



Orcas Power & Light Cooperative
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2026

Streaming through Zoom attendees were Board members, Wendy Hiester, Laura Derevensky, Mark Madsen, Tom Osterman, and Brian Silverstein. Staff present were General Manager Foster Hildreth; Manager of Engineering and Operations Russell Guerry; Communications Manager Krista Bouchey; Manager of Technical Services, Megan O'Connor; Manager of Finance and Member Services Travis Neal; Special Projects Office Coordinator Beth Stanford (serving as recording secretary), OPALCO employees: Katherine Santos Santana, Adrienne Bourne, and Taylor Smith. Also present were Legal Counsel Joel Paisner, consultant Jay Kimball; Alan Smith, Craig Hanson & Fredrick Vaught from Rock Island Communications.

Members in attendance: Jill Rullkoetter, William Hurley, Alan Mizuta, Norris Palmer, Dave Thaler, Denis Jenkins, Chom Greacen, Michael Riordan, and Dawni Cunningham.

Meeting commenced at 8:56 AM

Member Comment Period: Member comments were received during the open comment period. A full recording of this portion of the meeting is available on the OPALCO website.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

WRECA VOTING DELEGATES

MOTION was made by Madsen to nominate Wendy Hiester as a voting delegate for Washington Rural Electric Cooperative Association (WRECA), and Jerry Whitfield as the alternate, seconded by Silverstein, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

BYLAW UPDATE

MOTION was made by Silverstein to approve the amended bylaw language, seconded by Hiester, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2026 Meeting Schedule Review

The board reviewed the remainder of the 2026 meeting schedule.

Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update – Load Forecast Review – Part Two

Staff reviewed the second installment of OPALCO's Integrated Resource Plan, covering load forecasting and how the 20-year plan drives the construction work plan and annual capital budget. Staff explained that the IRP framework traces back to federal cooperative regulations from the 1930s and gives the board clear, defensible direction on infrastructure decisions based on demonstrated member need.

REPORTS



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

Regular Session ended: 11:33 AM

Break: 10:40 AM – 10:50 AM

Executive Session: 11:33 AM – 1:40 PM

Meeting Closed: 1:40 PM

Tom Osterman , President

Wendy Hiester, Secretary-Treasurer

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