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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BURLINGTON ELECTRIC COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Burlington Electric Commission was convened at 5:03 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at Burlington Electric Department, 585 Pine Street, Burlington, Vermont, and on Microsoft Teams.

Attendance

- Channel 17 was present to record this meeting.
- Commissioners Lara Bonn, Paul Dawson, Ali Kenney, and Andy Vota were present at 585 Pine Street.
- Commissioner Brian Williams was present via Microsoft Teams.
- Staff members Paul Alexander, Dan Edson, Mike Kanarick, Munir Kasti, Katie Morris, Darren Springer, and Emily Stebbins-Wheelock were present at 585 Pine Street.
- Staff members Seth Clifford and James Gibbons was present via Microsoft Teams.
- Public members Leendert Huisman and Peter Macausland were present at 585 Pine Street.
- Public member Pike Porter was present via Microsoft Teams.

1. Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Dawson moved to accept the July 8, 2026 minutes as presented; Commissioner Vota seconded the motion. Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays.

3. Public Forum

Leendert Huisman addressed the commission regarding the relationship between BED, the commission, and McNeil generating station.

Peter Macausland addressed the commission

4. Monthly Impact Minute

General Manager Darren Springer introduced Dan Edson, the Department's new Manager of Energy Services.

Dan Edson addressed the commission

5. Commissioners' Corner

There were no topics discussed.

6. GM Update

General Manager Darren Springer

7. Financials: Preliminary June FY26

Emily Stebbins-Wheelock presented the preliminary June FY26 financial results.

8. Financials: July FY27

Emily Stebbins-Wheelock, CFO and Manager of Strategy & Innovation, presented July 2026 financial results.

9. Solar Canopy Executive Session

General Manager Darren Springer and James Gibbons, Director of Policy and Planning, presented information about a proposed solar canopy project at 585 Pine Street.

Commissioner Vota made a motion that the Commission find that premature general public knowledge of contract negotiations related to the Commission and BED's negotiating position and strategy for a proposed solar canopy, to be located at 585 Pine Street, would clearly place the Commission and BED at a substantial disadvantage in those negotiations. Commissioner Bonn seconded the motion. Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays.

Based on that finding, Commissioner Bonn made a motion that the Commission enter executive session, with BED staff present, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(A) to discuss ongoing contract negotiations regarding a proposed solar canopy to be located at 585 Pine Street. Commissioner Dawson seconded the motion. Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays. The Burlington Electric commission entered executive session at 5:59 p.m.

Commissioner Vota made a motion to exit executive session; Commissioner Dawson seconded. Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays. The Burlington Electric commission exited executive session at 6:33 p.m.

10. Solar Canopy Discussion & Vote

Commissioner Bonn made a motion that the Commission approve BED's capital purchase of a solar parking canopy for 585 Pine Street, to be funded from available bond proceeds, as presented at tonight's meeting. Commissioner Vota seconded the motion. Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays.

11. 2026-2027 Strategic Direction

General Manager Darren Springer presented changes to the proposed 2026-2027 strategic direction.

Commissioner Vota made a motion that the commission approve the 2026-2027 Strategic Direction as presented at tonight's meeting. Commissioner Dawson seconded the motion. Vote: 5 aye 0 nay.

12. Commissioners' Check-In

No topics were discussed.

Adjourn

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Bonn. Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays.

The meeting of the Burlington Electric Commission adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Microsoft Teams transcript used to draft minutes prepared by Katie Morris and edited by Emily Stebbins-Wheelock, CFO and Manager of Strategy & Innovation.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katie Morris", is written above a horizontal line.

Katie Morris, Temporary Board Clerk