

Berkeley Electric Cooperative  
Board Meeting  
June 23, 2025  
Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Monday, June 23, at 1:00 P.M.** at the Moncks Corner Headquarters.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman DeWitt, and Mr. Gourdine gave the invocation, and we stood to honor the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Trustees were present:

<b>Henry H. Chavis, Sr.</b>	<b>Bob Jenkins</b>	<b>Connie Shuler</b>
<b>Willis Sanders</b>	<b>H. Wayne DeWitt</b>	<b>Lee Clayton</b>
<b>Sam Gourdine</b>	<b>Sheila Powell</b>	

Mr. Robert Vandross attended via téléphone. President & CEO Michael S. Fuller, Executive Administrator Ashley Edens, and the following staff: VP of Finance Joel Stevens, VP of Public Relations Tony Vincent, Director of Marketing and Communications Libby Roerig, Director of Line Construction and Maintenance Services Adam Bradshaw, Director of Key Accounts and Government Relations Bert Walling, VP of Information Technology Amy Langdon, Director of Energy Services Eddie Plowden as well as General Counsel John B. Williams. CEO and President of the South Carolina Power Team James Chavez attended and presented to the Board.

Chairman DeWitt called for approval of minutes from the May board meeting which was held on May 19, 2025. Upon motion by Mr. Clayton seconded by Mr. Vandross, and unanimously passed; it was

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the minutes of the May 19, 2025, board meeting, as presented.**

## **Committee Reports**

### **ECSC Board Report-Mr. Sanders**

Mr. Sanders stated that there was an ECSC board meeting this month on June 4, 2025, it was held at the Summer Conference at Isle of Palms. Mr. Sanders covered a few items that were discussed at the meeting. The Communications Committee reported that ECSC's summer youth trips have seen their highest level of attendance since before COVID-19. The Washington Tour will take 71 students to the nation's capital in June, and Cooperative Youth Summit will bring 52 students to Columbia in July.

### **CEEUS Board Report-Mr. Gourdine**

Mr. Gourdine stated they met for the CEEUS board meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Gourdine reviewed over a couple slides that were covered at the CEEUS board meeting this month.

### **Central Report-Mr. DeWitt**

Mr. DeWitt said there was no Central Board meeting this month, they will meet on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Financial Report-Mr. Stevens**

Mr. Stevens reviewed the financial reports from April 2025. Mr. Stevens reviewed portions of the statement of operations and the balance on the Form 7.

### **Lighting Rate, Revision, Restructure and Time-of-Use Rate Restructure-Mr. Stevens**

Mr. Fuller and Mr. Stevens discussed the proposed lighting rate changes and reorganization. The change will be from 254 existing lighting rates to 8 classes based on lumen output. The average increase is 9.8% effective January 1, 2026. Also discussed, experimental demand rates 80-83 will revert back to time-of-use KWH rates, with no rate increase this will be effective July 1, 2025. After discussion, Mr. Chavis made a motion, and Mr. Gourdine seconded the motion to adopt rate revision and restructure and Time-of -Use restructure.

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approve the recommended Lighting Rates and Time-Of-Use restructuring as submitted (see attached documents for reference).**

### **President/CEO Reports-Mr. Fuller**

Mr. Fuller gave an update on several things we have going on at the Cooperative. Berkeley just recently hosted 43 local teachers as part of STEMersion, a weeklong learning experience that showcasing job paths for STEM students at various local businesses. We are actively working with Santee Cooper on monitoring the load with the temperatures spiking high these coming weeks. They will keep us abreast of any critical load issues. The staff group visited a cooperative in Arkansas to see things through a different lens. That cooperative was the same size as Berkeley.

### **Cyber Security Certification- Mrs. Langdon**

Mrs. Langdon presented the Board with the Cyber Security Level 1 Certificate. There are 10 things that need to be implemented to achieve this and Berkeley has already completed it and received this award. Mrs. Langdon said that we are now working on level 2.

### **Presentation of Leadership Certificate-Mrs. Halverson and Mrs. Crow**

Mrs. Halverson presented the following employee's certificates for completing all leadership courses: Eglaen Carrizales, Lael Ford, Tameka Palmer, Peyton Dress, Brandon Hart, Joseph Barfield, Kaylen Kent, Hayley Coleman, Sheila Bodiford.

### **Executive Session**

The Chairman then called for an Executive session and upon motion by Mr. Gourdine seconded by Mr. Chavis and unanimously passed, the Board went into Executive Session. There was a contractual matter discussed. Upon a motion by Mr. Gourdine, Mr. Sanders seconded and unanimously passed the Board came out of Executive Session. Upon motion by Mr. Clayton seconded by Mr. Chavis, and unanimously passed; it was

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc. has awarded Down Under Directional Boring the Kiawah Regulation Station Project. The labor-only contract total amount is \$275,000.00. The materials are to be furnished by Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

### **Attorney Report-Mr. Williams**

Mr. Williams discussed a few legal cases that he is working on and there was no action needed.

### **Appoint Nominating Committee-Mr. Williams**

General Counsel John B. Williams brought it to the attention of the Board that the 2025 Nominating Committee needed to be appointed. Upon motion by Mr. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Sanders and unanimously passed; it was

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby appoints the following members to serve on the 2025 Nominating Committee: The three incumbents running for re-election (District 2, 4 and 8) did not name anyone to the Nominating Committee.**

<b>District 1</b>	<b>Mrs. Patricia Casey</b>	<b>District 6</b>	<b>Mr. Joe L. Wade</b>
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District 2	Mrs. Marcella Smalls	District 7	Lynn Dehay
District 3	Mrs. Tamera Barnette	District 8	Mr. Tim Nixon
District 4	Mrs. Peggy Williams	District 9	Mr. Ryan Rushton
District 5	Mr. Mavon Jernigan Jr.		

**District 4 Trust Board Appointment-Mr. Williams**

Mr. Williams advised the Chairman that the Board needed to appoint a Trustee for District 4 for the Berkeley Electric Trust Board. Upon motion by Mr. Chavis, seconded by Mr. Gourdine and unanimously passed; it was

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Gregory Green to serve as Trustee for District 4 for the Berkeley Electric Trust Board.**

**New Business-**

The Chairman then called for new business. There was none.

**Old Business – None.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn.



H. Wayne DeWitt, Chairman



Connie Shuler, Secretary



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## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Connie B. Shuler , do hereby certify that: I am Secretary of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter called the "Cooperative"); the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Cooperative at a meeting held on June 23, 2025 and entered in the minute book of the Cooperative; the meeting was duly called and due notice thereof given in accordance with the Bylaws of the Cooperative, and said resolution has not been rescinded or modified:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Cooperative this 23rd day of June 2025.

Connie Shuler  
Secretary

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# RG Rider: Allow TOU Rates

Have never allowed net metering on TOU rates

NISC can now accommodate

Recommend allowing for TOU members who wish to have renewable generation

Implement 7/1/2025



# Lighting Rate Revision and Restructure

- Final step of Toth electric rate study
- 254 current lighting rates
- Reorganize and consolidate to 8 classes – based on lumen output
- 9.8% average increase. Toth recommended 18%. \$800k revenue.
- Implement 1/1/2026 – time to communicate

Class	Description	Pole Type			
		Existing	Wood	Fiberglass	Aluminum
1	Lumens <10,000 LED and <20,000 Non-LED	\$ 11.01	\$ 14.94	\$ 20.74	\$ 24.56
2	Lumens 10,000 - 20,000 LED and 20,000 - 50,000 Non-LED	\$ 25.25	\$ 30.31	\$ 35.35	\$ 49.83
3	Lumens >20,000 LED and >50,000 Non-LED	\$ 46.22	\$ 50.76	\$ 63.94	
4	Specialty Lights < 30,000 Lumens			\$ 20.15	
5	Specialty Lights > 30,000 Lumens			\$ 65.18	
6	Specialty Lights Acorn			\$ 27.61	\$ 37.24
7	Buydown - Lumens <20,000 LED and <20,000 Non-LED	\$ 9.13		\$ 10.10	\$ 15.77
8	Buydown - Lumens >20,000 LED and >20,000 Non-LED	\$ 22.50	\$ 23.54	\$ 24.11	\$ 27.03



# Experimental Demand Rates – Revert back to Time-of Use (TOU)



Converted all TOU rates (on/off peak kWh) to Demand rates (kW)



NISC cannot handle billing for prepaid accounts



Recommend reverting back to TOU structure



Rates are optional – free to switch to regular rate.



Implement 7/1/2025