

CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Anchorage, Alaska

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

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 4:00 p.m. 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

Susanne Fleek-Green, Secretary

Rachel Morse, Treasurer

Bettina Chastain, Director *via teleconference*

Dan Rogers, Director

Jim Nordlund, Director *via teleconference, arrived at 4:15 p.m.*

Sisi Cooper, Director

Guests and Staff Attendance Present:

Arthur Miller

Josh Travis

Adam Lutchansky

Sherri Highers

Grace Johnston

Crystal Enkvist, APA

Matt Clarkson

Daniel Herrmann

Bart Armfield, Consultant

Andrew Laughlin

Sean Skaling

Steve Gerlek, Consultant

Allan Rudeck

Eric Boyette

Cindy Kinard, Member

Trish Baker

Emily Mueller

Wray Kinard, Member

Julie Hasquet

Kate Ayers

Bill Herman, Member

Dustin Highers

Paul Millwood

Bernie Smith, Member

Via Teleconference:

Sephanie Huddell

Heather Slocum

Brandy Curtis Richards,

Buddi Richey

Katherine Jernstrom,

Consultant

Debbie Gardino

Member

Mitch Roth, Member

Amanda Mankel

C. Safety Minute

Eric Boyette, Senior Manager of HSE, presented the *Safety Minute: Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment*, including the year-to-date safety information and responded to questions from the Board.

D. Electric Power Factoid

Kate Ayers, Senior Manager, Key Accounts & Sustainability, Dustin Highers, VP, Corporate Programs, and Adam Lutchansky, Manager, Decarbonization Program, presented the *Electric Power Factoid: Community Solar*, introduced the Retherford Solar/Community Solar project and responded to questions from the Board.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Morse moved, and Director Fleek-Green seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

A. Member Comments

1. Bernie Smith, Member, commented on the RCA meeting, specifically the Railbelt reports during the meeting. Mr. Smith also suggested to the Board that a Board Meeting calendar be added to the website and complimented the Chief Financial Officer, Sherri Highers, on her Capital Credit presentation at the February 24, 2025 Bylaws Committee Meeting.
2. Cindy Kinard, Member, brought to the Board's attention the importance of clearing right of ways and easements around power lines.

IV. DIRECTOR REPORTS

A. Alaska Power Association (APA) Report

Crystal Enkvist, Executive Director & Executive Vice President, Alaska Power Association, provided an update on APA activities, and upcoming events. Ms. Enkvist thanked the Board and Chugach Electric for participating in the Juneau Fly-In and then responded to questions from the Board.

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

Director Morse reported that the next scheduled Audit & Finance Committee Meeting will be held April 2, 2025.

Director Fleek-Green reported that the next scheduled Governance Committee Meeting will be held March 5, 2025

Director Nordland reported on the January 29, February 12, and February 17, 2025 Operations Committee Meeting and noted that the next meeting date was in the works.

C. Other Meeting Reports

Director Rogers reported to the Board on the Nominating Committee meeting held February 19, 2025, and noted that there were three candidates for the upcoming Board Election; Sam Cason, Bernie Smith, and Katherine Jernstrom.

Director Morse reported to the Board the take-aways and educational opportunities from the NWPPA meeting she attended the previous week.

Chair Wiggin commented on the APA Legislative Fly-In and noted how much he appreciated the event and the opportunity to attend.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. *Board Calendar*
- B. *Training and Conferences*
 - 1. *NRECA PowerXchange, March 7-12, 2025, Atlanta, GA*
 - 2. *Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference, June 3-5, 2025, Anchorage, AK*
- C. *Minutes*
 - 1. *January 22, 2025, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting (Mankel)*
- D. *Director Expenses*

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

VI. CEO REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. *Legislative Updates (Baker)*

Trish Baker, Senior Manger, Government & Business Affairs, gave a legislative update, reported on a trip senior staff took to the February 24, 2025 Seward Council meeting, and answered questions from the Board.
- B. *Board Policy Scheduled Task List (Board/Staff)*

Arthur Miller, Chief Executive Officer, updated the board on the monthly ERP report, as well as the Seward Power Sales Agreement and answered questions from the Board.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (NONE)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (NONE)

IX. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director comments were made at this time.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. *Gas Supply & Storage Update, Subject to NDA (Rudeck/Herrmann/Armfield/Gerlek)*
- B. *HR Matter (Ori/Laughlin)*
- C. *Legal Updates – LNG Imports (Clarkson)*
- D. *Collective Bargaining Negotiations (Menefee/Millen)*

At 5:13 p.m. Director Morse moved, and Director Rogers seconded the motion that pursuant to Alaska Statute 10.25.175(c)(1), (3) and (4), 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; 2) discuss with its attorneys matters the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the legal position of the cooperative; and 3) discuss personnel matters. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:58 p.m.

XI. NEW BUSINESS (NONE)

XII. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:59 p.m. Director Fleek-Green moved, and Director Morse seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.



Susanne Fleek-Green, Secretary
Date Approved: March 26, 2025