



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

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, June 4, 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, June 4, 2025 at 1000 Central Ave., Council Chambers. Board 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: 3 - Members Gibson, Shelton and Laurent

Absent: 1 - Member Hollingsworth

Remote: 3 - Members Stromberg, Nakhleh and Heavner

Others present in Chambers:

David Reagor, Councilor (for BPU Liaison)

Thomas Wyman, Assistant County Attorney

Stephen Marez, Deputy Utility Manager - Electric Distribution

Clay Moseley, Deputy Utility Manager - GWS Services

Ben Olbrich, Deputy Utility Manager - Power Supply

Joann Gentry, Deputy Utility Manager - Finance & Administration

Cathy D'Anna Public Relations Manager

Dennis Astley, Electrical Engineering Manager

Nicholas Nelson, Power System Supervisor

Kathy Casados, Executive Assistant

Zac Parlman, IM Technical Support Specialist

Mariano Montoya, Engineering Associate

Al Fulgenzi, Engineering Intern

Zoom participants:

Anglica Gurule, Sustainability Manager

Melissa Dadzie, Chief Financial Officer

Santana GA, Citizen

Joni Arends, Citizen

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Members Gibson, Stromberg, Nakhleh, Heavner

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Member Hollingsworth

3.a. 19593-25

Statement Regarding Closed Session

Chair Gibson called for discussion or a motion.

Member Gibson moved and Member Heavner seconded that the Board of Public Utilities approve the following statement for inclusion in the minutes: "The matters discussed in the closed sessions on May 21, 2025 were limited only to those topics specified in the notice of the closed session, and no action was taken on any matter during the closed session."

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Members Gibson, Stromberg, Nakhleh, Heavner

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Member Hollingsworth

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a. 19930-25

Interim Report on the Electrification Study

Mr. Stephen Marez, Deputy Utility Manager - Electric Distribution introduced Mr. Jacob A. Wells and Mr. Elliott J. Popel from 1898 & Co - a division of Burns and McDonnell Engineering Consultants. They presented a preliminary report on the electrification study commissioned by the BPU. The report is based on their assumptions on conversions of gas appliances and gasoline cars to all electric appliances and electric vehicles. A copy of the presentation was included in the meeting packet.

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

1. Member Stromberg
2. Member Gibson
3. Mr. Shelton
4. Mr. Reagor

No action was taken on this item.

5. DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

5.a. [19711-25](#) Final Review of the Board of Public Utilities Annual Presentation to County Council

Chair Gibson reviewed the draft presentation. He provided an opportunity for input from the board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Stromberg
2. Mr. Shelton
3. Member Nakhleh

The final presentation will be presented for approval at the June 25, 2025 regular meeting.

No action was taken on this item.

5.b. [19710-25](#) Annual Review of the Utilities Assistance Program (UAP)

Ms. Joann Gentry, Deputy Utility Manager - Finance & Administration presented. A copy of the presentation was included in the meeting packet.

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

1. Member Stromberg

No action was taken on this item.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for public comment on any topic, there was none. The following individuals spoke:

1. Ms. Laurent commented as a citizen and complemented Gregg Velarde, a member of the GWS field crew for his amazing customer service regarding an issue at her residence.
2. Mr. Reagor also commented as a citizen and asked a clarifying questions about the Utilities Assistance Fund, which Mr. Shelton addressed.

No action was taken on this item.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

APPROVAL

Board of Public Utilities Chair

Date Approved by the Board

Minutes transcribed by: Kathy Casados, Executive Assistant