

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THE SOCORRO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

February 26, 2025

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SEC) was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 310 Abeyta Ave, Socorro, New Mexico.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Anaya.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Latasa called the roll and reported those present and attending as follows:

TRUSTEES PRESENT:      Leroy Anaya, President  
                                    Representative, District 3

                                    Ron Burnett, Vice President  
                                    Representative, District 5

                                    Eileen Latasa, Secretary/Treasurer  
                                    Representative, District 2

                                    Ward McCartney, Trustee\*  
                                    Representative, District 1

                                    Stephen Rosas, Trustee,  
                                    Representative, District 3

                                    David Lyn Wade, Trustee  
                                    Representative, District 4

TRUSTEE(S) ABSENT:      None

ALSO PRESENT:            Manuel Gonzales, Chief Executive Officer  
                                    Alyssa Cruz, Interim Executive Assistant  
                                    Rauni Montoya, Chief Financial Officer  
                                    David Montoya, Safety Compliance Officer  
                                    Jason Otero, Line Superintendent  
                                    Tony Lopez, Lead Line Foreman  
                                    Jimmy Capps, Director of Communications & Public Affairs

SEC MEMBERS PRESENT: None

**QUORUM**

Secretary Latasa declared a Quorum of Trustees present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Anaya led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Trustee McCartney moved to approve the Agenda as presented; the motion was seconded by Trustee Rosas. The motion carried unanimously.

President Anaya approved the Agenda as presented.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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JANUARY 31, 2025 – REGULAR MEETING

Trustee McCartney moved to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 31, 2025, as presented; the motion was seconded by Trustee Latasa. The motion carried unanimously.

President Anaya approved the Minutes from January 31, 2025, as presented.

FEBRUARY 13, 2025 – SPECIAL MEETING

Trustee Burnett moved to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting of February 13, 2025, as presented; the motion was seconded by Trustee Rosas. The motion carried unanimously.

President Anaya approved the Minutes from February 13, 2025, as presented.

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no comments brought forth by SEC members.

**CEO'S REPORT**

CEO Gonzales presented the Expenditure Report for January 2025 and proceeded to answer questions by the Trustees.

President Anaya thanked CEO Gonzales for the Expenditure Report for January 2025.

CEO Gonzales reported the Visa Credit Card expenditures, complete with supporting receipts, made available to the Board of Trustees for January 2025 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

President Anaya thanked CEO Gonzales for the Visa Credit Card Report for January 2025.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ms. Montoya, CFO, carefully reviewed and presented the RUS Form 7 Report for January 2025. Ms. Montoya proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

President Anaya thanked Ms. Montoya for the RUS Form 7 Report for January 2025.

**SAFETY COMPLIANCE REPORT**

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Safety Compliance Officer Mr. Montoya reviewed the January 2025 Safety Report.

JOB BRIEFING

Mr. Montoya reviewed the January 2025 Job Briefing Reports.

President Anaya thanked Mr. Montoya for the Safety Report for January 2025.

**OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE REPORT

Line Superintendent Mr. Otero reported on January activities, with crews completing 19 service orders.

OUTAGE REPORTS

Mr. Otero reviewed that there has not been any faults on the 69 kV Transmission Line in January 2025. Mr. Lopez, Lead Line Foreman, reported on the substation oil sample test results to the Trustees and answered questions the Trustees posed.

President Anaya thanked Mr. Otero and Mr. Lopez for the Operations and Maintenance Report for January 2025.

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**ENGINEERING REPORT**

Mr. Otero reported on the Engineering Department's active and current large projects for January 2025 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

President Anaya thanked Mr. Otero for the Engineering Report for January 2025.

**MEMBER SERVICES REPORTS**

Ms. Montoya, CFO, reported on the Active and Inactive Delinquent Energy Accounts for January 2025 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

**NM PRC MEMBER CONCERNS**

Ms. Montoya reported that no SEC Member complaints were filed with the NM PRC in January 2025.

President Anaya thanked Ms. Montoya for the Member Services Report for January 2025.

**COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

Director Capps reviewed the January 2025 and February 2025 Communications and Public Affairs Report.

President Anaya thanked Director Capps for the Communications and Public Affairs Report for January 2025 and February 2025.

**TRI-STATE REPORT**

President Anaya gave the Tri-State Board of Director's activities report for January 2025.

**NMREC REPORT**

CEO Gonzales presented the NMREC activities report for January 2025 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

President Anaya thanked CEO Gonzales for the NMREC Report for January 2025.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Anaya reported that the Board of Trustees had received Trustee Bowden's resignation letter on February 11, 2025. The Board of Trustees would need to determine what would occur with the District 3 Trustee Vacancy seat. President Anaya stated this would be further discussed under New Business.

President Anaya stated with Trustee Bowden's resignation, Trustee Rosas has been appointed as Chair for the Standing Committee and Trustee Wade has been appointed as a member of the Standing Committee.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Burnett reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on February 26, 2025, with recommendations to the full Board of Trustees.

President Anaya thanked Trustee Burnett for the Finance Committee Report.

**STANDING COMMITTEE**

Trustee Rosas reported on the Standing Committee Meeting held on February 26, 2025.

President Anaya thanked Trustee Rosas for the Standing Committee Report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**USDA DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE GRANT**

CEO Gonzales presented the USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant to the Trustees and recommended the discussion take place under Executive Session.

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CERTIFYING VOTING VENDOR

CEO Gonzales reported that the Credential and Elections Committee met on February 24, 2025 and certified the candidates for Districts 1 and District 5. One candidate filed for District 4; therefore an election would not be held in that District. The committee received one response for the Request for Proposal for Annual Meeting elections. CEO Gonzales recommended to the Trustees to approve the proposal for Automated Election Services (AES).

Trustee Burnett moved to approve Automated Election Services for the Annual Meeting Election; the motion was seconded by Trustee McCartney. The motion carried unanimously.

DISTRICT 3 SEAT VACANCY

After discussion, the Trustees agreed to notify members of District 3 of the Trustee seat vacancy via postcards, social media and website posts for the search of a new Trustee for the remainder of its term which will end in April 2026.

Trustee Burnett moved to notify District 3 members of the Trustee Seat Vacancy and if any qualifying applicants declare candidacy, they will appoint a new Trustee at March's Regular Board Meeting and if none are received, the Trustees will review and appoint at April's Regular Board Meeting; the motion was seconded by Trustee Rosas. The motion carried unanimously.

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

CEO Gonzales reported that the senior staff met on February 25, 2025, to discuss the upcoming Annual Meeting. There were ideas surrounding the theme of the Cooperative's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, discussion about the giveaways and the agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF CAPITAL CREDIT ESTATE RETIREMENT

ESTATE RETIREMENTS:

	Operating Margins	Plains G&T	Investment in Associated Organizations	Cushion of Credit & Other Non-Ops	Tri-State	Gains	Unpaid Balance	Total	Total without Tri-State
Feb-25-A	\$592.70	\$9.14	\$51.51	\$37.51	\$0.00	\$62.12	\$0.00	\$752.98	\$752.98

JOINT ACCOUNT ESTATE RETIREMENTS:

	Operating Margins	Plains G&T	Investment in Associated Organizations	Cushion of Credit & Other Non-Ops	Tri-State	Gains	Unpaid Balance	Total	Total without Tri-State
N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Trustee Latasa moved to approve the Retirement of Patronage Capital as presented, absent any Tri-State allocations, to the accounts mentioned above; motion seconded by Trustee McCartney. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Rosas moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Individual Employment Matters, Potential Litigation and Strategic and Long-range Business Plans; the motion was seconded by Trustee Latasa. The motion carried unanimously.

President Anaya called for an Executive Session.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 3:22 p.m.

\*Trustee McCartney was excused from the Executive Session at 3:22 p.m. and did not return after the Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Burnett moved and was seconded by Trustee Rosas to return to the Regular Session at 4:36 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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President Anaya stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

**SET DATE/TIME FOR REGULAR MEETING**

Trustee Burnett made a motion to combine the committee meetings and board meeting on March 26, 2025, with the Standing Committee starting at 12 p.m., Finance Committee at 1 p.m. and the Regular Board Meeting at 2 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Trustee Latasa. The motion was carried unanimously.

President Anaya approved to have the committee meetings and board meeting on March 26, 2025.

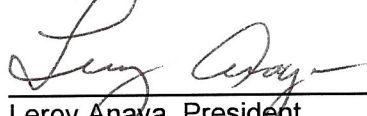
**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other items open for discussion, Trustee Rosas moved to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Trustee Wade. The motion carried unanimously.

President Anaya adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

  
Eileen Latasa, Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:

  
Leroy Anaya, President

I, Eileen Latasa, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc., herein called the "Cooperative," and the above is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2025. A Quorum of Trustees was present and acted upon throughout the meeting, and none of the Minutes of the above have been rescinded or modified.

  
Eileen Latasa, Secretary/Treasurer