

Community Renewable Energy Agency Board Meeting Minutes

The Community Renewable Energy Agency Board met in a regular public meeting on **Monday, February 2, 2026**, at Millcreek City Hall, located at 1330 E. Chambers Avenue, Millcreek, UT 84106 and participated electronically via GoToMeeting.

PRESENT:

Board Members

In person

Emily Quinton, *Summit County*
David Brems, *Emigration Canyon*
Glade Sowards, *Salt Lake City*
Drew Quinn, *Holladay*
Chris Cawley, *Alta*
Dan Dugan, *Salt Lake City, Chair*
Cheri Jackson, *Millcreek*

Electronic

Chrystal Butterfield, *Kearns*
Alexi Lamm, *Moab*
Dave Graf, *Ogden*
Emily Paskett, *Salt Lake County*
Suzanne Harrison, *Salt Lake County*
Randy Aton, *Springdale*
Pamela Gibson, *Castle Valley*
Luke Cartin, *Park City*
Lorenzo Long, *Ogden*
Kyla Topham, *Springdale*
Joe Frazier, *Oakley*
Roger Armstrong, *Summit County*
Melodie McCandless, *Grand County*
Brandon Brady, *Coalville*
Holly Smith, *Holladay*

In Person Attendees: Kurt Hansen, *Millcreek*; Alex Wendt, *Millcreek*; Monica O'Malley, *Salt Lake City staff*; Phillip Russell, *Agency counsel*; Sophia Nicholas, *Salt Lake City staff*; Brendon Accord, *Energy Strategies*; Jack Moe, *Salt Lake City resident*

Electronic Attendees: Steve Burton, *Ogden staff*; Jeanne Evenden, *Ogden resident*; Chait Mehra; Brenda Salter, *Division of Public Utilities*; Gay Lynn Bennion, *Cottonwood Heights Mayor*; Sheldon Howa, *Cottonwood Heights staff*; Dan Jaynes; Samantha Pensari, *Stewardship Utah*; Glenn Symes, *Ogden staff*

REGULAR MEETING: 1:30 p.m.

TIME COMMENCED: 1:32 p.m.

1. Welcome, Introduction, and Preliminary Matters

1.1 Purpose and Overview of Meeting

Acting Chair Emily Quinton called the meeting to order, and introduction of attendees was made.

1.2 Current Participation Percentages included in Board Packet

Secretary Quinton said that the current percentages are in the packet.

1.3 Shifting Start Times for February and March Board Meetings to 1:30 p.m.

Secretary Quinton thanked everyone for accommodating the meeting change to 1:30 during the legislative session.

2. Business Matters

2.1 Approval of January 5, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Board Member Quinn, moved to approve January 5, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. Board Member Cawley seconded the motion. Acting Chair Quinton asked for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

2.2 Treasurer Report (Year-to-Date Contributions and Expenses).

Secretary Quinton provided the treasurer report. Additional invoices were sent to the law firm engaged by the Board. The Board received second of two grant reimbursements from Sustain Energy Finance, these reimbursements help offset the Agency costs for paying third party consultants used by the Division of Public Utilities and Office of Consumer services, as required by state code.

2.3 Reports From Committees (Program Design, Low-Income Plan, Communications)

Board Member Chris Cawley gave the update for the Communications Committee. They are moving forward with the website update and are handing off the content to Penna Powers to build the site, anticipated to go live within a month. The new website will be based in WordPress for improved functionality. Content will shift from an Agency audience focus to a public facing focus.

Common questions recently received from the public and elected officials include: how is the URC different than Blue Sky, Subscribe Solar or installing solar panels on their roof? URC is more accessible and will make impact on a larger scale. Another question recently received is: what will URC cost for businesses? Board Member Cawley said they do not have an answer yet because it depends on the Public Service Commission decision. And lastly, another question is: can the URC share more information about the clean energy projects it is considering? The answer is no.

Monica O'Malley gave the update for the Low-Income plan Committee. They held their monthly meeting on January 12, 2026. They discussed what comes next for the committee and communities, brainstormed additional outreach methods, and talked about the Municipal Investment Fund grant. Ms. O'Malley spoke about elective strategies and different outreach methods communities can use.

Board Member Glade Sowards gave the update for the Program Design Committee. There are no updates yet from the PSC. Energy Strategies utilized PacifiCorp's system benefit modeling results to calculate Phase 3 scores and to make recommendations regrading bids to consider in the RFP. The Committee selected the final short list for further consideration by the Board. The Program Design Committee negotiated with PacifiCorp to make the agreement for the optional transmission studies be a two-party agreement, between the Company and each bidder. Further the Committee shared power purchase agreement (PPA) language with bidders.

Board Member Sowards spoke about the reserve accounts. No reserves are collected during the 90-day window after the PSC approves the program; that period is only for participating communities to adopt the ordinance. The program doesn't start generating revenue or building its reserves until the "Commencement Date", when the new rate begins appearing on customer bills. Customers will be able to opt out both during the 60-day notification period leading up to that Commencement Date and for roughly three billing cycles (about 100 days) afterward without paying a termination fee. Only once billing under the program rate begins do funds start flowing into the reserve accounts.

Board Member Brems said that the Board Members have been telling their communities that their bill increase will be about \$3-\$4 a month with URC, however as energy prices change and hopefully green energy gets cheaper will the \$3-\$4 bill remain stable or could it decrease? Board Member Sowards reported that the frequently cited estimate of an additional \$3-\$4 dollars per month for an average residential customer reflects the Agency's target in its request to the PSC but noted that the PSC may ultimately approve a different rate. He stated that Rocky Mountain Power's own projections also indicate an impact in the \$3-\$4 range, and that several parties, including the Division of Public Utilities and the Office of Consumer Services, have requested greater transparency and a clear process for updating the program rate over time. Accordingly, he explained that the agency is seeking an initial rate sufficient to begin revenue collection, coupled with a mechanism to adjust the rate in the future as actual costs, contract terms, and system values become clearer, after which he invited legal counsel Phil Russell to further describe how these factors would influence customer pricing over the life of the program. Legal counsel, Phil Russell explained that the projected \$3-\$4-dollar monthly increase for residential customers is not solely the direct cost of the PPA. He stated that the PPA price itself is expected to remain level over the life of the contract, but the charge customers see will reflect both the cost of the PPA and the value that the project provides to the overall system relative to other resources. He further explained that rates will likely be higher at the outset to build the required resource reserve, after which the customer rate may decrease once sufficient reserves have been accumulated. Mr. Russell emphasized that the exact rate over time depends on how the PSC ultimately decides to value the acquired resources. There may be periods when participation in the program is less expensive than remaining on standard service.

2.4 Public Comment

There were no comments.

2.5 Closed Session if Needed

Board Member Cawley made the motion to enter closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Board Member Jackson seconded the motion. Chair Dugan conducted the roll call vote. Board Member Jackson voted yes, Board Member Quinn voted yes, Board Member Cartin voted yes, Board Member Brems voted yes, Board Member McCandless voted yes, Board Member Aton voted yes, Board Member Armstrong voted yes, Board Member Harrison voted yes, Board Member Graff voted yes, Board Member Frazier voted yes, Board Member Butterfield voted yes, Board Member Gibson voted yes, Chair Dugan voted yes. The motion passed unanimously. The board entered closed session at 2:27 p.m.

Board Member Jackson made the motion to come out of closed session at 2:57 p.m. Board Member Brems seconded the motion. Chair Dugan called for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

2.6 Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 26-02, Resolution of the Board Selecting Projects for Contract Negotiation

Board Member Sowards explained that this resolution allows the agency to select the final shortlist for the project bids.


Board Member Brems made the motion to approve Resolution 26-02, Resolution of the Board Selecting projects for Contract Negotiation. Board Member Cawley seconded the motion. Chair Dugan called for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

2.7 Board Member Comments

Chair Dugan said he was at a meeting at the Capitol regarding water issues and the Great Salt Lake. Water issues, air quality issues, and energy issues are all interconnected. He stated his appreciation for everyone who is working on moving these programs forward.

3. Adjournment

Board Member Jackson moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Cawley seconded the motion. Chair Dugan called for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

APPROVED:  Date: March 4, 2026
Dan Dugan, Chair

ATTEST:


Emily Quinton, Secretary