



County of Los Alamos

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Minutes

Board of Public Utilities Work Session

*Robert Gibson, Chair; Eric Stromberg, Vice-chair
Matt Heavner, Charles Nakhleh and Jennifer Hollingsworth, Members
Philo Shelton, Ex Officio Member
Anne Laurent, Ex Officio Member
Suzie Havemann, Council Liaison*

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

5:30 PM

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

Public Participation: in person or <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84348385574>.

1. CALL TO ORDER

This work session of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Board of Public Utilities was held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 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: 6 - Members Gibson, Stromberg, Heavner, Hollingsworth, Shelton, and Laurent

Remote: 1 - Member Nakhleh

Absent: 0 -

Others present in Chambers:

Ms. Ryn Hermann, Councilor

Mr. Thomas Wyman, Assistant County Attorney

Mr. James Alarid, Deputy Utility Manager - Engineering

Mr. Clay Moseley, Deputy Utility Manager - GWS Services

Mr. Ben Olbrich, Deputy Utility Manager - Power Supply

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

Mr. Dennis Astley, Electrical Engineering Manager

Mr. Richard Valerio, Business Operations Manager

Ms. Kathy Casados, Executive Assistant

Mr. Jedidiah Bedo, IM Technical Support Specialist

Ms. Mila Moseley, LAHS Senior

Zoom participants:

Ms. Kathy Darwin, Business Evolutions

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 Heavner 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. 20604-25 ICUA Youth Rally - Participant Presentation by Mila Moseley, LAHS

Mr. Philo Shelton, Utilities Manager provided some background on the event. He then introduced Ms. Mila Moseley. A copy of Ms. Moseley's essay and presentation slides were 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. Member Stromberg
4. Member Gibson

No action was taken on this item.

4.b. 20605-25 Retirement of Stephen Marez, Deputy Utility Manager - Electric Distribution

Chair Gibson announced that Mr. Marez was unable to attend the meeting. He provided highlights from Mr. Marez's career with DPU and commended him for his years of service. Mr. Marez's last day in the office is September 5, 2025.

No action was taken on this item.

5. BUSINESS

5.a. 20142-25 DPU Quarterly Report - Fiscal Year 2025/Quarter 4

Mr. Shelton presented. Ms. D'Anna was absent but included a full copy of the quarterly report in the meeting packet. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Councilor Hermann
2. Ms. Gentry
3. Member Heavner
4. Member Gibson
5. Mr. Olbrich

No action was taken on this item.

5.b. [20409-25b](#) Strategic Planning Update

Mr. Shelton introduced the topic and Ms. Kathy Darwin presented over Zoom. She reviewed the final staff revisions and board suggestions for the Mission, Vision, and Values statements. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

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

The final version will be on the September 17 board agenda for final review and possible approval.

No action was taken on this item.

5.c. [20471-25a](#) Revisions to the DPU Rules & Regulations - Sewer

Mr. Moseley presented. A copy of his staff report and the proposed revisions were 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 Heavner
3. Mr. Alarid
4. Member Gibson

No action was taken on this item.

5.d. [20597-25](#) Overview of Proposed Modification to the Department of Public Utilities Rules & Regulations GR-18 Utility Assistance Program

Ms. Gentry presented. A copy of her staff report and the proposed revisions were included in the meeting packet. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Stromberg

No action was taken on this item.

5.e. [20606-25](#) White Rock Substation Reliability Plan

Mr. Dennis Astley presented. A copy of his staff report and the proposed revisions were 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 Nakhleh
3. Member Heavner
4. Member Hollingsworth
5. Member Gibson
6. Mr. Shelton

No action was taken on this item.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

No action was taken on this item.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

APPROVAL

Board of Public Utilities Chair

Date Approved by the Board

Minutes transcribed by: Kathy Casados, Executive Assistant