

MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 28, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 1

CALL TO ORDER:

(9:30 a.m.)

Alan R. Lunsford, President/Chairman
Donette B. Kirkland, Vice-President/Vice-Chairman
Justin B. Watts, Secretary
J. Allan Risinger, Treasurer
J. Carey Bedenbaugh, Jr.
Eddie C. Best, Jr.
Kenneth E. Lindler
Marvin W. Sox
Mark A. Svrcek

STAFF PRESENT:

B. Robert “Bob” Paulling, President and CEO
Theresa D. Crepes. VP, Finance and Accounting
Robert A. Wilbur, VP, Operations
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: Justin Watts

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA ITEM # 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Lunsford 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 August 31, 2026. Mr. Watts made a motion to approve these minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sox and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 1

AGENDA ITEM # 3

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

AGENDA ITEM # 4

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTING:

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING: Chairman Lunsford called on Mrs. Crepes for the Finance and Accounting report. Mrs. Crepes reported the year-to-date revenue was \$130,964,695, which is \$458,566 over budget at the end of August. The year-to-date cost of wholesale power was \$77,885,041, which is over budget by \$2,660,646. The year-to-date margins were \$7,172,898, which is (\$241,269) below budget. Mrs. Crepes reported that equity was 23.98% at the end of August for an increase of 0.20%. The deferred credits account balance changed by (\$754,006), and the ending balance was \$1,108,074.

Mrs. Crepes then presented a rate comparison chart showing an average residential usage of 1,841 kWh in August. Mid-Carolina's average bill was \$242.86 (account charge \$39.00) compared to Dominion's \$298.28 (account charge \$9.50), Duke – Carolina's \$285.70 (account charge \$11.96), and Duke – Progress \$289.95 (account charge \$11.78). She then presented a comparison chart showing an average annual usage of 15,613 kWh. Mid-Carolina's average annualized bill was \$2,334.97 (account charge \$474.50) compared to Dominion's \$2,451.89 (account charge \$114.00), Duke – Carolina's \$2,264.10 (account charge \$143.52), and Duke – Progress \$2,362.50 (account charge \$141.36). Mrs. Crepes reported that Mid-Carolina has received \$5,104,765 from CarolinaConnect year-to-date.

Mrs. Crepes presented a resolution to Amend and Restate the Revolving Credit Promissory Notes with CoBank in the amount of \$30 million. Mr. Paulling reviewed the details of the recommendation. After a discussion, Mr. Sox made a motion to approve the increased CoBank line of credit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Svrcek and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 2

There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Lunsford thanked Mrs. Crepes for her report.

OPERATIONS: Chairman Lunsford called on Mr. Wilbur for the Operations report. Mr. Wilbur reported on the locations where the Mid-Carolina and contractor crews worked in August. He reported that the right-of-way crews are working in the New Chapin, Barr, and Circle areas. Mr. Wilbur stated the System Inspectors are still working in the Lake Murray area. They are also helping with underground cable locating. Mr. Wilbur reported that work is ongoing with the Carolina Crossroads and Broad River Road projects. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Lunsford thanked Mr. Wilbur for his report.

ENGINEERING: Chairman Lunsford called on Mr. Ayers for the Engineering report. Mr. Ayers reported that routine inspection and maintenance were completed. He stated that construction on the remainder of the Lake Murray Substation continues. Mr. Ayers reported the installation continues for the new downline electronic reclosers.

Mr. Ayers called on the Cooperative's Fiber Promotions & Sales Associate, Mrs. Kim Derrick, for the Employee Spotlight Report. Mrs. Derrick gave an update on the fiber marketing and sales. She discussed her efforts in obtaining more CarolinaConnect subscribers from Mid-Carolina members.

Mr. Ayers then showed a chart graphing MWh purchased each month year-to-date from 2022-2026 with a five-year running average. The next chart showed the MW Demand purchased each month year-to-date from 2022-2026 with a five-year running average. The monthly outage report and notes for August were discussed. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Lunsford thanked Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Derrick for their reports.

MEMBER SERVICES: Chairman Lunsford called on Mr. Simpson for the Member Services report. Mr. Simpson stated the Cooperative received 94 Bright Ideas applications this year, and the Celebration Luncheon will be held on October 30, 2026. He reported that the upcoming Charity Golf Tournament has been rescheduled to October 26, 2026. Mr. Simpson showed a video of the winner of the ECSC R.D. Bennett Community Service Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000. He then shared details about the Community Leadership Council graduation that was held September 24, 2026. Mr. Simpson reviewed the recent social media engagement, and the quarterly schedule for the *South Carolina Living* magazine through the November/December 2026 issue. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Lunsford thanked Mr. Simpson for his report.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Chairman Lunsford called on Mr. Davidson for the Information Technology report. Mr. Davidson reported there were 45,416 accounts enrolled in SmartHub as of September 1, 2026, which represents 73.69% of active accounts enrolled. He stated that 89% of all August payment transactions were made electronically. Mr. Davidson reported that an additional 1,015 members enrolled in TextPower in August, bringing the enrollment total to 65,953. He stated there were 3,104 members enrolled in Pay As You Go in August. There were 252 payments made with the InComm system during the month.

Mr. Davidson discussed the server uptime on all of the Cooperative's servers. He reported there were 65,847 emails received during the month, and 29,191 emails were blocked prior to reaching the Cooperative's email servers, and 51 of those emails contained viruses. Mr. Davidson then gave updates on the phishing security test and cyber security. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Lunsford thanked Mr. Davidson for his report.

ADMINISTRATION: Chairman Lunsford called on Mrs. Ross-Bell for the Administration report. Mrs. Ross-Bell referred to the monthly Operation Round-Up report. There were 10 applications approved out of 23 for a total donation of \$18,138. The Trust Fund balance at the end of August was \$65,990. Mrs. Ross-Bell then discussed important dates to remember through December 2026.

Mrs. Ross-Bell reported that the Board needs to approve the date for the Cooperative's 2027 Annual Meeting. The recommended layout of next year's annual meeting is as follows: Voting and Registration on April 10, 2027, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Beechwood Middle School and Spring Hill Middle School; Voting and Registration at both offices on April 16, 2027, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and the Virtual Business Meeting on April 16, 2027, at 5:30 p.m. After a discussion of the proposed schedule, Mr. Bedenbaugh made a motion to approve the Annual

Meeting schedule, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lindler and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 3

There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Lunsford thanked Mrs. Ross-Bell for her report.

AGENDA ITEM # 5

CEO'S REPORT: Chairman Lunsford called on Mr. Paulling for his report. Mr. Paulling stated there were no recordable accidents in August. He then reported two promotions to Energy Service Specialist and one promotion to Member Services Clerk Supervisor. Mr. Paulling also announced the retirement of a Member Services Clerk Supervisor and the resignation of a Line Technician.

Mr. Paulling reported there is now active recruitment for the following positions: Engineer, Communications Specialist, Utility Cable Locator, Member Services Representative, Apparatus Journeyman, Member Services Clerk Team Lead, and Line Technician. Mr. Paulling then discussed the EPA Power Plant Ruling. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Lunsford thanked Mr. Paulling for his report.

AGENDA ITEM # 6

LEGAL DISCUSSION: Chairman Lunsford called on Mr. Black for the legal report. Mr. Lindler made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

Mr. Svrcek made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

There was no action taken during executive session, and Chairman Lunsford thanked Mr. Black for his report.

AGENDA ITEM # 7

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman Lunsford read a thank you note. He then stated that the Board needed to select a Voting Delegate and Alternate for the CFC Region 2 Meeting that will be held in Orlando, FL on October 15, 2026. Mr. Watts made a motion for Mr. Marvin W. Sox to serve as the Voting Delegate and Mr. B. Robert Paulling to serve as the Alternate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 4

Chairman Lunsford reported that the Board needed to appoint Trustees for the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina (ECSC). Chairman Lunsford stated that Mr. Paulling and Ms. Kirkland currently serve as Trustees. Mr. Risinger made a motion for Ms. Donette B. Kirkland and Mr. B. Robert Paulling to serve as the ECSC Trustees in 2027. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

Chairman Lunsford stated the Board also needs to appoint a Voting Delegate and Alternate for the meeting in December. Mr. Risinger made a motion for Ms. Donette B. Kirkland to serve as the Voting Delegate for the Annual Meeting that will be held on December 1, 2026, and Mr. B. Robert Paulling to serve as the Alternate Voting Delegate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 5

Chairman Lunsford had nothing further to report at this time.

AGENDA ITEM # 8

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairman Lunsford called on Mr. Watts for the Policy Committee Report. Mr. Watts stated the Board had received Board Policy 205 – Board Campaigns with recommendations to review. After a discussion of the recommended changes, Mr. Bedenbaugh made a motion to approve Policy 205, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lindler and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 6

The Board also received Board Policy 206 – Board Executive Session and Minutes to review. There were no recommended changes to this policy. The policy will be updated as reviewed. There were no other committee reports at this time.

AGENDA ITEM # 9

ASSOCIATED MEETING REPORTS: Chairman Lunsford called on Mr. Sox for an update on CarolinaConnect. Mr. Sox stated the CarolinaConnect Board Meeting will be held on September 29, 2026. He stated that the focus is helping Mid-Carolina members get signed up easily for CarolinaConnect internet services.

Mr. Risinger gave a brief update on Central's Strategic Planning meeting that was held earlier in the month.

Ms. Kirkland stated the ECSC Communications Committee met to review the 2027 Communications and *South Carolina Living* magazine proposed budgets. She reported that the ECSC Board will meet on October 1, 2026, to review and approve the entire 2027 Budget for Statewide.

Mr. Lunsford reported that the ECSC Trustee Association Committee will meet on October 30, 2026.

There were no other reports at this time.

AGENDA ITEM # 10

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Lunsford 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 Ms. Kirkland and unanimously passed.

AGENDA ITEM # 11

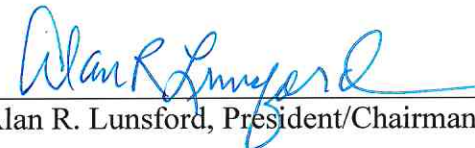
EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no action during executive session.

AGENDA ITEM # 12

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.


Justin B. Watts, Secretary

APPROVAL:


Alan R. Lunsford, President/Chairman of the Board

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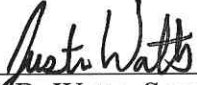
RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees reviewed and had no changes to the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on August 31, 2026;

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 August 31, 2026.

I, Justin B. Watts, 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 28th day of September 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present.



Justin B. Watts, Secretary

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MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative has Promissory Notes with CoBank that are expiring September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paulling is requesting to Amend and Restate the Revolving Credit Promissory Notes:

- Loan No. 1138S01-B adds \$5m (total of \$10m) and supersedes the current 1138S01-A
- Loan No. 1138UNCS02 is a supplemental \$10m LOC (same terms)
- Loan No. 1138EUNCS03 is a \$10m disaster Relief LOC that must be repaid within 30 business days of receiving any relief funds.

WHEREAS, after careful review, the Board approves the recommended amendments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves to Amend and Restate the Revolving Credit Promissory Notes as presented.

I, Justin B. Watts, 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 28th day of September 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present.


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MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is required by the Cooperative's Bylaws to set the date of the Annual Meeting of the members; and

WHEREAS, Voting and Registration will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2027, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Beechwoods Middle School in Lexington, SC and Spring Hill Middle School in Chapin, SC; and

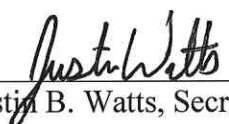
WHEREAS, Voting and Registration will be held on Friday, April 16, 2027, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at both Mid-Carolina offices in Lexington and Irmo; and

WHEREAS, the Business Meeting will be held virtually at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, 2027; and

WHEREAS, after a discussion of the two-day format, the Board agreed with the recommendation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. that the 2027 Annual Meeting of the members of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. will consist of Voting and Registration on April 10, 2027, Voting and Registration on April 16, 2026, and a Virtual Business Meeting on April 16, 2027.

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MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for selecting a voting delegate and alternate for the 2026 CFC Regional Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to appoint the within-named persons as voting delegate and alternate to the aforesaid meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby appoints voting delegate and alternate for the 2026 CFC Regional Meeting on October 15, 2026, as follows:

CFC Regional Meeting

Voting Delegate

Mr. Marvin W. Sox

Alternate

Mr. B. Robert Paulling

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MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for nominating two people to serve on the Board of The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, Inc. (ECSC); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for appointing a Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate to the Annual Meeting of ECSC; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to make the appointments and nominations as hereinafter stated;

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

ECSC Board Trustees for 2027

Ms. Donette B. Kirkland and Mr. B. Robert "Bob" Paulling

2026 Annual Meeting for ECSC

Voting Delegate

Ms. Donette B. Kirkland

Alternate Voting Delegate

Mr. B. Robert Paulling

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Justin B. Watts, Secretary

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MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Mr. Watts presented Board Policy 205 – Board Campaigns with recommended changes; and

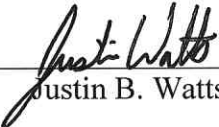
WHEREAS, the recommendation is to remove the wording from II. Policy Content Section H Poll Watchers; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative no longer uses Poll Watchers with the current Annual Meeting format of drive through voting and registration; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved the recommended changes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves to remove II. Policy Content Section H Poll Watchers to reflect the current practice of the Cooperative. The policy is attached hereto.

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Justin B. Watts, Secretary

**MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY 205**

SUBJECT: BOARD CAMPAIGNS

I. OBJECTIVE

To set forth a policy prohibiting advocacy or campaigning near the polling place to reasonably ensure that cooperative members can vote without harassment, intimidation, or interference. The polling place, for purposes of this policy, is the location where votes are collected for tabulation.

II. POLICY CONTENT

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees has established the following policy concerning Board candidate campaigns:

- A. Bribery: Members, including candidates for the Board, may not procure, by the payment, delivery, or promise of money or other article of value, another person to vote for or against any candidate or measure at any election conducted by the Cooperative. It is also prohibited for a member to accept such procurements.
- B. Threats: Members, including candidates for the Board, may not, by threats or any other form of intimidation, procure, offer, or promise to endeavor to procure another to vote for or against any candidate or measure in any election conducted by the Cooperative. Members, including candidates for the Board, may not threaten, mistreat, or abuse voters with a view to control or intimidate them in the free exercise of their rights of suffrage.
- C. Interference: Members, including candidates for the Board, may not:
 - 1. interfere with voters who are inside of the polling place or are marking their ballots;
 - 2. unduly influence or attempt to unduly influence voters in the preparation of their ballot;
 - 3. endeavor to induce voters to show how they marked their ballot; or
 - 4. aid or attempt to aid voters by means of any mechanical device in marking their ballot.
- D. Distribution of campaign literature: A candidate for the Board may not distribute any type of campaign literature or place any political posters within 500 feet of any entrance used by the voters to enter the polling locations on a Cooperative election with any such material. A candidate may wear within 500 feet of the polling place a label no larger than 4.25 inches by 4.25 inches that contains the candidate's name and the office sought. If the candidate enters the polling place, the candidate may not display any of this identification including, but not limited to, campaign stickers or buttons.
- E. Vandalizing or removing political campaign signs: Members, including candidates for the Board, may not deface, vandalize, tamper with, or remove a lawfully placed political campaign sign prior to the election without the permission of the candidate. This section does not apply when a political campaign sign is removed because of noncompliance with applicable law.

Board Policy 205
Board Campaigns

- F. Campaign signs on poles: Members, including candidates for the Board, may not place campaign signs on telephone/utility poles. The staples and nails left in the poles are very dangerous for the workers who must climb these poles in the performance of their work.
- G. Cooperative intellectual property: Before or during the election, no campaign material (print or electronic) can be used that includes the NRECA, Cooperative, or Touchstone Energy logo, as these are registered trademarks for use by the Cooperative only.
- H. ~~Poll watchers: Each candidate may appoint one Poll Watcher per location who should be introduced to Cooperative staff as soon as possible on Election Day. The Poll Watcher will be permitted to observe the voting process and the vote counting and report any irregularity or problem to the CEO or Corporate Attorney. The Poll Watcher will not be allowed to campaign for any candidate during the voting process.~~

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The Chief Executive Officer shall ensure compliance with this policy.
- B. The General Counsel shall advise and support the Chief Executive Officer regarding compliance with this policy.