



OPPD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2025

The regular committee meetings of the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District (“OPPD” or “District”) were held in person with public accessibility both in person and via WebEx audio and video conference on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m.

Present in person were M. J. Cavanaugh, M. R. Core, S. E. Howard, J. L. Hudson, C. C. Moody, M. G. Spurgeon and E. H. Williams. A. E. Bogner was absent. Also present in person were L. J. Fernandez, President and Chief Executive Officer, M. V. Purnell and Messrs. S. M. Bruckner and T. F. Meyerson of the Fraser Stryker law firm, General Counsel for the District. Chair M. R. Core presided and E. H. Lane, Sr. Board Operations Specialist, recorded the minutes.

The Executive Leadership Team members joined the open session at 10:10 a.m. Present in person included: J. M. Bishop, K. W. Brown, C. V. Fleener, S. M. Focht, G. R. Langel, T. D. McAreavey, M. V. Purnell, and B. R. Underwood, S. A. Eidem, Director, Engineering Services attended in place of T. R. Via. Chair M. R. Core presided and E. H. Lane, Sr. Board Operations Specialist, recorded the minutes.

Committee Agenda Item 1: Board Chair Opening Statement

Chair Core gave a brief opening statement, including an announcement regarding public notice of meeting, which was publicized by notifying the area news media¹; by publicizing same in the Omaha World Herald², OPPD Outlets newsletter, oppd.com and social media; by displaying such notice on the Arcade Level of Energy Plaza; and by emailing such notice to each of the District’s Directors on February 14, 2025. He also provided reminders for using the WebEx audio and video

¹ News outlets that received OPPD Board meeting notification emails included: 1. KETV; 2. WOWT; 3. KMTV; 4. KPTM; 5. Telemundo Nebraska; 6. Nebraska Public Media (NET-TV); 7. NewsChannel Nebraska; 8. KFAB; 9. KOIL 1290 AM; 10. KIOS 91.5 FM – Nebraska Public Radio (Omaha); 11. Radio Lobo – 97.7 FM (Omaha); 12. Boomer Blair 97.3 FM (Blair); 13. KHUB 1340 AM/KFMT 101.5 FM (Fremont); 14. Sunny 101.3 FM (Falls City); 15. Omaha World Herald; 16. Washington County Enterprise & Blair Pilot Tribune; 17. Lincoln Journal Star; 18. Omaha Daily Record; 19. Omaha Star; 20. Douglas County Post-Gazette; 21. Papillion Times; 22. Bellevue Leader; 23. Midlands Business Journal; 24. Ralston Recorder; 25. Sarpy Guide and News; 26. Pawnee Republican; 27. Tecumseh Chieftain; 28. Ashland Gazette; 29. Wahoo Newspaper; 30. Nebraska City News Press; 31. Cassgram (Cass County online news publication); and 32. Associated Press.

² Public notice of meeting was published in the print version of the *Omaha World Herald* newspaper on February 11, 2025, and in the online version from February 11 through February 18, 2025. The public notice was also posted on nepublicnotices.com on February 11.

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conferencing platform. He noted the Board would conduct a closed session to discuss two topics: (i) Personnel Matters; and (ii) Regulatory Compliance Item.

Committee Agenda Item 2: Closed Session

At 9:03 a.m. Director Spurgeon moved that the Board go into Closed Session. Director Spurgeon stated as follows:

I move that the Board go into closed session at this time, 9:03 a.m. to discuss two topics: (i) Personnel Matters; and (ii) Regulatory Compliance Item.

*With respect to **Personnel Matters**, a closed session is necessary for prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and such individual has not requested a public meeting.”*

*With respect to the **Regulatory Compliance Item**, a closed session is necessary because the discussion involves legal advice and strategy that is protected by the attorney-client privilege and attorney work product doctrine.”*

The motion was seconded by Director Hudson.

Thereafter, the vote was recorded as follows: Bogner – Absent; Cavanaugh – Yes; Core – Yes; Howard – Yes; Hudson – Yes; Moody – Yes; Spurgeon – Yes; Williams – Yes. The motion carried (7-0).

Chair Core read the following:

“The motion to go into closed session has passed. This closed session will be limited to two topics: (i) Personnel Matters; and a (ii) Regulatory Compliance Item. No votes or other board action will be taken.”

After confirming the Board members, CEO Fernandez, M. V. Purnell, S. M. Bruckner and T. F. Meyerson, General Counsel, and E. H. Lane were present, the WebEx Event was locked to prevent additional attendees from joining. The Board then conducted its closed session discussion of Personnel Matters and the Regulatory Compliance Item.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board took a break. No further business was discussed. The WebEx Event was unlocked to allow OPPD staff and the public to join.

At 10:10 a.m., a motion was made and seconded to reconvene the meeting in open session.

Thereafter, the vote was recorded as follows: Bogner – Absent; Cavanaugh – Yes; Core – Yes; Howard – Yes; Hudson – Yes; Moody – Yes; Spurgeon – Yes; Williams – Yes. The motion carried (7-0).

Chair Core stated:

“The motion to come out of closed session at 10:12 a.m. is carried. This closed session was limited to discussion regarding two topics: (i) Personnel Matters; and a (ii) Regulatory Compliance Item. No vote or other Board action was taken.

Committee Agenda Item 3: Public Session – Board Chair Opening Statement

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Chair Core welcomed members of the public and gave an overview of the meeting agenda and reminders for using the WebEx audio and video conferencing platform. He informed the public that the Board will take public comment at the end of the All Committees meeting. The Board will also take public comments at the Board meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025 which will be conducted in person at the Omaha Douglas Civic Center at 5:00 p.m. The public may attend in person or remotely via WebEx Events by going to oppd.com.

Chair Core noted all Board members were present in person, with the exception of A. E. Bogner, who was absent. Also present were members of the OPPD executive leadership team and subject matter experts. Additionally, 31 members of the public and OPPD employees joined via WebEx.

Committee Agenda Item 4: Safety Briefing

R. D. Bland, Manager, Shift Security Advisor, provided physical safety reminders. L. J. Fernandez, President and CEO, provided psychological safety reminders, including current safety focus reminders about: (i) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); (ii) Heart Health Month; and (iii) Pre-Job Briefs.

Committee Agenda Item 5: Governance Committee

Governance Committee Chair Report

Director Spurgeon reported the Governance Committee met on February 11 in person and via WebEx videoconference. A copy of the agenda for that meeting was made available in the All Committee meeting materials for the Board to review. The committee discussed: (i) Safety Briefing; (ii) Prior Month Pre-Committee Action Items; (iii) Annual Committee Charter Review; (iv) Governance Committee Planning Calendar; (v) Board Work Plan; and (vi) Summary of Meeting.

Standing Committee Annual Charter Reviews

S. M. Focht, Vice President, Corporate Strategy and Governance, presented the Board of Directors with the following information to ensure Board review, discussion and acceptance of the revisions to the OPPD Board of Directors Standing Committee Charters.

- a. The OPPD Board of Directors has adopted charters for each of its standing committees that convey how each committee is structured and operates, its duties and responsibilities and its expectations for annual review and evaluation.
- b. The Customer and Public Engagement, Finance, Governance and System Management and Nuclear Oversight standing committees have completed the annual review of their charters.
- c. The System Management and Nuclear Oversight Committee recommends for Board approval the changes proposed by management, as outlined in the charter attached as Exhibit A and redlined in Exhibit B, to reflect the duties and responsibilities for Nuclear Decommissioning Oversight given the current phase of decommissioning of the Fort Calhoun Station.

The Governance Committee recommends Board approval of the charter as outlined in Exhibit A.

Board was scheduled to vote on this at the Board meeting on February 20.

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Exhibit A

Exhibit B

Resolution

Committee Agenda Item 6: Customer and Public Engagement Committee

Customer and Public Engagement Committee Chair Report

Director Howard reported the Customer and Public Engagement Committee met on February 10 via WebEx videoconference. A copy of the agenda for that meeting was made available in the All Committee meeting materials for the Board to review. The committee discussed: (i) Safety Briefing; (ii) Prior Month Pre-Committee Action Items; (iii) Annual Committee Charter Review; (iv) Legislative Update; (v) AMI – Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Update; (vi) Board Work Plan; and (vii) Summary of Meeting.

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Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Program Update

M. W. Hardebeck, Director, Customer Experience and K. M. Thomas, Director, Corporate Marketing and Communications, presented the following report to Provide the Board of Directors with an update on execution progress for the AMI ecosystem of technologies and to report key decisions made.

- a. The AMI Ecosystem program will enable two-way communication between OPPD operators and each customer meter, provide detailed energy usage data to help customers make informed decisions, improve account access and self-service, enhance reliability through grid situational awareness, provide better outage information, and set the stage for future interactive, customized products and service options.
- b. OPPD continues performing testing across the complex ecosystem of integrated technologies. OPPD will roll out the new supporting technology across multiple releases in 2025 and early 2026. The “Soft Launch” meter rollout for 10,000+ meters in the pilot areas is targeted to begin in the fall of 2025 and wrap up in early 2026.
- c. Development of the strategic approach for customer outreach and engagement is underway. The outreach is designed to both ensure a frictionless transition to new meters for customers as well as increasing overall customer satisfaction with the utility through better communication, enhanced operations and more information for customers. Once deployed, customers will have more control over their energy usage.

Supporting Data

Datasheet

Presentation

Legislative and Regulatory Update

S. Voyles provided an update to the Board of Directors on 2025 state and federal legislative matters, local government affairs and regulatory matters.

- a. Nebraska’s 109th Legislature 1st session began on January 8, 2025.

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- b. The 119th Congress began on January 3, 2025 and is expected to end January 3, 2027.

Supporting Data

Datasheet

Presentation

Committee Agenda Item 7: Finance Committee

Finance Chair Report

Director Moody reported the Finance Committee met on February 7, in person and via WebEx videoconference. A copy of the agenda for that meeting was made available in the All Committee meeting materials for the Board to review. The committee discussed: (i) Safety Briefing; (ii) Prior Month Pre-Committee Action Items; (iii) Preliminary 2024 Financial Results; (iv) Annual Committee Charter Review; (v) Board Work Plan – Finance Committee Items; and (vi) Summary of Meeting.

CFO Reflections

J. M. Bishop, CFO and Vice President, Financial Services, provided reflections on his time as CFO for the District and the accomplishments of his tenure. CEO Fernandez and Board members offered comments of gratitude for his hard work and dedication as CFO prior to his resignation.

Committee Agenda Item 8: System Management & Nuclear Oversight Committee

System Management & Nuclear Oversight Committee Chair Report

Director Williams reported the System Management & Nuclear Oversight Committee met on February 3, via WebEx videoconference. A copy of the agenda for the meeting was made available in the All Committee meeting materials for the Board to review. The committee discussed: (i) Safety Briefing; (ii) Prior Month Pre-Committee Action Items; (iii) Annual Committee Charter Review; (iv) 2025 Committee Member Site Visits; (v) SD-6: Safety Monitoring Report; (vi) Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Update; (vii) Street Light Maintenance Update; (viii) New Generation Project Updates; (ix) Board Work Plan – Systems Committee Items; (x) Summary of Meeting.

Supporting Data

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SD-6: Safety

A.T. Christensen, Director, Safety, Training and Health, provided the following report to ensure full board review, discussion, and acceptance of SD-6: Safety Monitoring Report.

- d. The first set of Board policies was approved by the Board on July 16, 2015. A second set of Board policies was approved by the Board on October 15, 2015.
- e. Each policy was evaluated and assigned to the appropriate Board Committee for oversight of the monitoring process.
- f. The System Management & Nuclear Oversight Committee is responsible for evaluating Board Policy SD-6: Safety.

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- g. The System Management & Nuclear Oversight Committee has reviewed the SD-6: Safety Monitoring Report, as outlined on Exhibit A, and is recommending that OPPD be found to be taking reasonable and appropriate measures to comply with the policy as stated.

The SMNO Committee recommended board approval of the 2024 SD-6: Safety Monitoring Report.

The Board was scheduled to vote on this matter at the Board meeting on February 20, 2025.

Supporting Data

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Exhibit A – Monitoring Report

Resolution

RFP 6179 – SC 1 & 2 Exhaust Stack Replacement

S. A. Eidem, Director, Engineering Services, provided the following information to support full Board review and discussion of RFP 6179.

- a. The existing stacks have a 20-year life expectancy and were installed in 2000. Currently the stacks have required regular repair over the last 10 years to maintain reliability and replacement will reduce the risk of additional forced outages.
- b. Replacing the existing exhaust stacks will ensure reliability of the units going forward.
- c. One bid was received and determined to be technically non-responsive.

Requesting Board of Directors' authorization to reject the proposal received for RFP No. 6179, and for the District to enter into a negotiated contract for the design, fabrication, site delivery requirements, and installation of two new exhaust stacks for Sarpy County Station Units 1 and 2.

The Board was scheduled to vote on this matter at the Board meeting on February 20, 2025.

Supporting Data

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Letter of Recommendation

Tabulation of Bids

Legal Opinion

Resolution

Committee Agenda Item 9: Other Business

Confirmation of Board Meeting Agenda

The Board members reviewed the agenda for the Board meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025. The meeting will be conducted in person at the Omaha Douglas Civic Center, 2nd Floor Legislative Chamber, at 5:00 p.m. The public may attend in person or remotely via WebEx audio and video conference.

Review of Board Work Plan

The Board reviewed changes to the board work plan since the January board meeting.

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Opportunity for Public Comment on Items of District Business

Chair Core asked for comments from the public in attendance on items of District business. There were no comments.

Chair Core asked for comments from members of the public on WebEx. There was one comment.

David Corbin, 1002 N. 49th St, representing the Nebraska Sierra Club, provided comments on the legislative update.

There were no additional comments from the public in attendance at the meeting or via WebEx.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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