

CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Anchorage, Alaska

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Recording Secretary: Heather Slocum

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

Sisi Cooper, Vice Chair – *via teleconference and in-person*

Susanne Fleek-Green, Secretary

Rachel Morse, Treasurer

Dan Rogers, Director

Jim Nordlund, Director – *via teleconference*

Katherine Jernstrom, Director

Guests and Staff Attendance Present:

Arthur Miller

Katherine Queen

Crystal Enkvist, APA

Matthew Clarkson

Kate Ayers

Chris Kholer, Consultant

Andrew Laughlin

Dusty Menefee

Bernie Smith, Member

Al Rudeck

Nikki Giordano

Carl Berger, Member

Katie Millen

Emily Mueller

Bob Gerik, Member

Trish Baker

Nayana Niglye

Kate Petosky, Member

Nick Szymoniak

Paul Millwood

Declan Farr, Alaska Center

Peyton Johnson

Eugene Ori

Alex Baker, IBEW 1547

Darvin Thornton

Sean Skaling

Penny Gage, Member

Dan Herrmann

Bart Armfield, Consultant

Angela Kuest, HDR

Via Teleconference:

Stephanie Huddell

Amanda Mankel

Josh Resnick

Buddi Richey

Julie Hasquet

Nathan Golab

Whitney Wilkson

Peyton Reid

Mike Miller

C. Safety Minute

Katherine Queen, Manager, HSE, presented the *Safety Minute: Supervisors Role in Safety*, including year-to-date safety information and responded to questions from the Board.

D. Electric Power Factoid

Kate Ayers, Sr. Manager Key Members & Sustainability, presented the *Electric Power Factoid: Sustainability* and responded to questions from the Board.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

1. Alex Baker, Political Director, IBEW 1547, gave comments on project labor agreements.
2. Carl Berger, Member Advisory Council (MAC) member, commented on the April 21, 2026, MAC meeting and the Anchorage Chamber Make it Monday Forum.
3. Bernie Smith, Member Advisory Council (MAC) member, commented on the Anchorage Chamber Make-it-Monday Forum, the April 21, 2026, MAC meeting, and the undergrounding project.

IV. DIRECTOR REPORTS

A. Alaska Power Association (APA) Report

Crystal Enkvist, Director, Alaska Power Association, provided an update on APA activities and events and responded to questions from the Board.

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

1. Director Morse reported on the Audit & Finance Committee Meeting held April 8, 2026.
2. Director Nordlund reported that the next Operations Committee will be held on May 6, 2026.
3. Director Jernstrom reported on the Governance Committee Meeting held April 15, 2026, and the next meeting will be June 10, 2026.

C. Other Meeting Reports

Director Jernstrom reported on the MAC meeting held April 21, 2026.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Board Calendar

B. Training and Conferences

1. *NWPPA Joint Federal Policy Conference and Rally, April 26-30, 2026, Washington, DC*
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. Minutes

1. *March 25, 2026, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting (Mankel)*

D. 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.

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

VI. CEO REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. *Community Outreach Update (Giordano)*
Nikki Giordano, Manager, Stakeholder Engagement, presented the Community Outreach Update and responded to questions from the Board.
- B. *Legislative Updates (Baker)*
Trish Baker, Sr. Manager, Government Affairs, presented Legislative Updates and responded to questions from the Board.
- C. *January & February 2026 Financial Dashboards and Financial Statements (Millwood)*
Paul Millwood, VP, Finance & Accounting, presented the January and February 2026 Financial Dashboard and Financial Statements and responded to questions from the Board.
- D. *BRU Performance Report March 2026 (Armfield)*
Bart Armfield, BRU presented the March 2026 BRU Performance Report and responded to questions from the Board.
- E. *Campbell Lake Update*
Andrew Laughlin, Chief Operating Officer, Nayana Niglye, VP Engineering, and Nikki Giordano, Manager, Stakeholder Engagement, provided on the Campbell Lake project and answered questions from the Board.
- F. *Gas Supply Update (Herrmann)*
Dan Herrmann, Manager, Natural Gas and Energy Resources, provided a Gas Supply Update and responded to questions from the Board.

Arthur Miller, Chief Executive Officer, reported to the Board that the 1st Quarter 2026 Safety Report Memo was provided in the Resources folder for their review.

Director Cooper arrived online at 4:42 p.m.

Director Cooper arrived in person at 5:20 p.m.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (NONE)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (SCHEDULED)

- A. *Gambell Undergrounding Project** (Laughlin/Niglye/Thornton)*
Andrew Laughlin, COO, Nayana Niglye, VP, Engineering, and Darvin Thornton, Sr. Manager, Distribution, Design, and Construction, presented the Gambell Undergrounding Project, and responded to questions from the Board.

Director Jernstrom moved, and Director Morse seconded the motion that the Chugach Electric Association, Inc. Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to acquire, construct, and install the Gambell Street Title 21 Undergrounding Project at a total estimated cost of \$11,000,000, contingent upon execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Transportation providing for reimbursement of approximately \$1,000,000, in all material respects, resulting in a net cost to Chugach of \$10,000,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Fleek-Green abstained from the vote due to a potential conflict of interest.

B. Unit 9, Sullivan Project (Laughlin/Ori)**

Andrew Laughlin, Chief Operating Officer, and Eugene Ori, VP, Power Production presented the Unit 9, Sullivan Project and answered questions from the Board.

Director Morse moved, and Director Rogers seconded the motion that the Chugach Electric Association, Inc. Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract increase of \$4,800,000 with TransCanada Turbines, Ltd. to a new Not to Exceed amount of \$13,900,000 to accommodate additional repairs for Sullivan's LM6000, Unit 9, and to increase the total Project Authorization from \$9,200,000 to \$14,000,000. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Kincaid Substation (Laughlin/Niglye)**

Andrew Laughlin, Chief Operating Officer, and Nayana Niglye, VP, Engineering, presented the Kincaid Substation Project and answered questions from the Board.

Director Fleek-Green moved, and Director Rogers seconded the motion that the Chugach Electric Association, Inc. Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to procure, construct, and install the Kincaid Substation at an estimated total cost of \$23,900,000 and with an estimated completion in 2028. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director comments were made at this time.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Recess 15-minutes)

- A. *McMillen Task Order Contract (Ori)*
- B. *Gas Supply Update (Rudeck/Herrmann)*

At 6:46 p.m. Director Cooper moved, and Director Rogers 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.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:55 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 p.m. Director Morse moved, and Director Jernstrom seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.



Susanne Fleek-Green, Secretary

Date Approved: May 27, 2026