

Berkeley Electric Cooperative  
Board Meeting  
May 19, 2025  
Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Monday, May 19, at 1:00 P.M.** at the Moncks Corner Headquarters.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman DeWitt, and Mr. Fuller 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>Robert Vandross</b>	<b>Bob Jenkins</b>
<b>Willis Sanders</b>	<b>H. Wayne DeWitt</b>	<b>Lee Clayton</b>
<b>Sam Gourdine</b>	<b>Sheila Powell</b>	<b>Connie Shuler</b>

President & CEO Michael S. Fuller, Executive Administrator Ashley Edens, and the following staff: VP of Finance Joel Stevens, as well as General Counsel John B. Williams.

Chairman DeWitt called for approval of minutes from the April board meeting which was held on April 21, 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 April 21, 2025, board meeting, as presented.**

**Committee Reports**

**ECSC Board Report-Mr. Sanders**

Mr. Sanders stated that there was no ECSC board meeting this month.

**CEEUS Board Report-Mr. Gourdine**

Mr. Gourdine stated that there was no CEEUS board meeting this month.

**Central Report-Mr. DeWitt**

Mr. DeWitt discussed several topics that were discussed at the Central Board Meeting. Berl Davis discussed the Power Team Board appointments resulting from expired terms. Mr. Davis also reminded everyone to complete the CEO annual evaluation. Mr. Lowder provided the Santee Cooper Board update and reviewed the new appointments to the Santee Cooper Board.

**Audit Committee Report-Mr. Sanders**

The committee reviewed the expense reports, and the credit card statements and there were no discrepancies.

**Financial Report-Mr. Stevens**

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

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

Mr. Fuller thanked everyone for their time and effort in the Board and Staff Strategic Planning meeting last week with Bryan Singletary. Mr. Fuller stated that it was a very productive meeting, and we are always striving to get better.

**Executive Session**

The Chairman then called for an Executive session and upon motion by Mr. Vandross seconded by Mr. Clayton 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 Mrs. Shuler seconded by Mr. Vandross, and unanimously passed; it was

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves awarding the 2025-2029 Underground Line Extension and Improvement contract to Sumter Utilities. This is a labor only contract and the total amount is \$25,000,000.00. 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.

**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 May 19, 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:

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc., has awarded to Sumter Utilities, Inc., the 2025-2029 Underground Line extension and Improvement Contract. This labor only contract total amount is \$25,000,000.00. The materials are to be furnished by Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Cooperative this 19th day of May 2025.



Connie Shuler  
Secretary

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