

CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Anchorage, Alaska

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Recording Secretary: Sandra Cacy

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wiggin called the Regular Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 4:01 in the boardroom of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., 5601 Electron Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wiggin lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Mark Wiggin, Chair

Sisi Cooper, Vice Chair

Susanne Fleek-Green, Secretary - *via teleconference @ 4:14 p.m.*

Rachel Morse, Treasurer- *via teleconference and in-person*

Dan Rogers, Director

Jim Nordlund, Director- *via teleconference*

Katherine Jernstrom, Director

Guests and Staff Attendance Present:

Arthur Miller

Al Rudeck

Andrew Laughlin

Matthew Clarkson

Dustin Highers

Nick Szymoniak

Julie Hasquet

Josh Travis

Eugene Ori

Dusty Menefee

Katherine Queen

Dan Herrmann

Mark Henspeter

Selena Bailey

Nikki Giordano

Whitney Wilkson

Kate Ayers

Randall Chicola

Zin Narathon

Crystal Enkvist, APA

Bernie Smith, Member

Caroline Grass, Member

Kaylee LaTocha, Member

Richelle Johnson, MOA

Bart Armfield, Consultant

Angela Kuest, HDR

Chennery Fife, Member

Samantha Owen, McMillen

Michael Truex, McMillen

Via Teleconference:

Heather Slocum

Sephanie Huddell

Buddi Richey

Amanda Mankel

Sherri Highers

Matthew Clarkson

John Levy, Member

Mitch Roth, Member

Kevin Duffie, Member

Penny Gage, Member

Fate Putman, Lobbyist

David Parish, Lobbyist

C. *Safety Minute*

Katherine Queen, Manager, Safety, presented the *Safety Minute: Why Do Good People Do Unsafe Things?* Including year-to-date safety information and responded to questions from the Board.

D. *Electric Power Factoid*

Andrew Laughlin, Chief Operating Officer, presented the *Electric Power Factoid: Prioritization of Capital Projects* and responded to questions from the Board.

Director Fleek-Green joined the meeting telephonically at 4:14 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Jernstrom moved, and Director Cooper seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Mitch Roth, Member, commented that he would like to hear more about the status of Beluga Solar and where we are with the LNG imports. Mr. Roth also thanked staff and the Board for their participation at the recent Member Advisory Council (MAC) meeting. Bernie Smith, Member, commented on his thoughts on the LNG imports as well as updated the Board on the recent MAC meeting and his thoughts on the House Energy Hearing today and the RCA meetings.

IV. DIRECTOR REPORTS

A. *Alaska Power Association (APA) Report*

Crystal Enkvist, Executive Director, Alaska Power Association, provided an update on APA activities, and upcoming events such as the Legislative Conference, the Safety Summit, and the Alaska Lineman Safety Workshop then responded to questions from the Board.

B. *Board Committee Reports (Audit & Finance, Operations & Governance)*

Director Morse reported that the Audit & Finance Committee had not met since December 3, 2025, and will meet next on April 8, 2026.

Director Nordlund reported on the Operations Committee Meeting on January 21, 2026.

Director Jernstrom reported that the Governance Committee had not met meeting since last Board meeting and that the next Governance Committee meeting would be March 18, 2026.

C. *Other Meeting Reports*

Director Nordlund reported on the NRECA Winter School for Directors he is currently attending an encouraged other directors to attend in the future.

Director Morse reported to the Board on the three NWPPA meetings she attended this month, the Executive Committee Meeting, the Resolution Committee Meeting, and the CEO Task Force Meeting.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Board Calendar

B. Training and Conferences

1. *APA Legislative Conference, February 3 - 5, 2026, Juneau, AK*
2. *NWPPA Board of Trustees Meeting, February 18 – 20, 2026, Vancouver, WA*
3. *NRECA PowerXchange, March 6 - 11, 2026, Nashville, TN*
4. *NWPPA Board of Trustees Meeting & Annual Meeting, May 18 – 21, 2026, Spokane, WA*
5. *NHA Alaska Regional Meeting, May 18 – 19, 2026, Anchorage AK*
6. *Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference, May 19 – 21, 2026, Anchorage, AK*

C. Minutes

1. *December 10, 2025, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting (Richey)*

D. Elections Committee Liaison

E. Director Expenses

Director Expenses were provided in the Board Packet.

Director Morse moved, and Director Rogers seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Morse requested a change to the Board Calendar for the May 20, 2026 Audit & Finance Committee Meeting and Director Cooper requested the dates be corrected on item V.B.6. in the Agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. CEO REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Community Outreach Update (Hasquet)

Julie Hasquet, Sr. Manager, Corporate Communications, presented a community outreach update and responded to questions from the Board.

B. October 2025 Financial statements & Variance Report (S. Highers)

Sherri Highers, Chief Financial Officer, reported on the October 2025 Financials and responded to questions from the Board.

C. 2026 Legislative Update (Baker)

Trish Baker, Sr. Manager, Government Affairs, discussed updates in the Legislature as well as the upcoming Legislative Conference in Juneau, AK and responded to questions from the Board.

D. Decarbonization Program Update (D. Highers/Rudeck)

Dustin Highers, VP, Corporate Programs, gave an update on the Decarbonization Program and responded to questions from the Board.

E. Milestones and Key Priority Areas (Miller)

Arthur Miller, Chief Executive Officer, went over the Milestones and Key Priority Areas for Chugach and responded to questions from the Board.

F. Board Policy Scheduled Tasks/Reports (Miller)

Arthur Miller, Chief Executive Officer, discussed current Board Policy Scheduled Tasks and responded to questions from the Board.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (NONE)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (SCHEDULED)

A. 2026 Contract Approvals (Travis)*

Josh Travis, VP, Technology and Corporate Services, refreshed the Board on the 2026 Contracts that needed their approval and responded to questions from the Board.

Director Morse moved, and Director Cooper seconded the motion that the Chugach Electric Association, Inc. Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to approve the 2026 RDI contract at a cost not to exceed \$2,568,500, the 2026 Carlos Tree Services contract at a cost not to exceed \$5,000,000, the 2026 CTG contract at a cost not to exceed \$3,487,000, and the 2026 GE Packaged Power SPP CSA contract at a cost not to exceed \$6,900,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Rogers excused himself from the vote for familial reasons.

B. 35kV Cable Purchase (Travis)*

Josh Travis, VP, Technology and Corporate Services, discussed the 35kV Cable Purchase and responded to questions from the Board.

Director Cooper moved, and Director Morse seconded the motion that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to approve the 35kV cable purchase requisition and subsequent purchase order to Wesco / Anixter Power Solutions in the amount of \$2,030,332.48. The motions passed unanimously.

IX. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director comments were made at this time.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recess (15 Minutes)

A. Legislative Strategic Initiatives (Baker)

B. Hydro Projects Regulatory and Permitting (D. Highers/Ori/McMillen)

C. Gas Supply

At 7:14 p.m. Director Cooper moved, and Director Jernstrom seconded the motion pursuant to Alaska Statute 10.25.175(c)(1) and (3), the Board of Directors go into executive session to: 1) discuss and receive reports regarding matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the cooperative; and 2) discuss with its attorneys matters the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the legal position of the cooperative. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Rogers left the meeting during Executive Session.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 9:16 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:17 p.m. Director Jernstrom moved, and Director Cooper seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Rogers was not present at the time of the vote.



Susanne Fleek-Green, Secretary
Date Approved: February 25, 2026