

Berkeley Electric Cooperative  
Board Meeting  
July 24, 2023  
Minutes

The Berkeley Electric Cooperative Board of Trustee's meeting was held **Monday, July 24, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.** at the Moncks Corner Headquarters.

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

The following Trustees were present:

<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 Public Relations Tony Vincent, Director of Marketing and Communications Libby Roerig as well as General Counsel John B. Williams were in attendance. Public Relations Specialist Dana Jenkins and several students that were selected to participate in the Cooperative Youth Tour program in Washington D.C. The students were invited to speak about their experience.

Chairman DeWitt called for approval of minutes from the June board meeting which was held on June 26, 2023. Upon motion by Mrs. Shuler, seconded by Mr. Chavis, and unanimously passed; it was

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the minutes of the June 26, 2023, as presented.**

## **Committee Reports**

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

Mr. Dewitt gave a brief summary of what was discussed at the Central Board meeting that was held on July 12, 2023.

### **Trustee Association Meeting Report-Mrs. Shuler**

Mrs. Shuler said that Statewide yearly dues will be going up to \$1,000 per year. The Trustee Association Conference next year will be held on May 13-15<sup>th</sup> at the Frances Marion Hotel in Downtown Charleston.

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

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

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

Mr. Fuller asked Mrs. Roerig and Mr. Vincent to discuss the charitable giving proposal. Mrs. Roerig explained the changes to the previous year's donations and what we are proposing for next year. The changes will be made on a three-year rotation. There was no Board action taken.

Mr. Fuller said that our cyber security administrator will be doing a thirty-minute presentation on the benefits of cyber security after the board meeting.

### **Nominating Committee Update-Mr. Williams**

General Counsel John B. Williams gave an update of the Nominating Committee meeting that was held on July 19, 2023 at 6:00pm.

The following members of the Nominating Committee met at the Cooperative's Office in Moncks Corner, South Carolina this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

District # 1 Patricia Casey  
District # 2 Marcella Smalls  
District # 3 Tamera Barnette  
District # 4 Peggy Williams  
District # 5 Mavon B. Jernigan Jr.  
District # 6 Joe L. Wade  
District # 7 Vacant  
District # 8 Tim Nixon  
District # 9 Ryan Rushton

Ryan Rushton was elected Chairman and Tamera Barnette was elected Secretary.

The following members were nominated as Candidates from their respective

Districts:

District No. 1 Robert Vandross  
District No. 4 Sam Gourdine  
District No. 7 Connie Shuler

**Attorney Report-Mr. Williams**

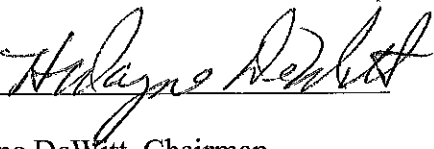
Mr. Williams discussed a few legal cases that he is working on.

**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.

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H. Wayne DeWitt, Chairman

Handwritten signature of Connie Shuler in cursive script, positioned above a horizontal line.

Connie Shuler, Secretary