

Berkeley Electric Cooperative
Board Meeting
April 21, 2025
Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Monday, April 21, at 1:00 P.M.** at the Moncks Corner Headquarters.

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

President & CEO Michael S. Fuller, Executive Administrator Ashley Edens, and the following staff: VP of Finance Joel Stevens, VP of Member Amy Langdon, VP of Operations Tommy Harvey as well as General Counsel John B. Williams. Jason Smith from Boy Scouts of America was present and gave a plaque to Mr. Fuller to show their appreciation of the strong community commitment that Berkeley Electric Cooperative has demonstrated over the years.

Chairman DeWitt called for approval of minutes from the March's board meeting which was held on March 24, 2025. Upon motion by Mr. Chavis seconded by Mr. Clayton, and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the minutes of March 24, 2025, board meeting, as presented.

Committee Reports

Central Board Report-Mr. DeWitt

There was no report this month.

ECSC Board Report-Mr. Sanders

The ECSC Board meeting was held on April 3rd and Mr. Sanders discussed a few items that were discussed during the board meeting. Tri-County Electric Cooperative trustee Ida Dixon was seated on the board, replacing William Robinson. Vice President of Education and Events Caroline Robinson announced that students from Black River Electric Cooperative and Berkeley Electric Cooperative are the winners of this year's Children's Book Challenge. Mrs. Robinson then previewed the 2025 Washington Legislative Conference. The association's goals for this year's rally are to build relationships, have a big presence at each of the meetings on the agenda, and to have attendees stay as long as possible on the final day of the conference. The next ECSC board meeting will be held at the ECSC Summer Conference.

Annual Meeting Committee Report-Mr. Vandross

Mr. Vandross discussed that the committee meet prior to the board meeting and made the recommendation to take the proposed dates to the full Board. The drive through voting schedule proposed was November 12th in the Awendaw District, November 13th in the Johns Island District, November 18th and 19th in the Moncks Corner District. See the attached notes from the Annual Meeting Committee meeting. Upon motion by Mrs. Shuler is seconded by Mr. Gourdine, and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the recommendation for the Annual Meeting dates that was proposed to the Board of Trustees.

Financial Report-Mr. Stevens

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

President/CEO Reports-Mr. Fuller

Mr. Fuller mentioned that the Board and Staff Strategic Planning meeting will be held on May 15th and 16th at the Lowcountry Conference Center in Summerville. Mr. Fuller stated that the 5K Race raised \$52,000 for teacher grants. There have been several community meetings that Mr. Fuller has attended and Mr. Gourdine and Mr. Vandross attended the Alvin Community meeting.

Attorney Report-Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams discussed a few legal cases that he is working on.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT-Mr. Williams**1. SECTION 4.02. Qualifications.**

Insert at the end of the current Section 4.02 the following paragraph:

The Board of Trustees is authorized to adopt a policy requiring all candidates for Board Trustee positions to disclose campaign donations, relationships with all non-members and/or non-member organizations, conflict of interests to the business interest of the Cooperative, and/or a statement of economic interests. Such disclosures shall be on forms as adopted by the Board of Trustees and shall be available to the membership of the Cooperative for inspection. A policy so adopted may contain a requirement that failure to make the required disclosures in a timely manner will be cause for

disqualification of a candidate and/or if a candidate is elected without making accurate disclosures such Trustee can be removed for cause from the Board upon majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

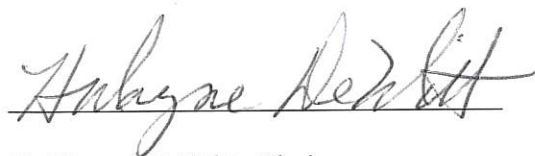
The remainder of Section 4.02 is not affected by this amendment.

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 blue ink, reading "Connie Shuler", written over a horizontal line.

Connie Shuler, Secretary

Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Annual Meeting Committee
2025

Meeting: April 21, 2025: Annual meeting committee meeting

Committee Chair: Robert Vandross

Committee Members: Connie Shuler, Henry Chavis, Shelia Powell, Lee Clayton

Board Chairman: Wayne Dewitt

Attorney: John Williams

Staff members: Amy Langdon, Eddie Plowden, Bryan Reece, Ashley Edens, Tony Vincent

Districts up for Election 2025:

SUBJECT: ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

The following items will be considered for the 2025 Annual Meeting of members and taken to the full board for approval:

1. Drive through voting schedule: proposed: 11-12: Awendaw, 11-13: Johns Island, 11-18 & 19: Moncks Corner, and on the 19th the recorded meeting available to members after 7 PM.
2. No changes will be made to district lines, which are updated every even year.
3. Voting will continue using the successful iPad, electronic voting system. Request Survey and Ballot Systems and NISC be used for the voting process.
4. That Pam Brown be retained to coordinate the poll managers in the election of trustees.
5. That Taylor, Miles and Associates, P.A. be retained to conduct the certification of the election of trustees. Discussed as necessary and approved to help maintain strong election certification.
6. That Bill Jordan serves as independent counsel to oversee the election of trustees.
7. That consideration is given to giving a bill credit of \$30 for all registered voters.
 - a. 2024 annual meeting we registered 14,486 members and current membership is 108,402 (13.3% of current members: minimum required is 5% or ~5,420 members).
8. Request approval for prize gifts based on random drawing from registered attendees.
9. Landmark dates will be shared with Jack/Ashley to guide committee meetings leading up to the annual meeting.

Early election guidance provided in 2020:

In accordance with Governance Reform Legislation laid down in Act 56.

1. Early Voting

- a. *Early voting must be offered when at least one race is contested.*
- b. *When early voting is required, we recommend the following:*
 - i. *To have four days of early voting the week before the Annual Meeting. Monday through Thursday.*
 - ii. *Each early voting day will be held at a different district office.*
 - iii. *Early voting will be available to the member from 7AM to 7PM.*
 - iv. *The early voting event will be manned by:*
 1. *An Election Official (Election Attorney) – X1*
 2. *Registration Staff – X4*
 3. *Pole Managers – X2*
 4. *Pole Watchers (assigned by the candidates)*
 5. *Security Presence – X1*
 6. *Technical Support – X1*
- c. *Those voting early will count towards the annual meeting quorum*
- d. *Those voting early will receive the annual meeting gift.*

2. Electronic Petitions

- a. *If a cooperative requires more than 50 petition signatures to run for a board seat, electronic petitions have to be offered/allowed – either provided by the cooperative or candidate arranged.*
- b. *Berkeley Electric Cooperative requires 50 signatures, so we are not mandated to offer electronic petitions.*
- c. *However, this group recommends that we do offer electronic petitions.*
 - i. *Sign of the times. We will have to make this move eventually.*
 - ii. *Provides the cooperative an electronic record of these petitions.*
 - iii. *More legible.*
 - iv. *Enables the cooperative to progress from manual validation to a more automated validation.*

← Marketing/Member Service Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Veterans Day Holiday; holiday 8:00am Energy Services Team meeting; microsoft teams meeting; Eddie Plowden	Annual meeting: Awendaw; 7200 US-17, Awendaw, South Carolina 29429, United States 12:00pm BOARD REPORT; Tameka Palmer 12:00pm Copy: BOARD REPORT; Tameka Palmer	Annual Meeting Johns Island; 1135 main road moncks corner sc		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Annual Meeting HQ Moncks Corner; 1732 U	8:30am Google			