



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, October 1, 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, October 1, 2025 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: 7 - Members Gibson, Stromberg, Nakhleh, Heavner, Hollingsworth, Shelton, and Laurent

Absent: 0 -

Others present in Chambers:

Suzie Havemann, Council Vice Chair

Thomas Wyman, Assistant County Attorney

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

Kathy Casados, Executive Assistant

Nicholas Nelson, Power System Supervisor

Perry Rutherford, IM Technical Support Specialist

Alex Tafoya, IM Technical Support Specialist

Brenda Smith, Citizen

Richard Cottrell, Citizen

Zoom participants:

Joni Arends, Citizen, Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety

Richard Valerio, Business Operations Manager

1.a. STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

Chair Gibson read the following:

"The matters discussed in the Joint Closed Session with County Council held on September 30, 2025, that began at 4:00 pm, was limited only to the topics specified in the notice of the closed session, and no action was taken on any matter in the closed session. We request that this statement be included in the meeting minutes."

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 Stromberg 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

None scheduled for this meeting.

No action was taken on this item.

5. BUSINESS

5.a. [19584-25.2](#) Update on Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Implementation & Plan for Foxtail Flats

Mr. Ben Olbrich, Deputy Utility Manager - Power Supply presented. A copy of his report and presentations 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 Gibson
2. Joni Arends asked for acronym definitions through Zoom chat
3. Member Stromberg
4. Mr. Shelton
5. Member Nakhleh
6. Member Hollingsworth
7. Member Heavner

No action was taken on this item.

5.b. [20144-25](#) Annual Update - Gas Distribution System

Mr. Clay Moseley, Deputy Utility Manager - GWS Services presented. A copy of his report and presentations 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 Stromberg
2. Member Nakhleh
3. Member Gibson
4. Member Heavner

No action was taken on this item.

5.c. [20145-25a](#) Annual Self Evaluation of the Board of Public Utilities

Chair Gibson asked members if there were any revisions to the proposed 2025 Self-Evaluation Questions. There were no substantive changes. Chair Gibson asked if responses could be differentiated by staff and board members. Ms. Casados responded that she would look into sending the survey to two groups rather than one. Ms. Casados also asked whom should respond to the survey. The board reached a consensus that the survey would be sent to BPU members, the Council Liaison (Council Vice Chair), Council Chair, and DPU senior managers. The survey results are scheduled to be reviewed at the November 19 regular meeting of the BPU.

No action was taken on this item.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for public comment on any topic.

1. Mr. Richard Cottrell, Citizen, resident of Elk Ridge. Suggested that BPU survey be sent to him and other citizens.

No action was taken on this item.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

APPROVAL

Board of Public Utilities Chair

Date Approved by the Board

Minutes transcribed by:
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