

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency was held in person pursuant to proper notice at the IMEA headquarters building, 3400 Conifer Drive, Springfield, Illinois on February 19, 2026. Chairman Dan Cook called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and all attendees participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken which showed a quorum was present. Participation in this meeting was available in person only for both members and the general public, however, as an accommodation to members that could not physically attend and the general public, a webinar broadcast of the meeting was made available live in listen-only mode.

Larry Hanrahan, seconded by Brian Groth, moved for approval of the minutes of November 19, 2025 and December 4, 2025. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Opportunity for Public Comment – Chairman Cook stated that pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, any person attending this meeting in person shall be permitted an opportunity to comment. He then asked if anyone from the public would like to make a comment. Hearing none, Chairman Cook then proceeded with the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Chris Wise reported on the December 2025 financials stating that actual member power costs are 0.4% under original budget, year to date, and the MWh sales to members is 2.0% over original budget year to date. He reported that the January 2026 invoices had been sent out on February 9th with the average cost being \$0.02 under budget. He explained that higher energy sales than planned resulted in a slightly lower average cost compared to the budget. He also discussed the February 2026 preliminary invoice estimates stating that those invoices would be sent out on March 10th and due on March 20th. He reported that the projected average cost is 1.9% over budget, energy is projected to be 2.7% under budget and demand to be 15.4% under budget.

Wise reported that IMEA members had been billed for 9 months of FY2026 for the decommissioning fund and as of December 31, 2025, the cash balance in the fund is \$1,280,188. He explained that there had been no change to the rating agency update from the last Board meeting. With there being no questions, Larry Taylor moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jason Deering. The roll call vote showed all in favor.

President & CEO Report – CEO Gaden discussed Winter Storm Fern's impact on the natural gas and electric markets. He stated that this is the third major winter event in five years to challenge the stability of the grid nationwide and reviewed spot market natural gas prices during the event. Gaden reported that PJM was near all-time winter peaks for many days although school and government shutdowns mitigated some of those impacts.

CEO Gaden stated that on February 3, 2026, the City Council of Naperville decided on a 6-3 vote to direct staff to terminate contract negotiations with IMEA to enter into a new 2035-2055 Power Sales Contract, therefore, the City will cease to work on any previously sought contract amendments at this time.

Regarding other Agency updates, CEO Gaden reported that the Senior Management Team has spent time with the incoming CEO updating him on the status of several projects. He stated that both of the Joint Ownership Agreements have been signed with the transmission development partners and both proposals for the MISO Tranche 2.1 projects have been submitted. The line design for the Peru-Princeton 138kV transmission project is being completed and FERC approved the Joint Ownership Agreement on February 2, 2026. Gaden stated that the goals for each of the three agencies have been completed for FY26/27 and that the sale of the tract of land near Aviston to Ameren had been finalized.

CEO Gaden stated that this was his last IMEA Board meeting in his 14½ years of service as the CEO. He discussed the changes and challenges during that time along with setting a path for the agency to be debt free in 2035, undisputed low wholesale supply rates and a clear plan to maintain those stable rates for many years. He wished the members the very best in the years to come.

Chairman Cook thanked CEO Gaden for his many years of service to all three organizations and wished him well in his upcoming retirement.

Legislative & Regulatory Update – Staci Wilson reported that the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) required the ICC, IPA and IEPA to jointly coordinate and create a Resource Adequacy Study due by December of 2025. She explained that this study reviewed whether Illinois will have enough power to meet demand given the current and projected state of the electric grid and develop a mitigation plan to assess options to address any projected shortfall. These agencies utilized the services of the IPA’s Procurement Planning consultant, Energy and Environmental Economics, Inc. (E3) to conduct the analysis and support the overall process and development of the Resource Adequacy Study. Wilson discussed the findings of this study to include emerging RTO-wide conditions that will directly affect the reliability and cost exposure of Illinois consumers and that even resources located outside Illinois will influence the state’s ability to meet accredited capacity needs and avoid high-capacity market prices. She explained that the study determined both MISO and PJM (region-wide) face a risk of resource adequacy shortfalls by 2030. Wilson discussed the trends impacting this shortfall and potential proposed solutions.

Wilson reported that this study recommends a diversified resource strategy to meet its 100% clean energy goals while maintaining a reliable grid. She explained that the recommendations include continued growth of in-state wind and solar; significant investment in battery storage and other technologies; utilizing thermal generators as reliability assets during the transition; expanding transmission to facilitate power imports from other states and developing new emerging zero-emission technologies.

Wilson stated that Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2026-1 seeking new nuclear power generation in Illinois. His State of the State speech also called for a pause in data center incentives. Executive Order 2026-1 instructs the IEPA and the ICC to issue a Notice of Inquiry to evaluate potential new nuclear facilities and expansion upgrades to existing nuclear power plants.

Regarding bills introduced this session, Wilson explained that a primary issue is data centers and trying to regulate the noise, water, energy usage and resource adequacy along with several pieces of legislation regarding solar. She reported that these solar topics include interconnection, a new plug-in solar technology and a platform requiring municipalities to conduct solar zoning and permitting virtually.

Wilson discussed the APPA Legislative Rally scheduled for February 23-25. She stated that the topics to be discussed include the protection of electric reliability and affordability, enacting energy permitting reform, the concern for rising transmission costs and to support changes in tax regulations to protect customers from stranded costs by allowing public power utilities to lock large customers into 15-year contracts without jeopardizing the entities tax-exempt status.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive (Closed) Session Minutes: General Counsel Troy Fodor recommended that the Executive (Closed) Session minutes of November 6-7, 2019; June 17, 2021 and November 9-10, 2022 not be released as public records at this time. Fodor explained that these meetings had been closed to the public for discussion of the purchase, sale or delivery of electricity. These minutes reflect pre-decisional matters that are still being planned and negotiated and for which the need for confidentiality still exists.

Fodor further recommended that the Executive (Closed) Session minutes of August 21, 2025; October 23, 2025 and November 19, 2025 be released as public records. He explained that these meetings had been closed to the public for discussion of personnel matters which have already been announced. Bob Coble moved that the Board make the determination that the minutes of August 21, 2025; October 23, 2025 and November 19, 2025 be released and that the need for confidentiality still exists with respect to the minutes dated November 6-7, 2019; June 17, 2021 and November 9-10, 2022 and that IMEA continue to restrict public access to such minutes. Cory Sheehy seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Operations – Mandy Ripperda reported that the outcomes of the PJM Base Residual Auction for Delivery Year 27/28 were posted in December resulting in record-high prices, however, the FERC approved price cap remained in effect. There is not a price cap currently in effect for the next PJM auction, however, recent information shows the capacity cost cap will likely be extended until 2030.

Ripperda reported that the MISO Planning Year 26/27 auction will be held the last week of March 2026 with results posted in April. The MISO planning year will begin on June 1. She explained that the Planning Resource Auction is held annually, but is conducted for four seasons.

Ripperda discussed the winter drill held the morning of January 23rd for behind the meter generators. She reported that the drill overall had positive results, although a couple of the units experienced mechanical, fuel or freezing related issues.

Regarding Winter Storm Fern, Ripperda gave a timeline of the specific actions IMEA took as a result of the RTO issued directives. She explained that the RTO's procured very high-priced generation in the day-ahead as a precaution which caused the day-ahead LMPs to clear much higher than the real-time. She stated that by having the option to utilize behind the meter generation, IMEA avoided a large share of the high day-ahead prices.

Winter Storm Fern Market Impacts in PJM – Rakesh Kothakapu reported that during this event PJM forced natural gas units to dispatch in advance of the day-ahead market; allowed for adjustments on the start schedule to meet the physical constraints of the generators and forced the dual fuel units to run on natural gas to conserve fuel oil. He stated that PJM also granted DOE 202c waivers with run hours above permit limits utilizing 74 plants with 225 units.

Kothakapu explained that PJM had to delay day-ahead market results multiple times and the tariff requires PJM to compensate the units if they're run uneconomically in the form of uplift payments. With high LMPs during this period, he reported that most of those costs are recovered by the generators in the day-ahead markets – any cost not recovered is allocated through the uplift charges and lost opportunity charges. Kothakapu stated that as of February 6th, PJM estimates it needs an uplift of approximately \$797.6 million – this is from January 26-28. IMEA Staff is in the process of determining the impacts (if any) from this event and will update the Board of potential impacts resulting in cost allocation from these charges.

Update on PJM Markets – Rakesh Kothakapu stated that capacity constructs in both RTOs continue to change rapidly and the rules associated with resource adequacy will be a challenge in the next few years. He reported that the last PJM auction did not clear enough capacity to meet its reliability requirement. Kothakapu explained that PJM is planning for a backstop auction to serve load reliably and is looking to guarantee a 15-year commitment to acquire natural gas generators. He stated that the costs could be in the billions and will have an impact on the region. IMEA Staff continues to stay engaged to make sure these costs are properly allocated.

Trimble County (TC): Rakesh Kothakapu reported the following:

- There have not been any reportable safety incidents since the last Board meeting. Plant performance for January 2026 shows that the EAF was 96.93% and the EFOR was 3.07% both YTD. Plant performance through December 2025 shows that the EAF was 80.76% and the EFOR was 3.55%, both year to date. Unit 1 is currently online and there were no outages for the month of January. Unit 2 is currently down for a 10-day maintenance outage to replace the feed pump and general maintenance for the summer. There is no planned outage until next Spring 2027 and there was no outages for the month of January. Unit 1 has a planned outage scheduled in Spring 2026 for turbine overhaul and regular boiler maintenance. TC Staff continues to work towards the power plant stack refurbishment. All the material is on site and the fabrication has been completed. Construction prep-work is underway and construction should start soon.

Prairie State (PSGC): Rakesh Kothakapu reported the following:

- There have not been any reportable safety incidents since the last Board meeting. OSHA recognized Prairie State with a recertification of its Voluntary Protection Program Star Status. The plant had zero recordable injuries in 2025 for the second time in plant history. Plant performance for January 2026 shows that the EAF was 96.3% and the EFOR was 3.7% both YTD. Plant performance through December 2025 shows that the EAF was 87.6% and the EFOR was 7.48%, both year to date. This is the third best year for availability and production. Unit 1 is currently offline with a tube leak. Unit 1 came offline on January 23rd due to a tube leak, but was back online on January 25th. Unit 2 is available for full load and had no outages in January.

Local Transmission and Generation – Rakesh Kothakapu reported on the following:

- Ameren Export Study – Ameren finalized the export studies for Altamont and Marshall confirming that both can export to Ameren’s system. However, Ameren is proposing a protection system on their side for both Altamont and Marshall. Staff is working with Ameren to investigate reasonable options. Ameren has issued the final report on Waterloo’s export study with a positive outcome and staff is working with Ameren to finalize the metering to meet MISO requirements. Staff is still waiting for Ameren to issue the export study results for Casey and Breese and also working with Ameren and SIPC to complete the export studies for Carlyle, Flora and Red Bud.
- Breese – The City desires to obtain a second delivery point by interconnecting to the Clinton County Electric Cooperative line, therefore, the Coop needs to request a study from Ameren to approve such interconnection. Ameren is currently reviewing the delivery point study. The City will coordinate with the Co-op for commercial terms after receiving Ameren’s approval. The City will be paying for all additional costs associated with this extra delivery point.
- Flora/IMEA-Flora – The City of Flora has completed upgrading their switchgear and controls which allows the City to utilize generation capacity for efficiency across its entire distribution system. IMEA Staff is working on details to export the excess generation and once finalized, Staff will work with Ameren to complete the export study. Regarding the Flora fuel system refurbishment, IMEA Staff chose a local vendor to refurbish the existing fuel tanks. This project is scheduled for March along with the switchgear upgrades and will take about 3 weeks to complete.
- Waterloo – The new 7.5 MW unit is now online and the protection relay testing has been completed. IMEA Staff has completed the required capacity testing and this unit has been online commercially since January 16th. IMEA Staff will work with Waterloo to comply with all the MISO capacity requirements for accreditation.
- Oglesby – The City is working with a retail developer to bring additional load growth to the area. IMEA entered into a Study Agreement with Ameren which the developer is paying for. Once the outcome of this study is determined, IMEA Staff will report to the Board if there are any additional steps to be taken.
- WCA Status – IMEA Staff continues to work on the remaining WCAs – only 3 towns remain at the lower voltage level. Staff is also working on making several changes to the 138kV members to reflect MISO standards in setting the terms.

MISO & PJM Changes Impacting Member Generation – Rakesh Kothakapu reported that PJM is finding it difficult to approve outages and is rejecting outages with short notice. PJM is implementing random summer and winter testing to encourage performance associated with the resource. He stated that MISO is planning to implement penalties for non-planned outages and is likely to call for a four seasonal random test to determine performance. Kothakapu explained that MISO is also requesting resources make planned outage requests well in advance and is proposing additional limitations on outages lasting more than 31 days. He reminded the members to coordinate any long-term projects for planned outages with Operations so they can communicate with the RTOs for optimal accreditation.

Update on Solar Projects – Eric Weinant reported that IMEA Staff had been pursuing the opportunity for USDA PACE loans being sought by SolAmerica to develop Illinois solar projects since early 2023. Since the Federal Administration is canceling similar projects, initial financing is unattainable. SolAmerica along with IMEA Staff sees no path forward involving PACE funding. He explained that IMEA Staff and SolAmerica are continuing discussions on these projects without PACE funding, although without this

funding, the cost of the power from the projects is much higher. Weinant reported that SolAmerica has introduced a new potential partner that has added experience and capital.

Update on Legal Matters – General Counsel Troy Fodor reported on the following matters:

- ATXI Tariff Filing for Joint Ownership Agreement between ATXI and IMEA (Docket No. ER26-745-000) – On December 12, 2025, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) filed the Joint Ownership Agreement (JOA) for the Peru-Princeton project with FERC. This JOA covers the construction, financing and owner/operator relationship terms and conditions of the project. FERC accepted the JOA on February 2, 2026.
- Coalition of Midwest Power Producers, Inc. et al. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (Docket No. EL26-35-000) – Filed on December 15, 2025, MISO had a computer software issue that caused the clearing price for Planning Year 2025/26 to be too high. MISO corrected the error and refunded the over-collected money to Load Serving Entities. To do that, MISO had to collect the overpayment back from the generators that were paid based on the auction clearing price that was too high. Since IMEA is both a generator and a Load Serving Entity, the impact on IMEA was minimal. IMEA has received a credit of ≈\$432,000 so far with more to come. A group of MISO generators filed a Complaint against MISO over the revenue redistribution. IMEA intervened on January 5, 2026. Complainants allege that MISO’s actions were unjust and unreasonable and requests that FERC reverse MISO 2025/26 PRA clearing price adjustment. IMEA may need to return its MISO refunds if FERC grants the Complainants’ request.
- DOE 202(c) Orders – US Dept. of Energy issued twenty 202(c) Orders in response to Winter Storm Fern-related emergencies. One Order allowed all PJM-Region electric generating units to run at max capacity notwithstanding air permit limitations/fuel shortages through January 31. Another Order allowed PJM to call on large load backup generation prior to/during load shed through January 31. Other Orders allowed ERCOT, NYISO, ISO-NE, Duke and Florida utilities to call max generation regardless of air permit or other regulatory limitations.
- DOE Orders 202-25-12 and DOE Order 202-25-13 – Issued on December 23, 2025, the US Dept. of Energy directed MISO and CenterPoint Energy to keep F.B. Culley Generating Station Unit 2 and NIPSCO to keep Schahfer Generating Station Units 17 and 18, all in Indiana, running until March 23, 2026.
- MISO Transmission Owner (TO) Tariff Filing on Reactive Revenue (Docket No. ER23-523) – This filing eliminated monthly fixed compensation for qualified generators under Schedule 2 of the MISO Tariff for the ability to provide reactive support to the grid within the standard power factor range (95% leading or lagging). This eliminated revenue to IMEA for reactive power from Prairie State and Big River Solar. This filing also eliminated the MISO charges to network and point-to-point transmission service customers for reactive service which eliminated costs to IMEA. This was a net benefit to IMEA by lowering transmission costs. On January 27, 2023, a FERC Order was issued accepting the filing with a retroactive effective date of December 1, 2022. On September 26, 2025, the Appellate Court set aside FERC’s Order and remanded the matter for further proceedings. The Court noted that its decision does not trigger reinstatement of the pre-amendment MISO tariff because FERC has entered a separate Order ending reactive-power compensation nationwide which is under review in the Fifth Circuit.

Fodor reported that there are no significant changes to the pending matters listed below. All are awaiting FERC decisions.

- Voltus, Inc. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (Docket No. EL25-52-000) – Filed January 24, 2025, Voltus Complaint against MISO for changes to LMR testing rules.
- MISO Filing to Revise Tariff to Implement Demand Response and Emergency Resource Reforms (Docket No. ER25-1886) – Filed April 4, 2025, MISO proposed to accredit Demand Response and Emergency Resources based on availability during emergencies. This would impact BTM generation. IMEA protested. MISO refiled under ER25-1886-001 on September 26, 2025.
- North Dakota Public Service Commission et al. v. MISO (EL25-109-000) – A number of state public service commissions filed a Complaint against MISO on July 30, 2025 alleging that MISO misstated the regional value of its Tranche 2.1 transmission expansion project. Comments were filed by transmission developers, transmission customers, environmental groups and elected officials among others.
- Commonwealth Edison Company filing to Amend Attachment H-13A (Docket No. ER25-2129, then EL25-94-000) - Filed May 1, 2025, this Section 206 hearing is regarding ComEd’s alleged, unauthorized inclusion of Asset Retirement Obligations in its rate case. The settlement process is ongoing.

Fodor reported that these matters have been completed.

- Constellation Energy Generation, LLC et al. v. PJM Interconnection, LLC (initial Docket No. EL25-20-000 filed on November 22, 2024), consolidated via FERC-initiated Section 206 proceeding with other similar filings under EL25-49-000 which was filed February 20, 2025. This is a Constellation Complaint against PJM for lack of co-location rules for interconnected generators. Transmission Owners, data centers, and large generators disputed whether co-located generators/data centers should pay transmission network costs. On December 18, 2025, a FERC Order found that absence of large load co-location rules in the PJM Tariff are unjust and unreasonable. FERC ordered PJM to revise its Tariff to require co-located load to secure firm transmission service. IMEA Staff will continue to monitor subsequent filings and dockets. PJM compliance filing is expected sometime in mid-February 2026.
- North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation v. PJM Interconnection LLC (Docket No. EL25-79-000) – Filed May 8, 2025, North Carolina Co-op complained about PJM’s price separation practice in light of the PJM 25/26 auction clearing prices. IMEA intervened on June 4, 2025. FERC denied North Carolina Co-op’s Complaint on December 5, 2025.
- PJM Filing to Allocate Costs Required to Implement DOE Section 202(c) Orders (Docket No. ER26-39-000) – On October 6, 2025, PJM filed proposed revisions to its Reliability Assurance Agreement so that it can apply a cost allocation methodology to all PJM Load Serving Entities for DOE Section 202(c) Orders. FERC accepted PJM’s revisions on December 5, 2025.
- PJM Filing to Revise Tariff to Eliminate First Use (Docket No ER26-5-000) - On October 1, 2025, PJM filed revisions to its generator interconnection process so that all distribution and sub-transmission-level interconnections would be handled at the state/local level. PJM also requested FERC to decline its jurisdiction over distribution and sub-transmission facilities. IMEA intervened on October 22, 2025 and FERC accepted PJM’s revisions on December 4, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #26-02-972 – CEO Gaden stated that Winnetka had retired its 8,700 kW steam turbine (Unit 4) in early 2024 due to significant equipment failure. The Village notified IMEA of their intent to replace Unit 4 and sought a waiver of the one-year replacement deadline which was approved by the IMEA Board on August 29, 2024. Gaden reported that in October 2025, the Village notified IMEA staff that it desired to replace Unit 4 with approximately 10,000 kW of generation (≈ 1.3 MW more than the retired unit being replaced). He explained that the Capacity Purchase Agreement and the IMEA Member Generation Policy provide that members are permitted to add capacity to its system and receive compensation only if approved by the IMEA Board. The IMEA Generation Committee unanimously recommended Winnetka's replacement units as Dedicated Capacity Additions on January 21, 2026. All costs incurred would be the sole responsibility of the Village. David Coston moved to approve Resolution #26-02-972, seconded by Larry Hanrahan. The motion carried by unanimous weighted roll call vote except for the abstention by the representative from Winnetka.

CEO Gaden explained that due to the challenges of navigating Storm Fern and numerous projects such as negotiation for the JOA for transmission contract and negotiations for the Bee Hollow solar project, this has caused the delay of the release of the draft of the Battery Study. IMEA Staff will be forwarding this study to Board members in the coming weeks.

Update on Battery Storage Study – Rakesh Kothakapu stated that the IMEA Board had directed staff to conduct a study on the feasibility of utility-scale behind-the-meter battery storage on member distribution systems in support of IMEA's Sustainability Plan. He explained that the study focuses on battery characteristics, safety concerns for lithium-ion fires, ownership vs. offtake agreement, energy arbitrage, capacity revenue and transmission netting potential. Kothakapu discussed that the cost of batteries has decreased, although off-take indicative offers from vendors show a wide range of expectations as well as the price depends on the size of the system. He explained that Foreign Entity of Concern rules, tariffs and expiring tax credits put pressure on costs and revenue streams are filled with uncertainty and potential reductions. He reported that the cost benefit analysis will depend upon PPA pricing and the size of projects. IMEA will likely not experience an immediate net financial benefit, however, batteries will likely be an integral part of a future Illinois resource mix, Therefore, IMEA needs to gain experience while also balancing exposure. Kothakapu then explained the economics regarding batteries in PJM and MISO along with the criteria necessary to host this pilot program. Kothakapu explained that the first step is to issue a Member RFP to host a BESS project, ideally one in MISO and one in PJM. He then presented a proposed timeline and the actions required. Brian Groth made a motion to authorize the development of an RFP to solicit an interested member site to host a Battery Pilot Demonstration Project. Jason Deering seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous weighted roll call vote except for the abstention by the representative from Carmi as he was not in the room at the time of the vote.

Update on Conservation Voltage Reduction Program – Hubert Murray reported that as part of the IMEA Sustainability Plan goals, IMEA Staff is exploring a Member Distribution Voltage Optimization Predevelopment Study to evaluate the potential of Conservation Voltage Reduction (CVR) as a cost-effective, system-wide efficiency measure. He provided a potential timeline for the CVR Program and stated that staff had established a preliminary budget range to support the feasibility study and potential next steps. Murray explained that the costs will vary depending on the selected member city and will be refined through the feasibility study to determine the cost benefit.

He explained that the study will evaluate the requirements for implementing a Voltage Optimization project in multiple IMEA member communities with the objective of reducing energy consumption and peak demand without requiring direct participation from end-use customers. Murray discussed the outcomes from this study to include developing a strategy to reduce energy consumption and peak demand by lowering distribution feeder voltage, generating actionable insights into operational, economic and customer impacts, potentially establishing a replicable model for the IMEA Board to consider and to seek to generate savings that can be shared by both the participating utility and the broader IMEA membership. He discussed that CVR benefits would include energy savings, peak demand reduction and environmental gains. Key considerations would be load type, customer comfort and quality control. Kevin Minnick made a motion to develop and issue an RFP to solicit IMEA members' interest to host a demonstration project starting with an outside Engineering Study to determine the most cost-effective means to complete a project. Nick Narhi seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous weighted roll call vote.

Update on Smart Thermostat Residential Demand-Side Management Program – Hubert Murray provided an overview of the potential program. He reported that this program would be co-branded so each community could present it as their own offering. He explained that enrollment would begin on an IMEA-managed microsite that members could link to from their websites or social platforms. Member utility staff would assist with verifying enrollments to ensure participants are active electric customers. He stated that customers that initially enroll would receive a one-time \$50 gift card and the first-year enrollment would be limited to a maximum of 750 devices. IMEA Staff would obtain authorization from member utilities to enable customer participation in their respective service areas. Murray then presented an acquisition flow chart showing the process from start to finish.

Ordinance #26-02-973 – Adopting Revised Operating & Capital Budget and Appropriations Therefore for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2026 for the IMEA - CFO Chris Wise reviewed the revised FY2025/26 budget pointing out that the MWh sales are projected to be 1.7% higher than the original budget and the average cost to Participating Members is projected to be 0.2% lower than the original budget. Wise further reviewed the operating revenues & expenses and the capital budget. Bob Coble moved for approval of this Ordinance, seconded by Larry Taylor. The weighted roll call vote showed unanimous approval except for the abstention by the representative from Marshall as he was not in the room at the time of the vote.

Ordinance #26-02-974 – Adopting Operating & Capital Budget and Appropriations Therefore for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2027 for the IMEA - CFO Chris Wise gave an overview of the upcoming FY2026/27 budget to include total MWh sales projected to be 1.8% lower than the revised FY2026 projection. The average cost to participating members is projected to be approximately 4.6% higher than the FY2026 original budget and 4.8% higher than the FY2026 revised budget. Wise further explained the budget assumptions, operating revenues & expenses and the capital budget. Rich Wallis moved for approval of this Ordinance, seconded by J.R. Landeck. The weighted roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

CFO Chris Wise presented a chart outlining the Updated Financial Projections for FY2024-FY2030. He also presented a graph showing the effect that transmission costs have had on member average costs specifically the actual cost from years 2014-2025 and the projected cost from years 2026-2030.

Approval of Bee Hollow Solar Project Contract Amendment - CEO Gaden reported that construction progress continues to be on track to be completed by November 2026. He explained that the physical construction of the solar panels are only a portion of the full project scope. Gaden stated that in early December, IMEA was notified that a transmission upgrade project that is required had been delayed and it is a condition of the contract for the PPA to begin under the agreed terms. He reported that IMEA Staff has been working with Geronimo Power Management to find mutually satisfactory outcomes for the delay. He explained that the proposed amendment is intended to ensure that IMEA is held whole from any delay in the project from gaining firm status in the MISO planning system if IMEA agrees to allow the project to become commercial before the transmission system upgrade is complete. Gaden reviewed the specific conditions of the amendment to include damage caps, equitable treatment for energy compensation if there are energy curtailments caused by the delay, compensation for loss of any RECs, an agreement to work together to solicit MISO to approve Bee Hollow solar as a firm resource and compensation to assist IMEA to procure FTRs to mitigate the risk of congestion. He stated that the amendment also extends the agreement by five plus years on the same terms and conditions. Geronimo agreed to sync up the end of the contract term with the last day of the MISO planning year which is May 31 each year.

IMEA Staff recommends the continuation of the authority given in Resolution 24-10-933 and to authorize the President & CEO to finalize and execute the amendment to the Solar Energy Purchase Agreement with Bee Hollow Solar, LLC described in Staff's presentation, including extending the term of the agreement from 20 years after the Commercial Operations Date by approximately 5 years to the first May 31st following the 25th anniversary of the Commercial Operations Date. Larry Hanrahan moved to approve this recommendation as presented, seconded by Cory Sheehy. The weighted roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Election of Executive Board for FY2026-27 – CEO Gaden gave a brief summary of the Nominations and Awards Committee's meeting held on February 5, 2026 and presented the recommendations from that meeting. He explained that all of the current Executive Board members are eligible for re-election and wish to remain on the Executive Board except for Bob Coble who wishes to step down. Gaden explained that Kevin Minnick and J.R. Landeck had expressed an interest in seeking a nomination for an Executive Board position. The Committee recommended the following slate of officers for the 2026/27 fiscal year:

Dan Cook, Highland as Chairman
Brian Groth, Naperville as Vice Chairman
David Coston, Carmi as Secretary/Treasurer
Cory Sheehy, Marshall as Past Chairman
Troy Fodor as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

CEO Gaden asked if there were any nominations from the floor for each officer's positions on the Executive Board one at a time beginning with the Chairman position and there were no such nominations from the floor. Bob Coble moved to approve all of the recommended slate of officers' positions with Troy Fodor remaining as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. That motion was seconded by Cory Sheehy and the weighted roll call vote showed all in favor.

CEO Gaden identified the following Members as being eligible for election/re-election and interested in serving for a one-year term as At-Large Members of the Executive Board:

Larry Taylor, Altamont
Pat McCarthy, Chatham
Kevin Minnick, Peru
Pete Suhr, St. Charles
Mike Kirk, Sullivan
J.R. Landeck, Waterloo

At that time, CEO Gaden instructed the Members to use the ballots at their station to vote for 5 of the 6 named candidates for the At-Large Executive Board positions. The votes were collected and as they were being tallied, the meeting continued.

Travel Expenditures for APPA Legislative Rally Participants – Staci Wilson stated that pursuant to the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act, member expenses must be approved by a roll call vote at an open meeting of the governing board. The estimated travel, lodging and food expenses (maximum amount of \$2,570 per person) for the APPA Legislative Rally were read aloud and are attached. Matt Trout moved for approval of the travel expenditures for the APPA Legislative Rally participants, seconded by Josh Eckart. The roll call vote showed unanimous approval except for the abstention by the representative from Flora as he was not in the room at the time of the vote.

At that time, General Counsel Troy Fodor reported that all the votes had been counted and the top vote getters for the slate of Members-at-Large is as follows:

Larry Taylor, Altamont
Pat McCarthy, Chatham
Pete Suhr, St. Charles
Mike Kirk, Sullivan
J.R. Landeck, Waterloo

CEO Gaden congratulated the slate of Executive Board members for FY26/27 and thanked the current Executive Board Members for their service over the past year. He also stated that all IMEA Board members are always invited to attend and speak at any Executive Board meeting.

Chairman Dan Cook asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Cory Sheehy, seconded by Brian Groth and carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary/Treasurer

**ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Altamont	Larry Taylor
Bethany	Shannon Risley
Breese	Jason Deering
Carmi	David Coston
Farmer City	Adam Turpen
Flora	Bob Coble
Freeburg	Matt Trout
Highland	Dan Cook
Marshall	Cory Sheehy
Naperville	Brian Groth
Mascoutah	Cody Hawkins
Peru	Kevin Minnick
Princeton	Jeff Mangrich
Rantoul	Matt Caldwell
Red Bud	Josh Eckart
Riverton	Jim Mileham
Rock Falls	Larry Hanrahan
Roodhouse	Rich Wallis
St. Charles	Peter Suhr
Waterloo	J.R. Landeck
Winnetka	Nick Narhi

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bushnell	Joe Fosdyck
Cairo	Larry Klein
Carlyle	Brad Myers
Casey	Ryan Staley
Chatham	Pat McCarthy
Fairfield	Mayor Gary Moore
Greenup	Jason Reisner
Ladd	Pat Barry
Metropolis	Michael Gentry
Oglesby	Rich Baldrige
Sullivan	Mike Kirk

OTHERS PRESENT

IMEA	Kevin Gaden
IMEA	Troy Fodor
IMEA	Chris Wise
IMEA	Mandy Ripperda
IMEA	Eric Weinant
IMEA	Rakesh Kothakapu
IMEA	Glenn Cunningham
IMEA	Adam Baker
IMEA	Jaken Hicks
IMEA	Staci Wilson
IMEA	Danny Chung
IMEA	Jonathon Wygant
IMEA	Rodd Whelpley
IMEA	Tammy Hall
IMEA	Ellen Woehrmann
IMEA	Hubert Murray
IMEA	Shadi Ahanchi
Guest	Giovanni McLean (St. Charles)
Guest	Jake McCoy (Rantoul)
Guest	Doug Brown

LISTEN ONLY VIA WEBINAR

Casey	Ryan Staley
Guest	Greg Hubert
Guest	Jean Korte

2026 Washington, D.C. Participants

L&R Committee members shows in **bold**

Jason Deering	Breese
Tim Schleper	Breese
Hon. Kevin Timmermann	Breese
Hon. Scott Testory	Farmer City
Adam Turpen	Farmer City
Hon. Seth Speiser	Freeburg
Matt Trout	Freeburg
Dan Cook	Highland
Chris Conrad	Highland
Pat Barry	Ladd
Cody Hawkins	Mascoutah
Julia Hawkins	Mascoutah
Hon. Gregg Jeffords	Metropolis
Natalie Harris	Metropolis
Josh Eckart	Red Bud
Blake Toliver	Rochelle
Larry Hanrahan	Rock Falls
Peter Suhr	St. Charles
Giovani McLean	St. Charles
Kyle Buettner	Waterloo
Hon. Stanley Darter	Waterloo
J.R. Landeck	Waterloo
Kevin Gaden	IMUA
Doug Brown	IMUA
Jon Wygant	IMUA
Staci Wilson	IMUA
Ellen Woehrmann	IMUA