

MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 18, 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 via Zoom

STAFF PRESENT:

B. Robert "Bob" Paulling, President and CEO
Theresa D. Crepes. VP, Finance and Accounting
Robert A. Wilbur, VP, Operations
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: Marvin Sox

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 April 20, 2026. Mr. Sox made a motion to approve these minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Risinger 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 \$61,873,661, which is (\$716,300) under budget at the end of April. The year-to-date cost of wholesale power was \$35,736,858, which is over budget by \$454,051. The year-to-date margins were \$3,562,850, which is (\$98,711) below budget. Mrs. Crepes reported that equity was 23.73% at the end of April for an increase of 0.13%. The deferred credits account balance changed by (\$581,041), and the ending balance was \$3,400,128.

Mrs. Crepes then presented a rate comparison chart showing an average residential usage of 1,001 kWh in April. Mid-Carolina's average bill was \$170.92 (account charge \$36.40) compared to Dominion's \$155.58 (account charge \$9.50), Duke – Carolina's \$149.84 (account charge \$11.96), and Duke – Progress \$161.04 (account charge \$11.78). She then presented a comparison chart showing an average annual usage of 15,682 kWh. Mid-Carolina's average annualized bill was \$2,325.55 (account charge \$474.50) compared to Dominion's \$2,441.86 (account charge \$114.00), Duke – Carolina's \$2,176.98 (account charge \$143.52), and Duke – Progress \$2,270.93 (account charge \$141.36).

Mrs. Crepes reported that Mid-Carolina has received \$2,520,658 from CarolinaConnect year-to-date. 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 April. He reported that the right-of-way crews are working in the Lake Murray and Barr areas. Mr. Wilbur stated the System Inspectors are still working in the Lake Murray area. He reported that Tomberlin Pole Inspection and Treatment has completed their work in the North Congaree area, and they are working in the South Congaree area. The total number of poles that have been inspected and treated year-to-date is 5,760. Mr. Wilbur reported that work is ongoing with the Carolina Crossroads project. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Lunsford thanked Mr. Wilbur for the report.

ENGINEERING: Chairman Lunsford called on Mr. Paulling for the Engineering report. Mr. Paulling reported that routine inspection and maintenance were completed. He stated the Cooperative is now operating on the new SCADA system. Mr. Paulling shared that the Lake Murray Substation and Lake Murray transmission line rebuilds are in progress with a projected in-service date of June 1, 2026. He then discussed fiber optic construction in subdivisions.

Mr. Paulling 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 April were discussed. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Lunsford thanked Mr. Paulling for the report.

MEMBER SERVICES: Chairman Lunsford called on Mr. Simpson for the Member Services report. Mr. Simpson shared ways the Cooperative has recently connected with the community since the last meeting. He also shared photos of the Cooperative's Employee Appreciation Day. Mr. Simpson reviewed the recent social media engagement and discussed the quarterly schedule for the *South Carolina Living* magazine through the July 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 44,909 accounts enrolled in SmartHub as of May 1, 2026, which represents 73.16% of active accounts enrolled. He stated that 87.69% of all April payment transactions were made electronically. Mr. Davidson reported that an additional 765 members enrolled in TextPower in April, bringing the enrollment total to 62,198. He stated there were 3,132 members enrolled in Pay As You Go in April. There were 240 payments made with the InComm system in April.

Mr. Davidson next discussed the server uptime on all of the Cooperative's servers. Mr. Davidson reported there were 49,613 emails received during the month, and 22,768 emails were blocked prior to reaching the Cooperative's email servers, and 7 of those emails contained viruses. He then gave an update on 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 13 applications approved out of 24 for a total donation of \$25,868. The Trust Fund balance at the end of April was \$28,465. Mrs. Ross-Bell then discussed important dates to remember through August 2026. 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 April. He reported that the new Fiber Promotion and Sales Associate started on April 20, 2026. Mr. Paulling further reported that a new Fleet Technician and Member Services Clerk were scheduled to start today. He also announced the retirement of a Warehouse Attendant, and the resignation of a Line Technician. Mr. Paulling added that there is active recruitment for two Line Technicians, a Warehouse Attendant, and an Associate Systems & Network Administrator.

Mr. Paulling discussed Statewide and Central. 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. Black gave a brief legal update. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Lunsford thanked Mr. Black for his report.

AGENDA ITEM # 7

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman Lunsford read two thank you notes. He then stated the Board needs to select a Voting Delegate for the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation "CFC" Annual Meeting that will be held at the CFC Forum on June 15, 2026. Mr. Bedenbaugh made a motion for Marvin W. Sox to be the Voting Delegate. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kirkland and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 2

Chairman Lunsford then stated that a Voting Delegate needs to be selected for the National Cooperative Services Corporation "NCSC" Annual Meeting that will be held at the CFC Forum on June 15, 2026. Mr. Bedenbaugh made a motion for Marvin W. Sox to be the Voting Delegate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watts and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 3

AGENDA ITEM # 8

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairman Lunsford called on Ms. Kirkland for the Policy Committee Report. Ms. Kirkland stated that the Board had received Board Policy 116 – Additional Qualifications for Trustee Candidates to review. There were no recommended changes to this policy, and the policy will be updated as reviewed.

The Board also received Board Policy 117 – CEO Succession Plan to review. There was a discussion on the policy, and it 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 May 26, 2026.

Ms. Kirkland reported that CEEUS will meet in June at the ECSC Summer Conference. She also confirmed that the ECSC Winter Conference will be held in Asheville, NC from November 30-December 3, 2026.

Mr. Lunsford reminded everyone that the ECSC Trustee Association will be held August 12-14, 2026, in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Mr. Lunsford, Ms. Kirland and Mr. Risinger all stated the NRECA Legislative Conference was informative. There were no other reports at this time.

AGENDA ITEM # 10

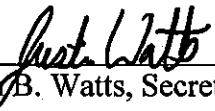
NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Lunsford called for any new business. There was no new business to come before the meeting at this time. Mr. Bedenbaugh made a motion to enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lindler and unanimously passed.

AGENDA ITEM # 11

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


AGENDA ITEM # 12

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.



Justin B. Watts, Secretary

APPROVAL:



Alan R. Lunsford, President/Chairman of the Board

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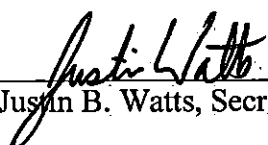
RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees reviewed and had no changes to the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on April 20, 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 April 20, 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 18th day of May 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present.


Justin B. Watts, Secretary

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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 for the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation "CFC" Annual Meeting; and

WHEREAS, this annual meeting will be held at the CFC Forum on June 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to appoint the within-named person as the Voting Delegate to the aforesaid meeting;


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby appoints the Voting Delegate to the CFC Annual Meeting being held at the CFC Forum on June 15, 2026, as follows:

CFC

Voting Delegate

Mr. Marvin W. Sox

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Justin B. Watts, Secretary

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MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

3

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for selecting a Voting Delegate for the upcoming National Cooperative Services Corporation "NCSC" Annual Meeting; and

WHEREAS, this annual meeting will be held at the CFC Forum on June 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to appoint the within-named person as the Voting Delegate to the aforesaid meeting;

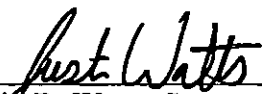
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby appoints the Voting Delegate to NCSC Annual Meeting being held at the CFC Forum on June 15, 2026, as follows:

NCSC

Voting Delegate

Mr. Marvin W. Sox

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Justin B. Watts, Secretary