

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 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 June 24, 2026. Chairman Dan Cook 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 April 22, 2026 was moved for approval by Pete Suhr and seconded by Cory Sheehy. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Opportunity for Public Comment: Chairman Dan Cook 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, Chairman Cook proceeded with the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to Fill Executive Board and Officer Vacancy – CEO Doug Brown reported that Raheel Arshed was appointed last week to become the IMEA Board member representing Naperville due to Brian Groth's accident. He explained that according to IMEA's bylaws, Raheel Arshed does not automatically assume the role of Vice Chairman on the Executive Board which Brian Groth previously held, but rather a replacement is appointed by the Chairman with the Board's approval. Chairman Cook's recommendations are as follows: David Coston, currently the Secretary/Treasurer, moves into the Vice Chairman position; J.R. Landeck moves into the Secretary/Treasurer position and Kevin Minnick becomes a Member-At-Large. Each member has agreed to assume these roles on the Executive Board. Larry Taylor moved to approve the filling of these Executive Board vacancies as described above, seconded by Mike Kirk. The roll call vote showed unanimous approval with the exception of the abstention by the representatives from Carmi and Waterloo.

Mission Statement – 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 as follows:

The collective mission of the IMEA, IMUA and IPEA is to advance the value of local control by providing reliable, affordable, and sustainable utility services and advocacy that empower our member communities through collaboration and integrity-driven excellence.

Cory Sheehy moved to approve the Mission Statement, seconded by J.R. Landeck. The roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Resource Analyst Position – CEO Doug Brown reported that the newly created Resource Analyst position in the Engineering and Energy Markets Department would assist in long-term planning, evaluating energy resources, facilitate the development of the IRP and help IMEA balance cost, reliability and sustainability goals. He explained that this position would be posted online at the end of this week and interviews would be held late July/early August with an anticipated start date on September 1. He also stated that funds for this position have been approved by the Board as part of the FY27 budget in February. Pete Suhr moved to approve the Resource Analyst position, seconded by Cory Sheehy. The roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Resolution #26-06-977 – Approving New Delivery Point for the City of Red Bud – Jon Wygant stated that The Material Works (TMW) in Red Bud requested to install a solar array which exceeds Red Bud’s 25kW net metering ordinance and falls under PURPA guidelines for interconnection. After a load usage analysis, the solar array was sized at 1MW. He reported that the Interconnection Agreement has been executed and the PPA language is ready to be executed. IMEA staff will finalize the contract terms and operational plans/logistics to allow the customer to provide excess energy to the City distribution system when generation exceeds the customer load at the same meter location. Wygant stated that the monthly payment process will begin the first month after all the Agreements are signed. IMEA will analyze and provide an electronic payment directly to the customer’s bank account and verify with the City. IMEA staff recommends approval of Resolution #26-06-977 authorizing the CEO to finalize and execute the agreement between IMEA, Red Bud and the retail customer and also to approve the interconnection point of solar output as a new City delivery point. Dan Cook moved to approve Resolution #26-06-977, seconded by J.R. Landeck. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Conservation Voltage Reduction Study/Preferred Host Member – Hubert Murray reported that the City of Peru was Staff’s recommendation as the preferred host member. He explained that Peru had been chosen due to its significant ongoing investment in distribution infrastructure, an existing SCADA upgrade that is underway and the City’s Load Tap Changer capabilities are already being modernized. Murray stated that performing this study in Peru will provide an opportunity to evaluate Conservation Voltage Reduction measures on a system representative of other IMEA member utilities and the results could help develop a replicable framework for future member participation. He provided the evaluation criteria for the vendor recommendation including the cost and estimated study duration. IMEA Staff recommends Vendor #1 based on overall value, cost effectiveness and continuity with Peru’s ongoing SCADA and distribution system modernization initiatives. Larry Taylor moved to approve Peru as the host utility for the Conservation Voltage Reduction Study and authorize staff to execute all necessary agreements, including a professional services agreement for the study in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, seconded by Cory Sheehy. The roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

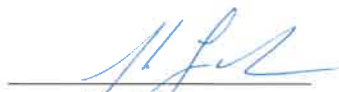
Update on Preferred Member Site for Battery Pilot Project – Shadi Ahanchi reported that as part of the Sustainability Plan, the IMEA Board had directed Staff to study the feasibility of utility-scale behind-the-meter battery energy storage systems (BESS) on member distribution systems. IMEA Staff conducted the study and found that developing small-scale BESS would be beneficial as part of future resource development and planning. She stated that the IMEA Board had authorized the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit interested member sites to host BESS pilot projects in the February IMEA Board meeting. Ahanchi explained that IMEA would select one site in MISO and another one in PJM for a 1 to 5 MW BESS pilot project. IMEA Staff subsequently developed and

issued a member RFP for host sites for the BESS pilot projects. She reported that four member proposals had been received: Breese, Highland, Naperville and St. Charles. Staff is reviewing these proposals. Ahanchi explained that St. Charles and Naperville's contract length limitations, should either member be selected as a BESS host, would require assignment provisions and guarantees if either municipality chooses not to extend power supply with IMEA beyond 2035. She stated that Staff will bring the top MISO and PJM site to the Board as a recommendation and will request authorization to perform the initial studies for the sites. Ahanchi explained that Staff is simultaneously working on a vendor RFP and will likely seek Board authorization to issue the vendor RFP at the August Board meeting. Larry Taylor expressed concern that members who do not have long-term commitments to IMEA not be selected for programs that have long-term benefits to the member and costs to IMEA. A discussion ensued. IMEA Staff explained the design of the protections for all other members.

Authorization of a Vendor Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) – Rakesh Kothakapu reported that the Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act (CRGA) requires municipalities and joint action agencies to conduct Integrated Resource Planning every 5 years. Members may adopt IMEA's IRP, but members will still be required to provide notice via their website and billing processes. He stated that IMEA Staff will help coordinate this effort with the municipalities. He reviewed the requirements of an IRP including a number of non-binding scenarios that were required to be reviewed. Kothakapu provided a tentative timeline for the IRP and noted that Staff will seek approval to negotiate and execute the chosen consultant contract from the Board at the August Board meeting which will initiate the IRP. Staff recommends authorization for the President & CEO to develop and issue an RFP for consultants that can assist IMEA with developing its IRP. Pete Suhr moved to authorize a vendor RFP for the IRP, seconded by Cory Sheehy. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

With there being no other new business, Chairman Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary/Treasurer

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
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MEMBERS PRESENT

Altamont	Larry Taylor
Chatham	Pat McCarthy
Carmi	David Coston
Highland	Dan Cook
Marshall	Cory Sheehy
St. Charles	Peter Suhr
Sullivan	Mike Kirk
Waterloo	J.R. Landeck

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Breese	Jason Deering
Greenup	John Knueppel
Naperville	Raheel Arshed
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	Jaken Hicks
IMEA	Shadi Ahanchi
IMEA	Tia Horn
IMEA	Danny Chung
IMEA	Jonathon Wygant
IMEA	Hubert Murray
IMEA	Rodd Whelpley
IMEA	Ellen Woehrmann
IMEA	Tammy Hall
Guest	Giovanni McLean (St. Charles)

LISTEN ONLY VIA WEBINAR

Flora	Bob Coble
Freeburg	Matt Trout
Peru	Kevin Minnick
Princeton	Jeff Mangrich
Red Bud	Josh Eckart
Guest	Greg Hubert