OVERTON POWER DISTRICT NO. 5
BOARD MEETING
October 21, 2026
3:00 P.M.
Mesquite, 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 5 – Mesquite,	Mr. Mike Young, Sec / Treas	Mr. Randall Ozaki, Engineering Services Manager
Seat 3 – Moapa	Mr. Chad Leavitt, Trustee	Mr. Kyle Leavitt, Line Operations Manager
Seat 4 – Bunkerville,	Mr. Bob Bunker, Trustee	Mr. Keven Hansen, Substation Operations Manager
Seat 6 – Mesquite,	Mr. Dale Rust, Trustee	Mr. Jonathan Denninghoff, Financial Services Manager
Seat 7 – At-Large,	Mr. Randy Laub, Trustee	Mr. Steven Brown, IT Administrator
	Mr. Byron Mills, Attorney	

ABSENT:
Mrs. Becky LaGrow, Executive Assistant

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 ALLEGIANCE

Bob Bunker led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Bender addressed the Board regarding the cost and proportion of power purchased from Escape Solar and the transmission wheeling fees associated with the project. MeLisa Garcia explained that Escape Solar represents approximately 14% of the District's 2026 energy portfolio, with energy purchased under a long-term agreement at approximately $34.70 per MWh. She explained that transmission wheeling revenue is accounted for separately from purchased-power costs and offered to provide additional information to Mr. Bender. No further public comments were recorded at this time.

D. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mike Young and seconded by Dale Rust to accept the October 21, 2026 agenda as posted. The Board voted seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Young and seconded by Chad Leavitt to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2026 meeting as written. The Board voted seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

F. CHAIR'S REPORT

Jack Nelson discussed the recent Nevada Rural Electric Association meeting in Las Vegas and recognized the participating utilities, speakers, and legislative representatives.

G. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Byron Mills had no report at this time

H. MANAGER REPORT'S

Line Operations

Kyle Leavitt Reported on the following items:

- *Safety*
  - *September Meeting* – Workplace Violence & Sexual Harassment
- *Outages*
  - *August 2026*
    - There were nine (9) planned outages for maintenance. There were two (2) unplanned outages for the month
- *Service Installations* –
  - *September*– Twenty-five (25) residential and one (1) commercial service installations.
  - 2026 – A total of two hundred eighty-nine (289) commercial and residential service installations combined
- Key Metrics & Operational Preparedness Summary
  - System Readiness, Workload, System Stewardship, System Inspections were detailed

Engineering

Randall Ozaki reported on the following items:

- Tortoise – Reclamation and reseeding work has begun along the Tortoise–Gila line corridor. Landscaping was completed at Long Drive Switchyard and Raptor Substation; final project accounting is anticipated in December.
- Work continues on WECC registration and internal controls. Staff anticipates receiving the consultants' work in December and preparing for completion ahead of the April 30 deadline.
- New & Existing Projects
  - New
    - Moapa West – The NVE study has begun; results are expected in approximately three months.

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- Existing
  - Bridge Source – Right-of-way work continues, including gas-line access for the proposed plant.
  - Mesquite Data Center – Feasibility study completed; developer is seeking a purchaser or operator.
  - Mesquite Manufacturing – No further project activity reported to OPD5 or the City.

Substation Operations

Keven Hansen reported on the following items:

- Tortoise T5 Transformer
  - The new transformer was inspected at the manufacturer's Georgia facility with arrival expected in November. Site preparations and bus-transfer switch work are nearing completion; energization is targeted for early 2027, subject to delivery and installation.
- 138 kV Connection at Gila Substation
  - Equipment testing is progressing. Relay testing was scheduled for November 4–6, with line energization targeted for mid-November if testing is successful. A failed capacitor voltage transformer was repaired with vendor assistance.
- Substation Projects
  - Arrowhead Substation – Site layout is underway; fourth-quarter 2027 completion remains the target, subject to material delays.
  - Falcon Ridge Capacitor Bank – Engineering study completed and engineering services being solicited. The planned 20 MVAR bank would be installed as one project with two 10 MVAR stages.

Administrative Services

Scott Fullman reported on the following items:

- *Information Technology / Cybersecurity*
  - Cybersecurity awareness training participation reached ninety-four percent (94%). Quarterly in-person training is being planned for Mesquite and Overton, including cybersecurity policy and artificial intelligence topics.
  - Approximately thirty-seven thousand (37,000) emails were processed, including approximately five thousand seven hundred (5,700) spam messages. Staff reviewed phishing test results and firewall activity.
  - Server availability was reported at one hundred percent (100%). Backup and restoration issues affecting certain servers were resolved and backup operations returned to normal.
  - Staff reviewed ninety-seven (97) September E-ISAC notices and highlighted utility-sector threats involving physical intrusion, critical software vulnerabilities and social engineering.

Financial Services

Jonathan Denninghoff reported on the following items:

- Gave the financial report for September 2026, a copy of which is on file.

General Manager

MeLisa Garcia reported on the following items

- Cybersecurity and Confidential Infrastructure Information

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- Following the NRECA regional meeting, MeLisa discussed artificial intelligence risks and the importance of limiting public disclosure of sensitive substation and transmission infrastructure details.

- Utility Construction Cost Inflation
  - The Board reviewed the increasing Grid Pricing Index relative to the Consumer Price Index and the implications for future utility capital expenditures.
- Nevada Rural Electric Association (NREA)
  - MeLisa reported on NREA regional meeting activities and recognition of Chairman Jack Nelson for his service as the NREA voting delegate.
- Data Centers & Large Load Development
  - MeLisa discussed prospective data center loads and OPD5's coordination with the City of Mesquite and other agencies regarding feasibility, infrastructure requirements and utility responsibilities.
- Government Relations
  - Trustees recognized improvements in the District's state and federal government relations and communications.

I. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF OPD-P-21.000 OPD5 LONGEVITY PAY POLICY

MeLisa Garcia reviewed the employee longevity pay proposals and the Board discussed the cost and employee-retention considerations. Trustees favored a milestone-based award of $1,000 for each completed five-year period of service rather than an annual per-year-of-service payment. Trustees also discussed an increase to the annual Christmas bonus from $350 to $500, but agreed that was to be separate from the longevity policy motion.

A motion was made to approve longevity pay of $1,000 at each five-year service milestone. The motion was seconded and carried. At least one trustee expressed opposition or a reservation regarding the timing of the expenditure pending power contract renewal.

Trustees requested additional information about retirement and employee benefit options. Staff reported that it was reviewing public employee health insurance alternatives.

Motion was made by Mike Young and second by Randy Laub. The Board voted seven (6) ayes and zero (1) nays in approval. Richard Jones voted nay.

J. DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIPS

Trustee Young opened the discussion on the use of District outreach funds in support of school sport booster clubs. Discussion centered around the long standing practice of donations to support school sport programs and the distinction between advertising and charitable donations. Staff explained the advertising benefits received, including banners and printed program placement. Trustees discussed the value of this type of public relations and community visibility. The majority of the Board felt this was an appropriate use of community outreach expenditures.

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K. 2027 CAPITAL BUDGET - DISCUSSION ONLY

Jonathan Denninghoff presented the preliminary 2027 capital budget for Board review. The proposal included approximately $3.5 million in annual departmental capital projects and $2.0 million in 10-year reliability projects, for a total of approximately $5.5 million. Staff anticipated approximately $5 million in operating margin and discussed planned capital expenditures, project prioritization, inflation, cash flow and funding sources.

Staff reviewed anticipated 2026 project carryovers and the use of existing borrowing authority. Management explained that additional loan draws of approximately $3 million to $4 million might require Board approval in 2027 depending on project timing and available margins.

The item was for discussion only. A finalized budget is expected to return for consideration at the next Board meeting.

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustees commented on inflation, rising costs of materials and equipment, and the importance of realistic capital planning. Trustees also commended staff for the clarity of the financial and project presentations. Discussion included hydroelectric generation conditions, Lake Mead elevations, and planned replacement turbines.

MeLisa Garcia thanked the Board for its consideration of employee benefits and the longevity pay action.

N. APPROVAL OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Mike Young and seconded Chad Leavitt to approve November 18, 2026 as the date of the next Board meeting. The Board voted seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

O. EXECUTIVE – CLOSED DOOR SESSION

Following the regular meeting discussion, a short recess was requested before proceeding to executive session. Management staff were invited to remain for the discussion. A motion to enter executive session was made by Mike Young and seconded by Chad Leavitt. A motion to exit executive session was made by Richard Jones and seconded by Mike Young. The Board voted seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

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P. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:30 pm, a motion was made by Dale Rust and seconded by Randy Laub to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

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Chair Vice Chair

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Secretary / Treasurer

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