

**CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Anchorage, Alaska**

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

**REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Recording Secretary: Buddi Richey

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Cooper called the Regular Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. in the boardroom of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., 5601 Electron Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

*A. Pledge of Allegiance*

Vice Chair Cooper lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*B. Roll Call*

*Board Members Present:*

Mark Wiggin, Chair - *via teleconference at 4:34 p.m.*

Sisi Cooper, Vice Chair

Susanne Fleek-Green, Secretary - *via teleconference | 4:14 p.m. in-person*

Rachel Morse, Treasurer

Dan Rogers, Director

Jim Nordlund, Director- *via teleconference | 4:13 p.m. in person*

Katherine Jernstrom, Director – *4:07 p.m. via teleconference | 4:13 p.m. in-person*

*Guests and Staff Attendance Present:*

Arthur Miller

Sherri Highers

Andrew Laughlin

Matthew Clarkson

Al Rudeck

Katie Millen

Trish Baker

Nick Szymoniak

Julie Hasquet

Josh Travis

Jake Johnson

Paul Millwood

Dusty Menefee

Katherine Queen

Dan Herrmann

Mark Henspeter

Selena Bailey

Nikki Giordano

Whitney Wilkson

Tim Prior

Eric Fox

Sean Skaling

Michael Rovito, APA

Bernie Smith, Member

Angela Kuest, HDR

Chennery Fife, Member

Kurt Egelhoffer, Member

Sarah Ansbrow, Member

Marnie Isaacs, Member

Declan Farr, Member

Bill Popp, Member

Alex Petkanas, Member

*Via Teleconference:*

Stephanie Huddell

Heather Slocum

Sandra Cacy

Amanda Mankel

Nathan Golab

Penny Gage, Member

George Donart, Member

Mitch Roth, Member

Kevin Duffie, Member

Fate Putman, Lobbyist

David Parish, Lobbyist

C. *Safety Minute*

Katherine Queen, Manager, Safety, presented the *Safety Minute: Dangers of Fatigue in the Workplace*, including year-to-date safety information and responded to questions from the Board.

D. *Electric Power Factoid*

Jake Johnston, Manager, Maintenance & Construction, presented the *Electric Power Factoid: A Day In the Life of A Lineman* and responded to questions from the Board.

*Director Fleek-Green, Director Jernstrom and Director Nordlund joined the meeting in person at 4:13 p.m.*

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Director Fleek-Green noted on record that she would not be participating in the Eklutna portion of Executive Session and would excuse herself from the room.

*Director Wiggin was not present at the time of the vote.*

**III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

Bernie Smith, Member, thanked the Lineman for their service and commented on HB 369, mentioned the Bylaws committee meeting and that they voted on option 1 and requested the topic of Eklutna be discussed in the public session.

Mitch Roth, Member, commented on the bylaws and the membership fee. Mitch also wanted to know when Chugach is bringing Eklutna discussions in open sessions.

*Director Wiggin joined the meeting telephonically at 4:34 p.m.*

**IV. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

A. *Alaska Power Association (APA) Report*

Michael Rovito, Deputy Director, Alaska Power Association, provided an update on APA activities, and events such as the Legislative Conference, the Safety Summit, the Alaska Lineman Safety Workshop, and AKCare 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 that the next meeting will be April 8, 2026.

Director Nordlund reported on the Operations Committee held January 21, 2026, and that the next meeting will be March 18, 2026.

Director Jernstrom reported on the Governance Committee held February 18, 2026, and that the next meeting will be March 18, 2026.

C. *Other Meeting Reports*

Director Rogers reported on the Nominating Committee, noting that all the candidates were passed for Candidate Forum. Candidate Forum is on Monday, May 4, 2026.

Director Nordlund also discussed the Bylaw items on the agenda.

Director Fleek-Green updated the Board on the Elections Committee and noted the next meeting will be in early March, but the date has yet to be set.

Director Jernstrom also reported the next MAC meeting would not be until April 21, 2026.

Director Morse reported on the NWPPA Board of Trustees Meeting, that she attended February 18 through 20, 2026, in Vancouver, WA. Director Morse was also invited to attend the DC Fly in with Northwest Public Power Association.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. *Board Calendar*

B. *Training and Conferences*

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

C. *Bylaw Changes*

1. *Revisions for Grammar, Formatting, and Repealed Sections*

D. *Board Policy Updates*

1. *BP 602 – Appointment of Standing and Ad HOC Committee Members*

E. *Cents of Community*

F. *Minutes*

1. *January 28, 2026, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting (Cacy)*

G. *Director Expenses*

Director Expenses were provided in the Board Packet.

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

VI. **CEO REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

A. *Community Outreach Update (Hasquet)*

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

B. *2026 Legislative Update (Baker)*

Trish Baker, Sr. Manager, Government Affairs, David Parish, Lobbyist, and Fate Putnam, Lobbyist, reported the updates in the Legislature with the upcoming Legislative Conference in Juneau, AK and responded to questions from the Board.

- C. *November 2025 Financial Statements & Variance Report (Millwood)*  
Paul Millwood, VP, Finance & Accounting, reported on the November 2025 Financials and responded to questions from the Board.
- D. *Under Frequency Load Shed Event (Laughlin)*  
Andrew Laughlin, Chief Operating Officer, reported on the Under Frequency Load Shed Event and responded to questions from the Board.
- E. *Gas Supply Update (Rudeck/Clarkson/Herrmann)*  
Al Rudeck, Chief Strategic Officer, and Dan Herrmann, Manager, Natural Gas and Energy Resources, reported on the Gas Supply Update for Chugach and responded to questions from the Board.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (NONE)**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS (SCHEDULED)**

- A. *Cooper Landing Operations Center\*\* (Travis/Laughlin)*  
Andrew Laughlin, Chief Operating Officer, and Josh Travis, VP, Technology and Corporate Services, discussed the budget of the construction of the Cooper Landing Operations Center.

Director Jernstrom moved, and Director Nordland seconded the motion that the Chugach Electric Association, Inc. Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with F&W Construction Company, Inc. in the amount set forth in the competitive bid summary, and to take all actions necessary to effectuate and complete the Cooper Landing Operations Center project, with a total estimated cost of \$9,767,044. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. *Bylaw Changes (Wilkson)*

- 1. *Membership Fee Adjustment*

- Whitney Wilkson, Associate General Counsel, discussed the Bylaw changes and Membership Fee Adjustment for Chugach and responded to questions from the Board.

- Director Jernstrom moved, and Director Nordland seconded the motion that the Board take back to the Bylaws Committee a suggestion to change the Articles and Bylaws to remove any nominal amounts and bring forth that the Board has at its discretion the ability to adjust non-refundable membership fee. The motion passed unanimously.

**IX. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director comments were made at this time.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Recess 15-minutes)**

- A. *Eklutna (Laughlin/Hasquet/Glass)*
- B. *Gas Supply Update (Rudeck/Clarkson/Herrmann)*

At 7:07 p.m. Director Jernstrom moved, and Director Nordlund 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 Fleek-Green moved, and Director Jernstrom 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: March 25, 2026