MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 27, 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 Troy A. Simpson, VP, Member Services Steven G. Davidson, VP, Information Technology Vicki E. Ross-Bell, Administrative Services Manager
ATTORNEY PRESENT:	Nick Fowler
INVOCATION:	Alan Lunsford

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 June 29, 2026. Mr. Bedenbaugh made a motion to approve these minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Best 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 Lunsford called on Mrs. Crepes for the Finance and Accounting report. Mrs. Crepes reported the year-to-date revenue was $94,615,728, which is ($466,127) under budget at the end of June. The year-to-date cost of wholesale power was $54,883,168, which is over budget by $1,304,869. The year-to-date margins were $5,364,789, which is ($189,743) below budget. Mrs. Crepes reported that equity was 23.77% at the end of June for a decrease of -0.19%. The deferred credits account balance changed by ($785,474), and the ending balance was $1,506,343.

Mrs. Crepes then presented a rate comparison chart showing an average residential usage of 1,400 kWh in June. Mid-Carolina's average bill was $205.05 (account charge $40.30) compared to Dominion's $226.57 (account charge $9.50), Duke – Carolina's $207.25 (account charge $11.96), and Duke – Progress $223.20 (account charge $11.78). She then presented a comparison chart showing an average annual usage of 15,699 kWh. Mid-Carolina's average annualized bill was $2,332.76 (account charge $474.50) compared to Dominion's $2,454.00 (account charge $114.00), Duke – Carolina's $2,211.21 (account charge $143.52), and Duke – Progress $2,312.64 (account charge $141.36).

Mrs. Crepes reported that Mid-Carolina has received $3,811,836 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 June. He reported that the right-of-way crews have completed work in the Lake Murray and Woodland Hills areas. There is work in progress 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 gave an update on the Carolina Crossroads project. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Lunsford thanked Mr. Wilbur for his report.

ENGINEERING: Chairman Lunsford called on Mr. Paulling for the Engineering report. Mr. Paulling reported that routine inspection and maintenance were completed. He stated that construction on the remainder of the Lake Murray Substation continues. Mr. Paulling reported that the maintenance switch replacements at Edmund Substation have been completed. He then gave a fiber marketing and sales update. Mr. Paulling discussed the ongoing 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 June 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 called on Mr. Matt Porth for the Employee Spotlight Report. Mr. Porth reviewed statistics regarding the number of Ecobee Thermostats that have been installed for members since 2021. He stated the Cooperative now has 606 Interconnection Agreements for solar net metering. Mr. Porth discussed the Pilot Programs underway at Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Lunsford thanked Mr. Porth for his report.

Mr. Simpson then discussed how the Cooperative has recently connected with the community. He also shared photos from the Youth Summit. Mr. Simpson reviewed the recent social media engagement, and the quarterly schedule for the *South Carolina Living* magazine through the September 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 45,046 accounts enrolled in SmartHub as of July 1, 2026, which represents 73.33% of active accounts enrolled. He stated that 87.60% of all June payment transactions were made electronically. Mr. Davidson reported that an additional 1,825 members enrolled in TextPower in June, bringing the enrollment total to 64,914. He stated there were 3,155 members enrolled in Pay As You Go in June. There were 253 payments made with the InComm system during the month of June.

Mr. Davidson discussed the server uptime on all of the Cooperative's servers. He reported there were 61,738 emails received during the month, and 34,823 emails were blocked prior to reaching the Cooperative's email servers, and 71 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 10 applications approved out of 16 for a total donation of $16,273. The Trust Fund balance at the end of June was $44,849. Mrs. Ross-Bell then stated that Mrs. Barbara Rodgers was nominated to represent District 1 on the Trust Board. After a discussion, Mr. Sox made a motion to approve Mrs. Rodgers to serve on the Trust Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kirkland and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 2

Mrs. Ross-Bell discussed important dates to remember through October 2026. She then reported on the ORS Compliance Audit. 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 June. He reported that three new Line Technicians started on July 6, 2026. There is active recruitment for a Warehouse Supervisor.

Mr. Paulling presented the results of the Cooperative's Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program "RESAP" that was performed earlier in the month. The reviewer stated that it was a very strong RESAP and that it is evident from management and employees that Safety is a core value at Mid-Carolina. 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. Fowler for the legal report. Mr. Fowler gave a brief legal update. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Lunsford thanked Mr. Fowler for his report.

AGENDA ITEM # 7

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman Lunsford read a couple of thank you notes. Chairman Lunsford stated that the Board needed to select a Voting Delegate and Alternate for the NRECA Regional Meeting that will be held in Orlando, FL, October 14-16, 2026. Mr. Svrcek made a motion for Mr. B. Robert Paulling to serve as the Voting Delegate and Mr. Marvin W. Sox to serve as the Alternate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

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He had nothing further to report at this time.

AGENDA ITEM # 8

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairman Lunsford called on Ms. Kirkland for the CEO Compensation Committee report. Ms. Kirkland stated that her report will be given in executive session.

Chairman Lunsford called on Mr. Watts for the Policy Committee Report. Mr. Watts stated that the Board had received Board Policy 202 – Membership in Clubs and Civic Organizations to review. There were no recommended changes to this policy, and the policy will be updated as reviewed.

The Board also received Board Policy 203 – Appearance of Members or Others Before the Board of Trustees to review with no recommended changes. 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 July 28, 2026. Mr. Paulling discussed the Broadband Association meeting that was held July 8-10, 2026.

Mr. Paulling and Mr. Risinger gave a brief update on Central.

Ms. Kirkland stated that CEEUS will meet the first week in August. The Statewide Executive Committee met earlier this month to discuss their strategic planning initiatives.

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

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. Watts and unanimously passed.

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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 12:10 p.m.

Justin Watts

Justin B. Watts, Secretary

APPROVAL:

Alan R Lunsford

Alan R. Lunsford, President/Chairman of the Board

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MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

 # 1

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees reviewed and had no changes to the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on June 29, 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 June 29, 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 27th day of July 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present.

Justin Watts

Justin B. Watts, Secretary

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MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

 # 2

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for making appointments to the Board of Directors of the Mid-Carolina Electric Trust; and

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy for District 1 due to a resignation; and

WHEREAS, there has been a recommendation to appoint Mrs. Barbara Rodgers to fill the unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, after a discussion, the Board approved the recommendation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby appoints Mrs. Barbara Rodgers to fill the unexpired term for District 1 from July 2026 to May 2027.

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 27th day of July 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present.

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RESOLUTION

 # 3

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for selecting a voting delegate and alternate for the 2026 NRECA 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 NRECA Regional Meeting that will be held October 14-16, 2026, in Orlando, FL as follows:

NRECA Regional Meeting

Voting Delegate	Mr. B. Robert Paulling
Alternate	Mr. Marvin W. Sox

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