

Berkeley Electric Cooperative
Board Meeting
July 28, 2025
Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Monday, July 28, 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:

Henry H. Chavis, Sr.	Bob Jenkins	Connie Shuler
Willis Sanders	H. Wayne DeWitt	Lee Clayton
Sam Gourdine		

Mr. Robert Vandross attended via telephone. 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, Vice President of Operations Tommy Harvey, Public Relations Specialist Yajaira Bess as well as General Counsel John B. Williams. Mrs. Dana Jenkins brought in the Youth Tour and Youth Submit students that was chosen to attend those events.

Chairman DeWitt called for approval of minutes from the June board meeting which was held on June 23rd, 2025. Upon motion by Mr. Clayton seconded by Mr. Chavis, and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the minutes of the June 23rd , 2025, board meeting, as presented.

ACRE Fund Request-Mrs. Bess

Mrs. Bess discussed the benefits of donating to the ACRE fund and thanked everyone for their prior year contributions. Mrs. Bess stated that the deadline to contribute would be by August 8th this would allow her enough time to mail it in.

Committee Reports

Central Report-Mr. DeWitt

Mr. DeWitt said that the Central board met on July 9th. The board summary report is uploaded to your CTO for review if you have any questions, please let him know.

Audit Committee-Mr. Sanders

Mr. Sanders stated that the audit committee met and there were no discrepancies.

Financial Report-Mr. Stevens

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

Capital Credit Retirement Proposal-Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens proposes paying out capital credit retirements to members that have moved away.

This would be discounted to present value just like the estate retirement. The change in the bylaws back in 2022 will allow this and this process will be done yearly.

President/CEO Reports-Mr. Fuller

Mr. Fuller gave an update on several events we have coming up. Berkeley will be hosting a job fair on August 5th from 10-2pm. We are participating in several Back-to-School drives. Mike announced that Tony Simmons, who has agreed to come out of retirement to serve members as our new Vice President of Strategy and Development. In his new VP role, Tony will help streamline processes across departments, evaluate and integrate new technology, and work with the co-op's leadership team to set and implement organization goals, policies, and procedures. He will also assist in educating new managers on our cooperative culture and foundational leadership principles.

Underground Vegetation Maintenance Project- Mr. Bradshaw

Mr. Bradshaw discussed the process of this project, and this has been approved in the budget for 2025. This is just for information no motion was needed.

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 discussion on a matter, but no motion was needed. Upon a motion by Mr. Gourdine, Mr. Sanders seconded and unanimously passed the Board came out of Executive Session.

Attorney Report-Mr. Williams

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

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.

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H. Wayne DeWitt, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Connie Shuler", written over a horizontal line.

Connie Shuler, Secretary