feedback on the final draft of the proposed Net Metering Rate Tariff. EVP Harms presented the solar installer feedback to the committee for their consideration and took questions and suggestions from the committee.

MOTION: Committee Chair Wheeler moved to recommend to the full board that LPEA post the proposed Net Metering (NM) and Qualifying Facilities (QF) rate tariffs for a 30-day public comment period in accordance with [Policy 364](#). Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS BROADBAND PARTNERSHIPS

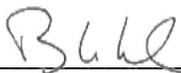
Committee Chair Wheeler requested a motion to move into an executive session to discuss broadband partnerships.

MOTION: Committee Member Matlock moved to enter an executive session to discuss broadband partnerships. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

The committee remained in the executive session from 10:14 am to 10:47 am.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, this meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors adjourned at 10:48 a.m. Recorded by J. P. Thunstrom, and approved by:



Tim Wheeler, Committee Chair