



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, February 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, February 4, 2026. Vice Chair Matt Heavner called the meeting to order at 5:33 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 Heavner, Stromberg, Hollingsworth, Nakhleh, and Laurent

Remote 2 - Members Gibson and Shelton

Absent: 0 -

Others present in Chambers:

Thomas Wyman, Assistant County Attorney

James Alarid, Deputy Utility Manager - Engineering

James Martinez, Senior Engineer

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

Jedidiah Bedo, IM Technical Support Specialist

Zoom participants:

Ryn Herrmann, Council VC & BPU Liaison

Clay Moseley, Deputy Utility Manager - GWS Services

Joni Arends, Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

No action was taken on this item.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

3.a. Action to Suspend Procedural Rules for Work Session

Vice Chair Heavner called for discussion or a motion. *(Item 3.a. was voted upon before item 3 so the agenda was considered "amended.")*

Member Nakhleh moved and Member Hollingsworth seconded that the Board of Public Utilities suspend their procedural rules for the February 4, 2026 work session so that formal action may be taken.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

4 PRESENTATIONS

4.a. Approval of a Short-term Power Purchase Agreement with Tenaska Power Services Co. in the amount of \$566,481.39 to meet forecasted Los Alamos Power Pool load for the month of March 2026.

Mr. Ben Olbrich, Deputy Utility Manager - Power Supply, presented. A copy of the presentation slides was included in the meeting packet. Vice Chair Heavner provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the public and the board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Joni Arends, CCNS
2. Member Gibson
3. Mr. Shelton
4. Member Heavner

Vice Chair Heavner then called for discussion or a motion.

Member Hollingsworth moved and Member Nakhleh seconded that the Board of Public Utilities recommend approval of a short-term Power Purchase Agreement with Tenaska Power Services Co. in the amount of \$423,112.80, and a contingency additional amount of \$106,000.00 for a total of \$529,112.80, plus applicable gross receipts tax, for the purpose of buying power and energy to serve the Los Alamos Power Pool's electric load and forward to Council for approval.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

4.b. Distribution and Electrification Plan Implementation

Mr. Dennis Astley, Acting Deputy Utility Manager - Electric Distribution presented. A

copy of the presentation slides was included in the meeting packet. Vice Chair Heavner provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

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

No action was taken on this item.

**4.c. Asset Management Team (AMT) - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
Budgets**

Mr. James Martinez, Senior Engineer presented. A copy of the presentation slides was included in the meeting packet. Vice Chair Heavner provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Gibson
2. Mr. Shelton
3. Mr. Moseley

No action was taken on this item.

**4.d. Semiannual Update: Transactional Survey Report for July through
December 2025**

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

1. Member Hollingsworth

No action was taken on this item.

5. BUSINESS

5.a. Discussion and Possible Approval of BPU Member Travel: ECA Forum

Mr. Philo Shelton, Utilities Manager provided some information and details were included in the meeting packet.

Vice Chair Heavner provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the board.

The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Heavner
2. Member Gibson
3. Vice Chair Herrmann
4. Member Hollingsworth
5. Member Stromberg

Member Nakhleh moved and Member Hollingsworth seconded that the Board of Public Utilities approve travel expenses for Member Stromberg to attend the 2026 ECA Forum in Augusta, GA in April 2026.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

5.b. Schedule and Selection of Members to Attend B&C Luncheons for the 2026 Calendar Year

Vice Chair Heavner introduced this topic. Board members were given an opportunity to discuss and select dates to volunteer for the following dates:

- March 5, 2026 - Member Stromberg
- May 14, 2026 - Member Nakhleh
- September 10, 2026 - Member Gibson (tentative)
- November 12, 2026 - Member Hollingsworth

No action was taken on this item.

5.c. BPU Member Participation at Farmers Market

Vice Chair Heavner introduced this topic. Board members were given an opportunity to discuss and select dates to volunteer for the following dates:

- May 21 - Member Hollingsworth
- June 25 - Member Gibson
- July 23 - Member Nakhleh
- September 24 - Member Heavner
- October 22 - Member Stromberg

No action was taken on this item.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chair Heavner 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 7:43 p.m.

APPROVAL

Board of Public Utilities Chair

Date Approved by the Board

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