

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Board 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 April 22, 2026. Vice Chairman Brian Groth called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. 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.

The Report of February 18, 2026 was moved for approval by Pete Suhr and seconded by Mike Kirk. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Opportunity for Public Comment: Vice Chairman Brian Groth stated that pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, any person attending this meeting shall be permitted an opportunity to comment. Questions during the rest of the meeting are reserved for Board members. He then asked if anyone from the public would like to make a comment. Hearing none, Vice Chairman Groth proceeded with the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mission Statement Discussion – CEO Doug Brown discussed a proposed Mission Statement to be used as a marketing tool promoting the collective mission of the IMEA, IMUA and IPEA to advance the value of local control by providing reliable, affordable, and sustainable utility services and advocacy that empowers our member communities through collaboration and integrity-driven excellence. He asked the Board for recommendations and stated that IMEA Staff would be requesting approval of this proposed Mission Statement at the June Board meeting.

Resolution #26-04-975 – Approval of Distributed Energy Resource Management Program – Hubert Murray provided a timeline for implementing a Distributed Energy Resource Management program beginning in the second quarter of this year through 2027. This includes vendor onboarding and platform setup; member rollout and customer enrollment; smart thermostat control demand-side management and possibly incorporating other distributed energy resources and virtual power plant integration at a later time. He reported that the timeline is contingent upon contract negotiations, member authorization and associated deployment logistics. Murray reviewed the vendor bids along with the evaluation criteria. He stated that the Resolution establishes the program allowing members' residential customers to enroll their smart devices and potentially other distributed energy resources in the future. The program supports peak reduction and grid reliability and aligns with PJM and MISO requirements. The Resolution authorizes the President & CEO to execute agreements and implement this program. Bob Coble moved to recommend approval of this Resolution to the full Board at tomorrow's Board meeting, seconded by Pete Suhr. The roll call vote showed unanimous approval.


Committee Appointments and OMA/FOIA Officer Appointments – CEO Brown presented the committee appointments for the next fiscal year based upon the recommendations from Chairman Cook for the Board’s review and approval. CEO Brown also recommended that Troy Fodor and Staci Wilson continue as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA) officers for the next fiscal year. Pat McCarthy moved to recommend the approval of the committee appointments for upcoming FY 2026-27 to the full Board at tomorrow’s Board meeting and that Troy Fodor and Staci Wilson remain as the OMA/FOIA officers for the next fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Pete Suhr and the roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Resolution #26-04-976 – Establishing the Schedule of Meetings for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year - CEO Brown reviewed the IMEA Executive Board/Board of Director’s meeting schedule for the upcoming fiscal year. Bob Coble moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mike Kirk. The roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Update on Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) – Rakesh Kothakapu reported that the Clean and Reliability Grid Affordability Act (CRGA) requires municipalities and joint action agencies to conduct an IRP every 5 years. Members may adopt IMEA’s IRP, but members will still be required to provide notice via their website and billing. He stated that IMEA Staff will help coordinate this effort with the municipalities. He reviewed the requirements of an IRP to include technically feasible, cost-effective portfolio scenarios, consistent with RTO reliability obligations, potential options for constructing or procuring renewable energy resources to meet 40% of energy needs by 2030 and for meeting CEJA emission reduction requirements or supplying 100% of total projected load through carbon-free resources in combination with storage resources and demand programs by 2045. Kothakapu provided a tentative timeline for the IRP and noted that January 1, 2027 is the deadline to initiate the IRP.

With there being no other new business, Vice Chairman Brian Groth asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Pat McCarthy, seconded by Mike Kirk and carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary/Treasurer

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Chatham	Pat McCarthy
Flora	Bob Coble
Naperville	Brian Groth
St. Charles	Peter Suhr
Sullivan	Mike Kirk

MEMBERS ABSENT

Altamont	Larry Taylor
Carmi	David Coston
Highland	Dan Cook
Marshall	Cory Sheehy

OTHERS PRESENT

Breese	Jason Deering
Peru	Kevin Minnick
Waterloo	J.R. Landeck
Winnetka	Nick Narhi
IMEA	Doug Brown
IMEA	Troy Fodor
IMEA	Chris Wise
IMEA	Mandy Ripperda
IMEA	Staci Wilson
IMEA	Rakesh Kothakapu
IMEA	Eric Weinant
IMEA	Glenn Cunningham
IMEA	Adam Baker
IMEA	Shadi Ahanchi
IMEA	Tia Horn
IMEA	Danny Chung
IMEA	Jonathon Wygant
IMEA	Hubert Murray
IMEA	Rodd Whelpley
IMEA	Tammy Hall
Guest	Raheel Arshed (Naperville)
Guest	Giovanni McLean (St. Charles)
Guest	Sam Carrasco (Winnetka)
Guest	James Olson (Winnetka)

LISTEN ONLY VIA WEBINAR

Carmi	David Coston
Freeburg	Matt Trout
Marshall	Cory Sheehy
Princeton	Jeff Mangrich
Red Bud	Josh Eckart
IMEA	Ellen Woerhmann
Guest	Greg Hubert