



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Minutes

Board of Public Utilities Work Session

Robert Gibson, Chair; Matt Heavner, Vice Chair
Eric Stromberg, Charles Nakhleh and Jennifer Hollingsworth, Members
Philo Shelton, Ex Officio Member
Anne Laurent, Ex Officio Member
Ryn Herrmann, Council Liaison

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

5:30 PM

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

Public Participation ~ in person or <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87563449773>

1. CALL TO ORDER

This work session of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Board of Public Utilities was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026. Chair Robert Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members of the public were notified of the ability to attend and provide public comment either in person or over Zoom.

The following board members were in attendance:

Present: 5- Members Gibson, Heavner, Stromberg, Hollingsworth, and Nakhleh

Remote 2 - Members Shelton and Laurent

Absent: 0

Others present in Chambers:

Ryn Herrmann, Council Vice Chair / BPU Liaison
Thomas Wyman, Assistant County Attorney
Clay Moseley, Deputy Utility Manager - GWS Services
Ben Olbrich, Deputy Utility Manager - Power Supply
Dennis Astley, Deputy Utility Manager - Electric Distribution
Joann Gentry, Deputy Utility Manager - Finance & Administration
Cathy D'Anna, Public Relations Manager
Richard Valerio, Business Operations Manager
Paula Nelson, Management Analyst
Kathy Casados, Executive Assistant
Jeddidah Bedo, IM Technical Support Specialist
Caitlin Martinez, NMED
Michael Petersen, NMED
Tom McCrory, EM-LA
Jessica Kunkie, EM-LA
Stephanie Gallagher, EM-LA
Joel Hebdon, N3B

Zoom participants:

Randall Ryti, Council Chair
James Alarid, Deputy Utility Manager - Engineering
Joni Arends, CCNS
Maire O'Neill
Adam Killebrew
Elicia Williams
Jason Martinez

Jordan Coe
Joseph Ritchey
Katherine Yelle
Kay Tauscher
John
Jon C.
Roy

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for public comment on any topic; there was none.

No action was taken on this item.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Gibson called for discussion or a motion to approve the agenda.

Member Nakhleh moved and Member Hollingsworth seconded that the Board approve the agenda as presented.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Members Gibson, Stromberg, Nakhleh, Heavner, and Hollingsworth

No: 0

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a. Update from NMED on the Chromium Plume at Los Alamos, New Mexico

Ms. Caitlin Martinez, Acting LANL Group Manager with NMED and Mr. Michael Petersen, M.S., Hydro Geologist with NMED presented. A copy of their presentation slides was available at the meeting and attached to these minutes. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Nakhleh
2. Member Gibson
3. Member Hollingsworth
4. Clay Moseley
5. Member Stromberg

No action was taken on this item.

5. DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

5.a. Department of Public Utilities Annual Report - Fiscal Year 2025

Ms. Cathy D'Anna, Public Relations Manager presented. A copy of the report was included in the meeting packet. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Heavner
2. Member Hollingsworth
3. Ben Olbrich
4. Member Gibson

No action was taken on this item.

5.b. Review of the Proposed DPU FY2027 Budget

Ms. Joann Gentry, Deputy Utility Manager - Finance & Administration presented. A copy of her report was included in the meeting packet. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

- 1. Member Nakhleh
- 2. Member Gibson
- 3. Philo Shelton
- 4. Member Heavner
- 5. Clay Moseley
- 6. Member Hollingsworth
- 7. Member Stromberg

No action was taken on this item.

5.c. Annual Update on Water System

Mr. Clay Moseley, Deputy Utility Manager - GWS Services presented. A copy of his presentation was included in the meeting packet. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

- 1. Member Stromberg
- 2. Member Hollingsworth

No action was taken on this item.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for public comment on any topic; there was none.

Chair Gibson reminded members to keep Ms. Casados informed about their travel schedules and attendance at BPU meetings. Member Heavner mentioned that his travel was canceled and he would attend the March 18th regular session. Member Nakhleh will be absent on March 18th.

No action was taken on this item.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

APPROVAL

Board of Public Utilities Chair

Date Approved by the Board

**Minutes transcribed by:
Kathy Casados, Executive Assistant**

ATTACHMENTS

4.a. NMED Presentation