

**WASHINGTON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

June 25, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors, conducted in person and via video teleconference, was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by President Stephen Knowlton. The following Board members were in attendance:

Susan Alexander	Olivia Campbell Andersen	Stephen Knowlton
Betsy Allen	Don Douglas	Bill Powell
Pat Barnes	Jean Hamilton	Mary Just Skinner

Also present were General Manager (GM) Louis Porter; Attorney Ron Shems of the law firm Tarrant, Gillies, & Shems, the Cooperative's legal counsel; Legal Intern Scott Scribi; Director of Finance & Administration (F&A) Teia Greenslit, Director of Engineering & Operations (E&O) Dave Kresock, Director of Power Supply & Regulatory Affairs Brian Callnan, Member Services Supervisor Susan Golden, Administrative Assistant Dawn Johnson, Right of Way Coordinator Patrick Davis and members Ian Buchanan and Roger Fox. Directors Campbell Anderson, Hamilton and Douglas, staff members Golden and Johnson and members Buchanan and Fox attended via video teleconference. Staff members Greenslit, Golden, Johnson and Davis and members Buchanan and Fox left at 5:32p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included the minutes of the May regular Board meeting held May 28, 2025. There was one edit to retroactively add a 2nd to the motion to pass the slate of Board of Director Officers.

President Knowlton declared the minutes of the regular May 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors, held May 28, 2025, approved with the addition of Director Douglas retroactively seconding the motion of the slate of Board of Director Officers, excluding the Vice President.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

President Knowlton conducted the election for Vice President. Director of F&A Greenslit distributed and counted the ballots and announced the result. Directors not present were instructed to email their votes to Ms. Greenslit. Director Skinner received six votes, Director Campbell Andersen received one, and Director Alexander received one write-in vote.

President Knowlton expressed gratitude to all participants, highlighting the importance of members stepping up to serve. He thanked Director Skinner for her election as Vice President, Director Campbell Andersen for her candidacy, and Director Alexander for receiving a write-in vote.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW WEC EMPLOYEES CALLNAN & DAVIS

General Manager Porter introduced new WEC team members, Brian Callnan, the new Director of Power Supply & Regulatory Affairs, and Patrick Davis, the new Right of Way Coordinator.

Both Callnan and Davis shared a brief summary of their backgrounds and how WEC will benefit from their experience.

AI DASH CONTRACT/RIGHT OF WAY MANAGEMENT

Right of Way Coordinator Davis provided a Power Point presentation to the board summarizing the current and future planning of WEC's right of way planning. Davis explained the AI Dash software, which uses aerial photography to document and analyze right-of-way vegetation. The software helps identify high, medium, and low-risk areas for outage potential due to trees, and assists in the planning, budgeting, and scheduling of vegetation management. AI Dash was used to conduct a pilot-project analysis of four substation feeders in 2024. This analysis allowed the testing of the software's accuracy

and usefulness in planning and scheduling vegetation management tasks.

Davis and the Board discussed various aspects of vegetation management, including the use of herbicides, the importance of maintaining rights-of-way, and the challenges posed by overgrown vegetation. Davis emphasized the importance of proactive maintenance through cycle trimming and hotspot trimming to manage vegetation effectively and reduce the risk of outages.

Davis also discussed the Request for Proposal (RFP) for contracted right-of-way vegetation management, which includes pricing for cycle trimming and hotspot trimming. The RFP aims to lock in contractors to achieve predictable ROW maintenance progress with greater cost certainty.

At the end of the presentation General Manager Porter reiterated the improved efficiency of utilizing the AI Dash software and requested \$57,000 annually for the next three years for WEC's expanded use of AIDash for satellite imagery and analysis to assist in Right of Way vegetation management. Director Alexander wondered if paying for the software upfront could possibly allow price negotiation. General Manager Porter said he had not discussed this possibility but would consider it.

Director Campbell Andersen made the motion to approve the \$57,000 for WEC's continued use of AIDash for satellite imagery and analysis to assist in Right of Way vegetation management. The motion was seconded by Director Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

NRECA CONSULTING PRESENTATION DISCUSSION

President Knowlton expressed to the Board that he wants to keep the merger and strategic planning discussion alive. This discussion pertains to the study, possibly being funded by the state, to merge with VEC. Knowlton said that he wants to talk about issues that lead to a merger and WEC's future, not an actual merger. The board discussed the possibility of a merger, the need for more data and information, and the importance of strategic planning. They considered the input from NRECA Representative Henry Cano's presentation and the need for a facilitated process to explore their options. The Board discussed the potential benefits and challenges of a merger, emphasizing the need for more data and a thorough evaluation before making any decisions.

President Knowlton thanked everyone for the discussion and appreciated everyone's participation. The discussion will continue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5:32

Entered executive session at 5:32 p.m. to review the status of the Coventry Plant and the Wrightsville Hydro Plant.

There being no further essential business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:22p.m.

Betsy Allen, Secretary

The foregoing record of the minutes was duly accepted by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on July 30, 2025 at which a quorum of the Board was present and voting.

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