



OVERTON POWER DISTRICT NO. 5

BOARD MEETING

December 10, 2025

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 3 – Moapa	Mr. Chad Leavitt, Trustee	Mr. Randall Ozaki, Engineering Services Manager
Seat 4 – Bunkerville,	Mr. Robert 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

Bob Bunker led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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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

A motion was made by Mike Young and seconded by Richard Jones to approve the revised minutes of the October 15, 2025 Board Meeting and to approve the minutes as written of the November 19, 2025 meeting. The Board voted seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

F. CHAIR'S REPORT

Jack Nelson had no report at this time.

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:

- 💡 *Safety Committee*
 - 💡 *Community & Public Safety*
 - 💡 Downed Power Line Awareness Campaign starting soon there will be printed handouts and social media posts
 - 💡 Clark County Fair planning is underway
 - 💡 *Training & Preparedness*
 - 💡 Active Shooter training in Overton on January 22nd
 - 💡 Live scenario-based training at safety meetings
 - 💡 Developing full 2026 training schedule including required and 3rd party courses
 - 💡 *Program Improvements*
 - 💡 Safety Manual has been updated and will be signed off by all employees in January
 - 💡 Arc Flash Study is currently being reviewed and updated by the committee, with a focus on PPE requirements and necessary procedural changes
 - 💡 *Facilities & Compliance*
 - 💡 The Safety Committee performed comprehensive facility inspections to identify and resolve everyday safety hazards in our offices and warehouses
 - 💡 Quotes are being requested for a hearing testing vendor
- 💡 *Outages*
 - 💡 *November 2025*
 - 💡 There were three (3) planned outages for maintenance.
 - 💡 There were four (4) unplanned outages for the month affecting three hundred eighteen (318) customers
- 💡 *Service Installations –*
 - 💡 November – Thirty-four (34) residential and zero (0) commercial service installations
 - 💡 2025 YTD – A total of four hundred seventeen (417) commercial and residential service installations combined

💡 *New Hire*

- 💡 Brent Wolf was hired on December 1st as a 3rd step apprentice with the option to test for his 4th step in March 2026

💡 *Training*

- 💡 IPSA Apprentice Testing
 - 💡 Zach Barnum & Mike Abbott advance to Journeyman
 - 💡 Dalyn Leavitt advances to 3rd step apprentice

💡 *Jobs*

- 💡 Sandhills Substations - The team started an outage on the 138kV line at midnight November 10th to change out a leaking Capacitive Voltage Transformer (CVT) in the substation
- 💡 Leavitt Lane
 - 💡 The City of Mesquite is extending Leavitt Lane
 - 💡 One of the poles on the 69kV line was located in the road extension path and had to be moved approximately 30 feet
- 💡 Gila Substation – The team worked on the distribution lines for the new 138 kV line the contractor is building

Engineering Services

Randall Ozaki reported on the following items:

- 💡 *Tortoise – Gila 138kV Line* -
 - 💡 Grading pad 23 is now to grade, the foundations are done and crossing the I-15 should be completed in January
- 💡 *Tortoise Ring Bus & 69kV Bay Expansion* – The engineering portion of the project will be completed in January. It will then move to the Substation Operation team for testing and commissioning
- 💡 *Long Drive Switchyard & Raptor Substation* - All the equipment is installed; the team is doing the bus work now. Both projects are scheduled to be completed in January
- 💡 *Moapa West / NV Energy (NVE)* - NVE has been paid to complete the studies; we are now in their queue
- 💡 *Bridgesource* - They have cancelled their request for a zone change with the Clak County Commissioners
- 💡 *Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC)* – The team has a couple of standards prepared for review and intend to submit them to WECC in January to initiate the process. While we are targeting the July deadline, the timeline remains aggressive; however, WECC has indicated they are open to an extension if supported by the necessary data and justification

SCADA & Substation Operations

Keven Hansen reported on the following items:

- 💡 *Arrowhead Substation*
 - 💡 The bay 2 concrete has been removed and the 40' x 60' building is being sold as-is
 - 💡 The contractor will begin pouring the transformer pads in mid-December to be ready for the transformer in February
 - 💡 This project remains on schedule and within the allocated budget of \$8,500,000

💡 *Painted Hills Substation Bay 4*

- 💡 The transformer has been installed as well as most of the steel towers.
- 💡 A couple of towers need modifications before installation
- 💡 Bus work, conduit and wiring still need to be completed, but the team is confident that this project will be online before Spring of 2026
- 💡 This project remains on schedule and within the allocated budget of \$1,000,000

Administrative Services

Scott Fullman reported on the following items:

💡 *Customer Service Department –*

- 💡 The number of bill pay, e-bill, phone calls, and walk-in customers for the fourth quarter were reported

💡 *Community Events*

- 💡 The Veteran’s Day parades in Overton and Mesquite
- 💡 Career Day at VVHS – MVHS and Beaver Dam High school students were also in attendance
- 💡 The Mesquite Parade of Lights
- 💡 Food Drive

💡 *Consumer / Government Relations*

- 💡 The number of Social Media and communication interactions were reported
- 💡 Website analytics for November

Financial Services

Jonathan Denninghoff gave the financial report for November 2025, a copy of which is on file

General Manager

MeLisa Garcia reported on the following items:

💡 *Funding Opportunities*

- 💡 Working with the General Manager of Moapa Valley Water District. A meeting has been scheduled with Commissioner Kirkpatrick
- 💡 Working with Vernon on federal appropriations through Congressman Horseford’s office

💡 *NREA*

- 💡 Contributed to the budget and dues committee
- 💡 The budget and associated dues calculations were approved by the NREA Board of Directors
- 💡 There will be no increase in dues payable by OPD for the 2026 fiscal year

💡 *Escape Solar*

- 💡 Daily coordination meetings with Escape Solar are being attended by OPD5 leadership & staff, ECI engineering consultants, and staff from Lincoln County Power District

💡 *Staffing*

- 💡 Our work order clerk, Marianne, is newly engaged and will be leaving in February
- 💡 Her position will be posted internally next week

💡 *NRECA Regulatory Committee*

- 💡 Work has begun on the 2026 resolutions
- 💡 The meetings are scheduled for January, to be held in conjunction with the NRECA CEO conference

I. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE 2026 EXPENSE BUDGET

The budget provides an estimate of income and expenses and shows the staff's estimate of cash flows. It also includes the cost of purchased power, wages, benefits, materials, supplies, and other expenses needed for the operation of the business. This presentation includes a review of the financial performance of the business and a budget forecast for the next two years in order to give the Board an understanding of the direction and trajectory of the finances. A budget update is presented each month to the trustees. The update includes a year-to-date comparison of the previous year.

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$60,005,822 for 2026. All budget totals are a 'not to exceed' value. Some of the concerns raised by Trustees were to maintain caution on the public relations expenses. Staff had foreseen the need to hire four new employees in 2026 and budgeted that amount in payroll but have since decided to put a freeze on hiring and will seek board approval if hiring any new entry-level position becomes necessary in 2026. Staff will also focus on getting the best interest rates possible and only borrowing when necessary for projects.

After a lengthy discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Richard Jones and seconded by Mike Young to approve the 2026 expense budget as presented. The Board voted seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

J. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF 2026 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of Trustees holds regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 PM, with the exception of a scheduled summer recess in July. This schedule is based on past schedules and considers other holidays and industry meetings scheduled in 2026.

After discussion by the Board, a motion was then made by Mike Young and seconded by Bob Bunker to approve the 2026 Board Meeting Schedule as agreed upon. The Board voted seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

K. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ARROW CANYON SOLAR, LLC CONTRACT

Arrow Canyon Solar, LLC has constructed a large PV solar array in the OPD5 service area to provide renewable energy to NV Energy. The 200 MW solar project includes 75 MW – 5hr battery storage and is located on Moapa Band of Paiute's land.

OPD5 will provide back feed power to the project for the operation of lights and equipment at night and at other times when the solar panels are not in operation. OPD5 does not have power line connection to the project site. OPD5 will use NV Energy lines that have been constructed from the project to provide back feed service. This contract establishes the arrangements that are needed to provide service to the project such as term of the contract, responsibilities, transmission service, connection point, retail rate, revenue meter point, and shared access to the revenue meter information.

This is a twenty-five (25) year contract between Arrow Canyon Solar, LLC and OPD5. The customer will not receive the benefit of the district's most affordable power, specifically legacy hydro contracts, or current solar rates.

Currently, their market rate will be \$89.70/MWh, this amount will change in 2027 when OPD5 negotiates a new purchase power agreement. This contract has been reviewed and approved by the OPD5 attorney.

After discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Chad Leavitt and seconded by Dale Rust to approve the Arrow Canyon Solar, LLC Contract as presented. The Board voted seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

L. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SOLAR PARTNERS XI, LLC CONTRACT

Solar Partners XI, LLC has constructed a large PV solar array (Gemini Project) in the OPD5 service area to provide renewable energy to NV Energy. The 690 MW solar project includes an additional 380 MW – 4hr battery storage and is located on Moapa Band of Paiute's land.

OPD5 will provide back feed power to the project for the operation of lights and equipment at night and at other times when the solar panels are not in operation. OPD5 does not have power line connection to the project site. OPD5 will use NV Energy lines that have been constructed from the project to provide back feed service. This contract establishes the arrangements that are needed to provide service to the project such as term of the contract, responsibilities, transmission service, connection point, retail rate, revenue meter point, and shared access to the revenue meter information.

The customer will not receive the benefit of the district's most affordable power, specifically legacy hydro contracts, or current solar rates. The term of the contract is five (5) years, but the rate is set at \$95 per megawatt hour (MWh) for one year renewal increments, based on the district's Tenaska contract. The customer is capped at 14 megawatts (MW). Any consumption exceeding this limit will be charged at the current market rate. All external costs incurred by Overton Power will be passed directly to the customer. Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) charges resulting from their day-ahead scheduling will be trued up quarterly. Finalizing this contract is a significant win because it secures Overton Power's service territory. This contract has been reviewed and approved by the OPD5 attorney.

After discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Mike Young and seconded by Chad Leavitt to approve the Solar Partners XI, LLC Contract as presented. The Board voted seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

M. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TENASKA CONFIRMATION LETTER

OPD5 signed a Power Scheduling Coordinator Contract with Tenaska Power Services effective January 1, 2025. This is a 3-year contract ending in December 2027. This agreement does not include the addition of any new customers added after the trade date if the anticipated peak demand of such new customer will be greater than 1.5 MW. As staff has presented in the previous action items, customers who are outside of the contracted growth OPD5 must sign a new confirmation letter under the existing EEI Master Agreement for this incremental supply. This letter will allow OPD5 to serve the additional

load for Solar Partners XI, LLC through December 2027. This letter has been reviewed and approved by the OPD5 attorney.

After discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Mike Young and seconded by Dale Rust to approve the Tenaska Confirmation letter as presented. The Board voted seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

N. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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O. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mike Young – Proposed that staff investigate a potential upward adjustment to the base charge for large commercial customers; and bring suggestions back to the Board at a later date.

Randy Laub – OPD5 is not competing for residential customer as we are for commercial customers. They are enduring most of the rate increase, and they have already experienced a rough few months, so we need to be sensitive.

Richard Jones – Thank you to the staff and all their teams. We knew this was going to be a challenging year. Adversities have been handled well, and we have had a seamless transition especially with all the retirements recently.

Chad Leavitt - The commercial customers are the lifeblood of the community. Without them there are no jobs for the residential customers. The increase to them was incrementally larger as they use far more power making the case that the across-the-board base charge fee was appropriate.

P. APPROVAL OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Chad Leavitt and seconded by Richard Jones to approve Wednesday, January 21, 2026, as the next Board Meeting date. The meeting will be held in the Overton Board Room at 3:00 p.m. The Board voted seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

Q. EXECUTIVE – CLOSED DOOR SESSION

A motion was made to enter executive session

A motion was made to exit executive session

R. ADJOURNMENT

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:30 P.M.

Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary / Treasurer

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