



Orcas Power & Light Cooperative
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 18, 2025

Streaming through Zoom attendees were Board members Vince Dauciunas, Mark Madsen, Tom Osterman, Jerry Whitfield, Chuks Onwuneme, Brian Silverstein and Wendy Hiester. Staff present were General Manager Foster Hildreth; Manager of Engineering and Operations Russell Guerry; Manager of Finance Travis Neal; Communications Manager Krista Bouchey; Manager of Member Services, Joey Wyckoff; Communications Specialist Johanna Lange and Special Projects Office Coordinator Beth Stanford (serving as recording secretary). Also present were Legal Counsel Joel Paisner, and consultant Jay Kimball.

Members in attendance: Cyndi Smith, Rick Fant, Amber Smith, Andrew Munson, Barbara Pesola, Elisabeth Robson, Heather Nicholson, Jason (San Juan County Noxious Weed), Todd Goldsmith, Terry Lundeen, Virginia Schwedler

Meeting commenced at 8:44 AM

Member Comment Period: Chris Wolfe shared thoughts from the Town Hall meetings including requesting OPALCO utilize Net Metering; Elisabeth Robson spoke about reserving native vegetation when clearing under power lines; Cyndi Smith from Lopez spoke about her concerns over noxious weeds on Richardson Rd; Jason from SJC said he is optimistic about working with OPALCO and resolving the noxious weed issue.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION was made by Madsen to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Silverstein and passed unanimously by voice vote.

BOARD AND ANNUAL MEETING DATES 2026 – Staff presented the proposed dates and format for the 2026 Board and Annual Meeting dates. Discussion ensued.

MOTION was made to approve the dates and locations of the 2026 Meetings and Annual Member Festival dates by Silverstein and seconded by Madsen and passed unanimously by voice vote.

2025 Audit and Tax Engagement Letters:

MOTION was made by Madsen, to authorize General Manager Foster Hildreth to execute the letters, seconded by Silverstein and passed by voice vote with a recusal from Director Onwuneme.



DISCUSSION ITEMS

Renewable Energy Community Meetings

Staff gave an update on the Renewable Energy Meetings held on the three main islands. They reported on community participation, feedback on proposed projects, and the next steps for advancing renewable initiatives.

REPORTS

Staff reviewed reports, dashboards, grant and budget tracking, ongoing cooperative-wide safety measures and training, and projects.

Regular Session ended: 9:39 AM

Executive Session: 10 AM to 10:49 AM

Meeting Closed: 10:50 AM

Vince Dauciunas

Vince Dauciunas, President

Tom Osterman

Tom Osterman, Secretary-Treasurer

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