

MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 26, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 1

CALL TO ORDER: Marvin W. Sox, President/Chairman
(12:10 p.m.) Alan R. Lunsford, Vice-President/Vice-Chairman
Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary
J. Allan Risinger, Treasurer
J. Carey Bedenbaugh, Jr.
Eddie C. Best, Jr.
Kenneth E. Lindler
Mark A. Svrcek via Zoom
Justin B. Watts

STAFF PRESENT: B. Robert "Bob" Paulling, President and CEO
Theresa D. Crepes. VP, Finance and Accounting
Lee H. Ayers, VP, Engineering
Troy A. Simpson, VP, Member Services
Steven G. Davidson, VP, Information Technology
Vicki E. Ross-Bell, Administrative Services Manager

ATTORNEY PRESENT: J. David Black

INVOCATION: Carey Bedenbaugh

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA ITEM # 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Sox called the meeting to order. He then asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the last monthly meeting held on December 22, 2025. Mr. Lunsford made a motion to approve these minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

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AGENDA ITEM # 3

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

AGENDA ITEM # 4

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTING:

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING: Chairman Sox called on Mrs. Crepes for the Finance and Accounting report. Mrs. Crepes reported the year-to-date revenue was \$177,821,227 which is (\$1,043,943) under budget at the end of December. The year-to-date cost of wholesale power was \$100,661,617, which is over budget by \$182,925. The year-to-date margins were \$10,209,364, which is (\$349,561) below budget. Mrs. Crepes reported that equity was 23.87% at the end of December for a decrease of -0.14%. The deferred credits account balance changed by (\$723,938), and the ending balance was \$6,946,830.

Mrs. Crepes then presented a rate comparison chart showing an average residential usage of 960 kWh in December. Mid-Carolina's average bill was \$163.36 (account charge \$40.30) compared to Dominion's \$149.76 (account charge \$9.50), Duke – Carolina's \$137.68 (account charge \$11.96), and Duke – Progress \$136.71 (account charge \$11.78). She then presented a comparison chart showing an average annual usage of 15,845 kWh. Mid-Carolina's average annualized bill was \$2,341.23 (account charge \$474.50) compared to Dominion's \$2,415.80 (account charge \$114.00), Duke – Carolina's \$2,148.10 (account charge \$143.52), and Duke – Progress \$2,230.12 (account charge \$141.36).

Mrs. Crepes reported that Mid-Carolina has received \$6,820,674 from CarolinaConnect year-to-date. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mrs. Crepes for her report.

OPERATIONS: Chairman Sox called on Mr. Paulling for the Operations report. Mr. Paulling reported on the locations where the Mid-Carolina and contractor crews worked in December. He reported that the right-of-way crews are still working in the Hollywood area and that work has been completed in the Holley Ferry, Leesville, Lake Murray, Pelion, and Irmo areas. Mr. Paulling stated the System Inspectors are still working in the Lake Murray area. He reported that work is ongoing with the Carolina Crossroads project. Mr. Paulling then stated the total number of work orders generated in 2025 was 2,238. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Paulling for the report.

ENGINEERING: Chairman Sox called on Mr. Ayers for the Engineering report. Mr. Ayers reported that routine inspection and maintenance were completed. He stated collection of oil samples for annual substation equipment analysis was also complete. Mr. Ayers then reported on the fiber optic construction in subdivisions.

Mr. Ayers showed a chart graphing MWh purchased each month year-to-date from 2021-2025 with a five-year running average. The next chart showed the MW Demand purchased each month year-to-date from 2021-2025 with a five-year running average. The monthly outage report and notes for December were discussed. Mr. Ayers reviewed several charts summarizing the outages that occurred in 2025. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Ayers for his report.

MEMBER SERVICES: Chairman Sox called on Mr. Simpson for the Member Services report. Mr. Simpson called on the Manager of Member Services, Mrs. Christina Rish, to present the 2025 Member Services Year-End Review. Mrs. Rish presented the stats on calls presented, answered, abandoned, as well as the after-hours calls. The Member Service Representatives continue to do an excellent job processing the heavy load of calls that come in on a daily basis. Mrs. Rish provided additional stats for the electronic group, which includes online chats, online applications, emails and other services. She also gave the number of bills that were generated in 2025, along with the number of service orders and billing payments received at both offices. Chairman Sox thanked Mrs. Rish for her presentation.

Mr. Simpson then gave an overview of the 2026 Youth Programs. Mr. Paulling discussed the Community Leadership Council that met for the first time at the Cooperative on January 22, 2026. Mr. Simpson reviewed the recent social media engagement and discussed the quarterly schedule for the *South Carolina Living* magazine through the March 2026 issue. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Simpson for his report.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Chairman Sox called on Mr. Davidson for the Information Technology report. Mr. Davidson reported there were 44,213 accounts enrolled in SmartHub as of January 1, 2026, which represents 72.13% of active accounts enrolled. In 2025, 1,799 accounts enrolled. He stated that 86.70% of all December payment transactions were made electronically. There were 252 payments made with the InComm system in December.

Mr. Davidson reported that an additional 104 members enrolled in TextPower in December, bringing the enrollment total to 57,670. In 2025, 7,392 accounts enrolled. He stated there were 3,071 members enrolled in Pay As You Go in December. Mr. Davidson reported there were 33,401 emails received during the month, and 13,556 emails were blocked prior to reaching the Cooperative's email servers, and 16 of those emails contained viruses. He then gave an update on the email project and cyber security. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Davidson for his report.

ADMINISTRATION: Chairman Sox called on Mrs. Ross-Bell for the Administration report. Mrs. Ross-Bell referred to the monthly Operation Round-Up report. The Trust Board did not meet in December. However, one application was submitted and approved by the Trust Board via email, along with the monthly ministry donations for a total donation of \$13,859. The Trust Fund balance at the end of December was \$15,292. Mrs. Ross-Bell reviewed the breakdown of the 2025 total donations of \$325,978 by type.

Mrs. Ross-Bell then discussed important dates to remember through March 2026. She also stated the NRECA Legislative Conference is scheduled for April 26-28, 2026. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mrs. Ross-Bell for her report.

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CEO'S REPORT: Chairman Sox called on Mr. Paulling for his report. Mr. Paulling stated that there were no recordable accidents in December. He reported there is currently active recruitment for a Line Technician. Mr. Paulling then reported that there has been an announced retirement for Member Services Supervisor and there is active recruitment for that position.

Mr. Paulling discussed Rate N – Net Metering Time of Use Retail Sales. This rate is being eliminated by Central Electric Power Cooperative effective March 1, 2026. Any member(s) being served under Cooperative’s rate schedule N - Net Metering – Time of Use Retail Sales at that time shall be moved to an appropriate available rate schedule of the Cooperative. After a discussion, Mr. Watts made a motion to approve the resolution, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

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Mr. Paulling then gave a presentation highlighting the Cooperative’s accomplishments in 2025. He next discussed the SC Electric Cooperative Engagement Program. Mr. Paulling presented the 2026 Lee Electrical Construction contract for Board approval. Mr. Best made a motion to approve the recommendation, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lunsford and unanimously passed.

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Mr. Paulling presented two 2026 McCall-Thomas Engineering Company, Inc. contracts for Board approval. One contract is for the annual general engineering services, and one is for emergency restoration services. After a discussion, Mr. Bedenbaugh made a motion for the Cooperative to use McCall-Thomas Engineering in 2026 pursuant to the proposed contracts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lunsford and unanimously passed.

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Mr. Paulling discussed Statewide and Central. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Paulling for his report.

AGENDA ITEM # 6

LEGAL DISCUSSION: Chairman Sox called on Mr. Black for the legal report. Mr. Bedenbaugh made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watts.

Mr. Watts made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh.

There was no action taken during the executive session. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Black for his report.

AGENDA ITEM # 7

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: Chairman Sox read a couple of thank you notes. He then stated that the Board needed to appoint the “Trustee” seat for Central Electric Power Cooperative Board, which is currently filled by Mr. Risinger. Mr. Lunsford made a motion to appoint Mr. J. Allan Risinger to continue his service on the Central Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watts and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 4

Chairman Sox had nothing further to report at this time.

AGENDA ITEM # 8

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairman Sox discussed Board Policy 108 – Anti-Harassment and Board Policy 109 – Reporting Policy Violations that were sent to the Board prior to the meeting for the review. There were no recommended changes to Board Policy 108, and it will be updated as reviewed. There was one recommendation as clarification on Board Policy 109. After a discussion, the recommendation was approved, and it will be updated accordingly. Chairman Sox reported there were no other committee reports at this time.

AGENDA ITEM # 9

ASSOCIATED MEETING REPORTS: Chairman Sox stated that CarolinaConnect’s Board Meeting will be held January 29, 2025.

Ms. Kirkland reported that CEEUS is doing well and their equipment show is scheduled for March 25, 2026.

Mr. Lunsford stated the ECSC Trustee Association Committee will meet on March 2, 2026, to finalize plans for the Trustee Association meeting in August.

There were no other reports at this time.

AGENDA ITEM # 10

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Sox called for any new business. There was no new business to come before the meeting at this time. Mr. Bedenbaugh made a motion to enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watts and unanimously passed.

AGENDA ITEM # 11

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no action taken during executive session.

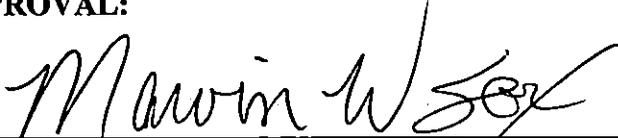
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ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

APPROVAL:



Marvin W. Sox, President/Chairman of the Board

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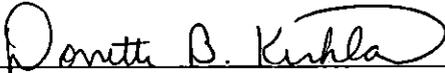
RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees reviewed and had no changes to the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on December 22, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves the minutes for the last regular monthly meeting held on December 22, 2025.

I, Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc., do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. at a regular meeting duly assembled on the 26th day of January 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present.



Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

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MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative's (Cooperative) experimental rate Schedule N - Net Metering - Time of Use Retail Sales is a three-party rate pursuant to which the Cooperative sells power to enrolled members; and

WHEREAS, Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Central) purchases excess capacity and energy from enrolled members under Central's Net Metering Rider (NM Rider); and

WHEREAS, the Schedule N and NM Rider have been closed to new customers since 2020; and

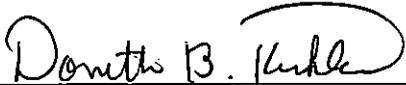
WHEREAS, the Cooperative has developed alternative rate options for members with installed behind-the-meter generation resources; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that no members of the Cooperative will be eligible for Central's NM Rider as of March 1, 2026, and that Cooperative's Schedule N should accordingly be closed at such time;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves the following:

- Cooperative's rate schedule N - Net Metering – Time of Use Retail Sales shall be closed effective March 1, 2026.
- Any member(s) being served under Cooperative's rate schedule N - Net Metering – Time of Use Retail Sales at the time such schedule is closed shall be moved to an appropriate available rate schedule of the Cooperative at such time.

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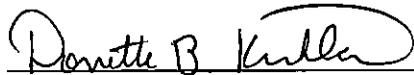
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WHEREAS, Mr. Paulling recommended that the Cooperative continue to secure electrical construction from Lee Electrical Construction, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration, the Board of Trustees concurs with Mr. Paulling's recommendation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves the aforesaid contract with Lee Electrical Construction, Inc. for services rendered during 2026.

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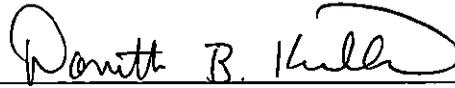
WHEREAS, Mr. Paulling recommended that the Cooperative continue to secure necessary general engineering and emergency restoration services from McCall-Thomas Engineering Company, Inc. during 2025; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paulling presented to the Board of Trustees a proposed contract for the Electric System Design and Construction and a proposed contract for Emergency Restoration services with McCall-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc., dated as of January 1, 2026, and recommended that both said contracts be approved and executed on behalf of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration, the Board of Trustees concurs with Mr. Paulling's recommendation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves the aforesaid contracts with McCall-Thomas Engineering Company, Inc. dated as of January 1, 2026, and the President is hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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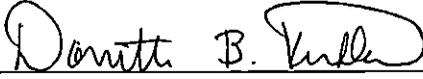
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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for selecting the “Trustee” Trustee to serve on the Central Electric Power Cooperative Board with the CEO of the Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to appoint the within named person as the “Trustee” Trustee to the aforesaid Board and Central’s Voting Delegate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby appoints Mr. J. Allan Risinger to continue to serve on the Central Electric Power Board with Mr. Paulling. They will also serve as voting delegates on behalf of the Cooperative.

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