

Berkeley Electric Cooperative
Board Meeting
April 20, 2026
Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Monday, April 20th at 1 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:

H. Wayne DeWitt	Connie Shuler	Henry Chavis
Willis Sanders	Robert C. Jenkins	Donald C. Helms
Sam Gourdine	Deborah C. Bryant	

Mr. Robert Vandross participated via telephone. President & CEO Michael S. Fuller, Executive Administrator Ashley Edens, General Counsel, John (Jack) Williams, and the following staff: VP of Finance Joel Stevens and the VP of Public Relations Tony Vincent.

Chairman DeWitt called for approval of minutes from the March's board meeting which was held on March 23, 2026. Upon motion by Mr. Chavis, seconded by Mr. Sanders, and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the minutes of the March 23, 2026, board meeting as presented.

Committee Reports

Annual Meeting Committee-Mr. Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins stated the Annual Meeting Committee meet prior to the board meeting to discuss how the GIS/Mapping department has completed changing the district lines to balance districts, using road boundaries and including growth areas for each district. Discussion with the Annual Meeting Board Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Chavis seconded by Mrs. Shuler, and unanimously passed; it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the following changes to the district lines. The bill credit will be \$30.00 for every voting member as presented.

Meeting: April 20, 2026: Annual meeting committee meeting

Committee Chair: Bob Jenkins

Committee Members: Henry Chavis, Clay Helms, Sam Gourdine

Board Chairman: Wayne Dewitt

Attorney: John Williams

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

Districts up for Election 2026: 1: Incumbent Robert Vandross, 4: Incumbent Sam Gourdine, 7: Incumbent Connie Shuler.

SUBJECT: ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

The following items will be considered for the 2026 Annual Meeting of members and will be taken to the full board for approval:

1. Drive through voting schedule: proposed: 11-12: Johns Island, 11-17 & 18: Moncks Corner, and 11-19 Awendaw: Board Meeting to follow Awendaw voting and recorded meeting posted to members after 7 PM.
2. District lines have been reviewed, with recommended changes presented to the Board for review and approval.
3. Voting will continue using the successful iPad, electronic voting system. Request continue using Survey & Ballot system for the electronic voting process and NISC for electronic registration.
4. That Pam Brown be retained to coordinate the poll managers in the election of trustees.
5. That Bill Jordan serves as independent counsel to oversee the election of trustees.
6. That consideration is given to giving a bill credit of \$30 for all registered voters.
 - a. 2025 annual meeting we registered 14,966 members and current membership was 113,037 (13.2% of current members: minimum required is 5% or ~5,651 members).
7. Request approval for prize gifts based on random drawing from registered attendees.
8. Landmark dates have been shared with Jack/Ashley to guide committee meetings leading up to the annual meeting.

Policy and Bylaw Committee-Mrs. Shuler

Mrs. Shuler that the Policy Committee met prior to board meeting and approved the recommended changes to be taken to the full Board to approve the proposed changes to Policy 432-Residency Requirements for Employees Subject to On-Call Duty.

Upon a motion by Mr. Gourdine seconded by Mr. Jenkins and unanimously passed: it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the changes to Policy 432-Residency Requirements for Employees Subject to On-Call Duty as requested by the Policy Committee.

ECSC Report-Mr. Sanders

Mr. Sanders stated that they met on April 2nd for the ECSC board meeting and he reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

Financial Report-Mr. Stevens

Mr. Stevens reviewed the financial reports from January 2025. Mr. Stevens reviewed portions of the statement of operations and the balance on the Form 7. Mr. Stevens also reviewed over the 990 form for the 2025 tax year. The ORS requires that board compensation be posted on our websites by May 15th.

President/CEO Reports-Mr. Fuller

Mr. Fuller asked Trey Colyar to gave an update on the 2026 Linemen Rodeo and showed the video from Statewide.

Executive Session-

The Chairman then called for an Executive session and upon motion by Mrs. Bryant seconded by Mr. Chavis and unanimously passed by the Board went into Executive Session. The board

entered executive session to discuss a business matter. Upon a motion by Mrs. Shuler, Mr. Jenkins 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 Trust Board Member District 7-

Mr. Williams explained to the Board that they needed to approve the new trust board member for District 7-Ora Bennett. Upon a motion by Mr. Sanders seconded by Mr. Gourdine and unanimously passed: it was

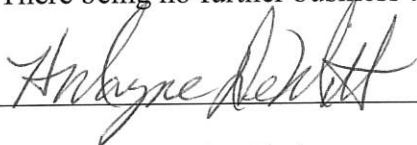
RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the new Trust Board Member for District 7, Mrs. Ora Bennett.

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