



Orcas Power & Light Cooperative
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2026

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; Communications Specialist Johanna Lange; Manager of Member Services Joey Wyckoff; staff members Katherine Santos Santana and Taylor Smith, 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: Barbara Pesola, Rich Goodhart, Annette Richardson, Conor Anderson, Laura Stern, Rick Fant, and Norris Palmer

Meeting commenced at 8:33 AM

Member Comment Period: Rick Fant commented on the excellent candidate turnout for this election cycle and gave a shoutout to OPALCO communications.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Member Service Policy 3 – Technical Provisions

MOTION was made by Whitfield to approve Member Service Policy 3 – Technical Provisions, seconded by Silverstein and passed unanimously by voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Pacific Northwest Electrical Grid

Board President, Vince Dauciunas, gave an update on the Pacific Northwest Electrical Grid. Discussion ensued.

Decatur Solar Expansion – Project Update

Staff shared information about the Decatur Solar Project. The matter remains pending before the hearing examiner. More information will be shared at the April 2026 Board Meeting.

2026 – 2031 Construction

The General Manager shared 2025 highlights and successes for both OPALCO and Rock Island. Discussion ensued.

2025 Year-End Unaudited Financials

Staff reviewed notable economics of the year-end financial report including revenue, expense and energy charge adjustment metrics.



REPORTS

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

Regular Session ended: 10:56 AM

Executive Session: 11:05 AM to 12:02 PM

Meeting Closed: 12:02 PM

Special Closed Meeting: 12:02 PM to 1:07 PM

Vince Dauciunas

Vince Dauciunas, President

Tom Osterman

Tom Osterman, Secretary-Treasurer

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