

Berkeley Electric Cooperative  
Board Meeting  
September 25, 2023  
Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Monday, September 25, 2023, at 1:00 P.M.** at the Moncks Corner Headquarters.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne DeWitt and Mr. Vandross gave the invocation and we stood to honor the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Trustees were present:

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| <b>H. Wayne DeWitt</b> | <b>Connie Shuler</b>      | <b>Henry H. Chavis, Sr.</b> |
| <b>Willis Sanders</b>  | <b>Denver Lee Clayton</b> | <b>Robert "Bob" Jenkins</b> |
| <b>Sam Gourdine</b>    | <b>Sheila Powell</b>      | <b>Robert Vandross</b>      |

President & CEO Michael S. Fuller, Executive Administrator Ashley Edens, and the following staff: VP of Finance Joel Stevens, VP of Member Services Amy Langdon, VP of Human Resources Louise Meade, VP of Public Relations Tony Vincent as well as General Counsel John B. Williams were in attendance.

Chairman DeWitt called for approval of minutes from the August board meeting which was held on August 28, 2023. Upon motion by Mr. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Vandross, and unanimously passed; it was

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the minutes of the August 28, 2023, as presented.**

## **Committee Reports**

### **Central Meeting Report-Mr. Fuller**

Mr. Fuller reviewed the board summary from Central's September board meeting.

### **PURPA 111 (d) Written Determination Requirement-Mr. Fuller**

Mr. Fuller discussed that PURPA 111 (d) written determination would have to be approved by November 15<sup>th</sup>. A resolution will need to be signed at the October board meeting.

### **ECSC Report- Mr. Sanders**

Mr. Sanders stated that the projected 2024 ECSC Dues would be \$1,086,542 (increased to \$50,906) amount to be billed per month would be \$90,545.17. Mr. Sanders also discussed their two-year ECSC budget comparison and their projected 2024 income statement.

### **Audit Report-Mr. Vandross**

Mr. Vandross stated that the audit committee meet and approved expense reports and executive staff's credit card statements and there were no discrepancies.

### **Financial Reports- Mr. Stevens**

Mr. Stevens reviewed the financial reports from July 2023. Mr. Stevens reviewed portions of the statement of operations and the balance on Form 7.

### **Wage and Salary 2023-2024 Proposal-Mr. Stevens**

Mr. Stevens gave a brief overview of what inflation (CPI) 3.6% and that the average pay is at 90% of market which is below market minimum. Mr. Stevens proposed three different raise package options. The recommendation was made to make a market adjustment for the line workers that would total \$280,000. Also, a \$500.00 Christmas bonus per employee that would be paid out to employees in November 2023. No action was taken.

### **President/CEO Reports-Mr. Fuller**

Mr. Fuller said that the

**Coastal Security Alarm Program-Mr. Vincent and Mrs. Langdon**

Mr. Vincent recommended that we cancel the partnership with Coastal Security Alarm. After a thoroughly discussion upon a motion by Mr. Chavis, seconded by Mr. Clayton and unanimously passed: it was

**RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves that we will stop the partnership with Coastal Security Alarm.**

**Attorney Report-Mr. Williams**

Mr. Williams discussed a few legal cases that he is working on.

**2023 Credential Committee Meeting Update-Mr. Williams**

General Counsel John B. Williams brought it to the attention of the Board that the 2023 Credentials Committee met on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**Pursuant to a notice mailed by the Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc., on August 31, 2023, the Credentials Committee members met at the Cooperative's Office in Moncks Corner, South Carolina this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 at 6:00 P.M. to approve that the following candidates are qualified and will be listed on the ballot for the 2023 Annual Meeting of Members:**

**District 1:     Robert Vandross  
                  Don S. Saturday**

**District 4:     Sam Gourdine**

District 7: Connie Shuler

District #5 Cliff McEvogue, Chairman

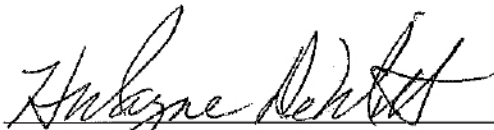
District #3 William Jones, Secretary

**New Business-**

The Chairman then called for new business. There was none.

**Old Business – None.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn.



H. Wayne DeWitt, Chairman



Connie Shuler, Secretary