



County of Los Alamos

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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, August 5, 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, June 3, 2026. Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:31 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: 4 - Members Heavner, Stromberg, Gibson, and Shelton

Remote 2 - Members Hollingsworth and Nakhleh

Absent: 1 - Member Laurent

Others present in Chambers:

Ms. Ryn Herrmann, Council Vice Chair & BPU Liaison

Ms. Cristella Valdez, Assistant County Attorney

Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager

Mr. James Martinez, Deputy Utility Manager - Engineering

Mr. Clay Moseley, Deputy Utility Manager - GWS Services

Mr. Dennis Astley, Deputy Utility Manager - Electrical Distribution

Mr. Ben Olbrich, Deputy Utility Manager - Power Supply

Ms. Joann Gentry, Deputy Utility Manager - Finance & Administration

Ms. Abbey Hayward, Public Relations Manager

Ms. Kathy Casados, Executive Assistant

Mr. Zachary Parlman, IM Technical Support Specialist

Zoom participants:

Dr. Yuting Yang

Dr. Ahmed Jawhari

Mr. Jamal Mamkhezri

Ms. Jianqing Zhao

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 amendments to the agenda, discussion or a motion.

Member Heavner moved and Member Stromberg seconded that the Board approve the agenda as presented.

The motion passed by the following vote:

YES - 4: Members Hollingsworth, Stromberg, Heavner, and Gibson

NO - 0:

ABSENT - 1: Member Nakhleh (logged in a few minutes late)

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a. UNM & NMSU Pathways to Zero Natural Gas Usage - Presentation of Findings

Mr. Philo Shelton introduced Dr. Yuting Yang, University of New Mexico, Economics Department. Dr. Yang introduced the research team:

Dr. Yang presented. Chair Gibson asked the team if they would like to add anything. Mr. Mamkhezri and Mr. Jawhari thanked the board for the opportunity to participate in this research.

Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Stromberg
2. Member Heavner
3. Member Hollingsworth
4. Mr. Ahmed Jawhari
5. Member Gibson
6. Mr. Jamal Mamkhezri
7. Member Nakhleh

Public Comment:

1. Mr. Dave Powell

Discussion

1. Member Heavner
2. Mr. Jawhari
3. Member Hollingsworth
4. Member Stromberg
5. Member Gibson

No action was taken on this item.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.a. Introduction of Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-387; An Ordinance Amending the Department of Public Utilities' Water Service Rate Schedules, Chapter 40, Article III, Sections 40-171, 40-173 and 40-175, and adding new Sections 40-176, 40-177, and 40-178 to the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code

Ms. Joann Gentry, Deputy Utility Manager - Finance & Administration presented. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the Board, there was none. He then opened the floor for public comment; there was none. Chair Gibson then called for a volunteer to introduce the Code Ordinance.

Member Heavner introduced without prejudice Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No.02-387; An Ordinance Amending the Department of Public Utilities' Water Service Rate Schedules, Chapter 40, Article III, Sections 40-171, 40-173 and 40-175, and adding new Sections 40-176, 40-177, and 40-178 to the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code.

RECESS: 7:26 - 7:36 p.m.

6. BUSINESS

6.a. Discussion on the Electric Coordination Agreement (ECA)

Mr. Ben Olbrich, Deputy Utility Manager - Power Supply presented. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the Board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Stromberg
2. Member Nakhleh
3. Member Gibson

No action was taken on this item.

6.b. A Presentation on Future Department of Public Utilities Plug-in Solar Policy

Mr. Ben Olbrich, Deputy Utility Manager - Power Supply presented. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the Board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Hollingsworth
2. Member Heavner
3. Member Stromberg
4. Member Gibson

Chair Gibson then provided an opportunity for public comment; there was none.

No action was taken on this item.

6.c. Annual Update on Wastewater Systems

Mr. Clay Moseley, Deputy Utility Manager - GWS Services presented. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the Board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Heavner
2. Member Stromberg
3. Member Gibson
4. Mr. Shelton
5. Member Hollingsworth

No action was taken on this item.

6.d. Transactional Survey Report: January - June 2026

Due to the late hour, Chair Gibson asked Board Members if they would like to continue or move the remaining agenda items to the next meeting. The consensus was to reschedule items 6.d., 6.e., and 6.f. to the August 19th regular meeting.

No action was taken on this item.

6.e. Annual Review of the Board of Public Utilities Procedural Rules

This item was rescheduled for the August 19th regular meeting.

No action was taken on this item.

6.f. Open Meetings Act and Inspection of Public Records Presentation

This item was rescheduled for the August 19th regular meeting.

No action was taken on this item.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

No action was taken on this item.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at : 9:29 p.m.

APPROVAL

Board of Public Utilities Chair

Date Approved by the Board

Minutes transcribed by: Kathy Casados, Executive Assistant

ATTACHMENTS (in agenda order)

4.a. 20260805_Revised-Presentation-Slides-UNM_NMSU