

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Committee on Policies Meeting Minutes
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Monday, September 22, 2025
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Zoom Webinar
LPEA Headquarters | Durango, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee on Policies of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors was held via Zoom webinar on Monday, September 22, 2025. CEO Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The following committee members were in attendance:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director John Witchel, Committee Chair (Joined at 9:53a.m.)
Director Joe Lewandowski
Director David Luschen
Chris Hansen, Chief Executive Officer
Elizabeth Howe, Chief Operating Officer

EXCUSED ABSENCE

NONE

LPEA STAFF

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

WEBINAR ATTENDEES

Directors Brad Blake and Dusty Mars. John Purser

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Director Luschen moved to approve the amended agenda, with the change to present Policy 303 as the first item for discussion at the September 22, 2025, Committee on Policies meeting. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

CONSENT BOARD ITEMS

CEO Hansen addressed the Consent Board Items.

Motion: Director Lewandowski moved to approve the following consent board items: August 25, 2025, Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

POLICY FOR REVISION: POLICY 303 RENEWABLE GENERATION FUNDS

Attorney Smith introduced proposed revisions to Policy 303, noting staff's recommendation to transition the Renewable Generation Fund to a broader *Local Energy Action Fund*. The updated framework would expand eligible uses beyond renewable generation projects to include beneficial electrification and energy efficiency projects.

CEO Hansen proposed a "waterfall" approach to ensure members continue to receive the benefits they expect. Under this framework, staff would review the total kilowatt-hour usage of participating members and use market-based Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) to provide a 100% clean supply. Any remaining funds would then be directed toward beneficial electrification and efficiency projects.

Motion: Director Lewandowski moved to approve amendments to Policy 303. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

Motion CEO Hansen moved that the Committee on Policies recommend the Board of Directors approving prioritizing program funds to purchase Renewable Energy Credits (REC's) for customers opting in, with any remaining funds used for beneficial electrification programs. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

POLICY FOR REVISION: POLICY 105 REVISION IN LIGHT OF 2025 ELECTION

Attorney Smith summarized the latest redline revisions to Policy 105, noting the following changes:

- Reformatting and reorganization of sections for clarity.
- Relocation of certain provisions to ensure consistency in the voting section.
- Addition of an *Oath of Office*, based on a recommendation from the Election Supervisory Committee.
- Updated candidate communications, including allowance for a 500-word candidate statement and a one-minute recorded video to be posted on LPEA's website and at least one official communication outlet.
- Clarification of provisions related to third-party candidate forums to maintain LPEA's neutrality.

Motion: Director Lewandowski moved that the Committee recommend Policy 105 – Elections and Voting Procedures for Board approval. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

POLICY FOR REVISION: POLICY 107: CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Attorney Smith reviewed proposed revisions to strengthen candidate accountability, based on recommendations from the Election Supervisory Committee. Key updates included:

- Requirement that all candidates disclose monetary and in-kind contributions received directly, or paid/received on their behalf, when coordinated or requested by the candidate.
- Establishing a reporting threshold for contributions with an individual value greater than \$20.
- Establishing a reporting threshold within 24 hours with an individual value greater than \$1000.

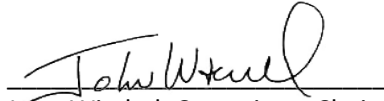
Motion: Director Lewandowski moved that the Committee recommend Policy 107 – Campaign Finance Reporting Requirements for Board approval. Motion seconded and carried without dissent.

POLICY IDEAS OR REVISIONS BY COP MEMBER OR STAFF – REVISION TO CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST DISCUSSION

The Committee held a broader discussion about conflicts of interest, prompted by proposed disclosure forms developed by the Election Supervisory Committee. Members noted the importance of a consistent and transparent approach and agreed that LPEA should take a comprehensive review of conflict-of-interest considerations over the coming months. This review will extend beyond Board members to also include staff, vendors, and appointed committees

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting of the LPEA Board of Directors adjourned at 10:07 a.m.
Recorded by J. Dunbar and approved by:


John Witchel, Committee Chair