



# 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*

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Wednesday, March 4, 2026

5:30 PM

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

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**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:

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

**Remote 2 - Members Shelton and Laurent**

**Absent: 0**

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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.

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

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**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. Their presentation slides were available at the meeting and are 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.**

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**APPROVAL**

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**Board of Public Utilities Chair**

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**Date Approved by the Board**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 4.a. NMED Presentation