



**OVERTON POWER DISTRICT NO. 5
BOARD MEETING**

March 25, 2026

3:00 P.M.

Overton, Nevada

PRESENT:

Seat 2 – Logandale,	Mr. Jack Nelson, Chairman	Mrs. MeLisa Garcia, CEO / General Manager
Seat 1 – Overton,	Mr. Richard Jones, Vice-Chair	Mr. Scott Fullman, Administrative Services Manager
Seat 3 – Moapa	Mr. Chad Leavitt, Trustee	Mr. Randall Ozaki, Engineering Services Manager
Seat 4 – Bunkerville,	Mr. Bob Bunker, Trustee	Mr. Jonathan Denninghoff, Financial Services Manager
Seat 5 – Mesquite,	Mr. Mike Young, Sec / Treas	Mr. Kyle Leavitt, Line Operations Manager
Seat 6 – Mesquite,	Mr. Dale Rust, Trustee	Mr. Keven Hansen, Substation Operations Manager
Seat 7 – At-Large,	Mr. Randy Laub, Trustee	Mrs. Becky LaGrow, Executive Assistant
	Mr. Byron Mills, Attorney	Mr. Steven Brown, IT Administrator

Note: The minutes of this meeting have been tape-recorded and will remain on file in the OPD5's main office for a period of one year for public examination.

A. CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m. Jack Nelson called the meeting of the Overton Power District No. 5 Board of Trustees to order. The agenda items were addressed in the following order:

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Jack Nelson led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

All Public Comments are recorded and are available at the OPD5 website (www.opd5.com) for a period of one year.

D. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mike Young and seconded by Dale Rust to accept the OPD5 agenda as posted. The Board voted seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

After clarification on the official meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mike Young and seconded by Chad Leavitt to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2026 meeting as written. The Board voted seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

F. CHAIR'S REPORT

Jack Nelson presented Randy Laub with his NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) Certificate.

A letter of appreciation from the Clark County School District for the Virgin Valley High school Round Up Program was received this month.

G. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Byron Mills had no report at this time.

H. MANAGER'S REPORTS

Line Operations


Kyle Leavitt reported on the following items:

Training

Safety



-  Annual CPR/AED & Blood Borne Pathogens was the topic
-  Fifty-seven (57) employees were in attendance

Additional Training



-  Flagger Certification was provided by National Trench Safety (NTS) with 20 employees in attendance

Outages




February 2026

-  There were seven (7) planned outages for maintenance.
-  There were three (3) unplanned outages for the month affecting six (6) customers

Service Installations –

-  February – twenty-seven (27) residential and one (1) commercial service installations
-  2026 YTD – A total of seventy (70) commercial and residential service installations combined

NREA Best Practices

-  Eighteen OPD5 Employees were able to attend the conference in Las Vegas
-  There was a wildfire readiness panel, two general sessions of sharing best practices, there were breakout sessions for line & substation operations and engineering
-  A great speaker on mental health and awareness, and Rusty Endicott of Federated Insurance Company

💡 *Jobs*

💡 Painted Hills Substation –

💡 The team is working on the underground work, laying conduit, and pulling the wire into the substation

💡 Overton

💡 The crew has been changing various poles in the area

💡 At the Magnasite tap, they went from overhead to underground

💡 A reclosure install was completed on a de-energized line

Engineering Services

Randall Ozaki reported on the following items:

💡 *Tortoise – Gila 138kV Line*

💡 All materials have been received, and all the foundations are completed

💡 This project is estimated to be completed by the end of May 2026

💡 *WECC Update*

💡 The implementation Plan and several Standards have been submitted

💡 A deadline extension has been requested

💡 No comments have been received yet

💡 Next month, we will be submitting seven standards and twenty-four requirements which will put us over the 50%

💡 The team is working to make sure all documentation is completed and backed up

SCADA & Substation Operations

Keven Hansen reported on the following items:

💡 *Painted Hills Substation*

💡 The Substation team has been testing and adjusting the switches before energizing

💡 The low voltage junction box and underground conduits have been tied into the control building so the control wiring can be pulled

💡 The relays are installed and ready for the outside wiring

💡 The team expects the substation to be online before the summer loads kick in

💡 *Long Drive Switchyard to Raptor Substation*

💡 The team is in the testing and commissioning stage at both locations

💡 The fiber network splicing took four weeks to complete

💡 With coordination of contractors, the testing firm and the Sub Ops team, the cutover process is estimated to take a few weeks to complete

💡 The estimated timeline for both projects to be energized is the end of May




💡 *Arrowhead Substation*

💡 The second transformer will arrive this week

💡 The control building is in the final design stage and will go into production in May









💡 The underground work will start in the third quarter of 2026

Tortoise Substation

-  Testing and commissioning has been completed
-  A set of Current Transformers (CT's) did not pass testing. The manufacturer is sending a team to investigate and repair the issue at their expense
-  Due to the design, the team is able to energize the ring bus while leaving the defective equipment out of service







Administrative Services

Scott Fullman reported on the following items:

-  *Cyber Security Training* – 93% participation by employees in February. The topics included Trusted insiders can be the biggest risk, social influence can bypass technical security, and strong oversight and accountability are essential
-  *Information Technology* – In February, no employees clicked on internal spam email
-  *Servers* – All servers were up and running 100% of the time in February. All servers were successfully backed up and stored offsite in February
-  *Electric Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC)* – This month there were eighty-seven (87) emails giving information on cyber and physical incidents. Sharing information with E-ISAC is part of WECC compliance. The top three threat patterns were cyber attacks on critical systems are increasing, employees remain a primary target, and physical threats to infrastructure continue to occur
-  *Customer Service Department* - The number of bill pay, e-bill, phone calls, and walk-in customers for the fourth quarter were reported
-  *Consumer / Government Relations*
 -  The number of Social Media and communication interactions were reported
 -  Website analytics for February

Financial Services

Jonathan Denninghoff reported on the following items

-  *Audit*
 -  The Hafen Buckner, Everett & Graff have completed the 2025 audit and are here today to present the findings
-  *Staffing Changes*
 -  Marianne has left OPD5 to get married and move to Utah. We wish her well
 -  Heather Wells has accepted Marianne's accounting clerk position
-  Gave the financial report for February 2026, a copy of which is on file

General Manager

MeLisa Garcia reported on the following items:

- 💡 *IPSA* Apprentice Programs
 - 💡 Jared Klunker successfully journeyed out of the Substation Technician Apprentice Program
 - 💡 Alonzo Martinez successfully passed his first year testing in the Substation Technician Apprentice Program
 - 💡 Layton Woods successfully completed his second year testing in the Lineman Apprentice Program
- 💡 *Government & Community Advocacy*
 - 💡 NREA members testified at the Governor's Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Growth and Infrastructure; the discussion focused on the challenges and opportunities of data centers in Nevada
- 💡 *Colorado River Commission (CRC)*
 - 💡 The recent BOR 24-month study has been reduced by 26% due to higher temperatures and evaporating snow pack
 - 💡 In 2027, there is a 73% chance of Hoover Dam reach Deadpool level of 1035'
 - 💡 If Deadpool is reached, twelve of the seventeen units will stop producing
 - 💡 Due to no agreement between the upper and lower basins, there is no rules for conservation and/or drought contingency in 2027
 - 💡 Staff is supporting the Help Hoover Dam Act that will release stranded funds to purchase two (2) wide head turbines that have a 3-5 year installation timeline
 - 💡 OPD5 portfolio is 23% hydro
- 💡 *Board of Trustee Elections 2027*
 - 💡 The candidate filings are as follows:
 - 💡 Seat 1(Overton – Richard Jones
 - 💡 Seat 2 (Logandale) – Lindsey Dalley
 - 💡 Seat 4 (Bunkerville) – William Leavitt
 - 💡 Seat 6 (Mesquite) – Dale Rust
- 💡 *NRECA Power Xchange & Tech Advantage*
 - 💡 This years event had 11,000 attendees
 - 💡 Some of the discussion topics were leading resilient teams, communicating rates and affordability, nuclear energy, leveraging the strength of every generation
 - 💡 MeLisa was able to spend time with our Fitch Rating staff and did an interview with Meridian , our accounting software
 - 💡 At the resolutions meeting, MeLisa voted on behalf of NREA and Dale voted on behalf of OPD5
- 💡 *IJJA Grant*
 - 💡 The grant has been fully funded
 - 💡 Now begins the monthly process of reporting & procurement requirements, and contractor bidding
 - 💡 Engineering for the grant project will begin at the end of 2026 or early 2027
 - 💡 The estimated completion date is by the end of 2028

I. **REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT BY HAFEN, BUCKNER, EVERETT & GRAFF**

Each year, an independent auditor is hired to perform a review of OPD5's finances. The accounting firm Hafen, Buckner, Everett and Graff conducted the audit of OPD5's 2025 financial data. A report was given to the Board by auditor Jenna Sheehan to discuss their findings.

After discussion by the board, a motion was made by Mike Young and seconded by Chad Leavitt to accept the annual audit report from Hafen, Buckner, Everett and Graff as presented. The Board voted seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

Trustee Young suggested that in the future hard copy audit reports be mailed to Board members before the meeting so they could be carefully reviewed. It was pointed out that they were included in the online meeting agenda, however Young said that with the amount of information and numbers presented it was extremely difficult to review and markup online.

J. **REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A FIVE-YEAR BORROWING PLAN**

At the February Board meeting, Kirk Collier (CFC) spoke during his presentation on KRTA ratio 139, line loss percentages, Managers, Randall Ozaki, Kyle Leavitt and Keven Hansen, provided an update regarding OPD5's performance and ongoing efforts to reduce line losses.

The average for the Cooperative's in the CFC data was 4.84% (median) and OPD5 was at 5.56%. OPD's 2024 data remained consistent through 2025 at 5.87%; though, following the integration of Escape Solar, our line loss for the final six months of 2025 was reduced to approximately 4.22%. During daytime hours, transmission from Tortoise to Mesquite decreased from 80 to 50 MW. We anticipate further reductions once the Tortoise to Gila line is energized—due to the use of a larger conductor—and upon completion of the capacitor bank project at Gila. We anticipate our line losses to be in the low 5% range for 2026.

Staff remains committed to maximizing system efficiency through sound engineering, high-quality materials, and a rigorous maintenance and inspection processes. This was a discussion item only; no action was taken.

K. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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L. **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Richard Jones – The Power Xchange Conference offered some interesting classes. The best class was Ethics and Governance: Implementing the New Accountability. It is highly recommended and worth while

Randy Laub – Recommended an interview Layton’s wife posted on You Tube of Layton talking about his accident and the things he went through.

M. APPROVAL OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Mike Young and seconded by Richard Jones to approve Wednesday, April 15, 2026, as the next Board Meeting date. The meeting will be held in the Mesquite Board Room at 3:00 p.m. The Board voted seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

N. EXECUTIVE – CLOSED DOOR SESSION

A motion to enter executive session
A motion to exit executive session

O. ADJOURNMENT

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:32 P.M.

Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary / Treasurer