



2026
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

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OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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Las Vegas, Nevada

Chairman:
Mark Walter

Secretary and Director, Sergeants-at-Arms:
Traci M Walker

Call To Order: Chairman Walter called the regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the National Electrical Contractors Association, Inc. to order at 8:00 am. Mr. Walter welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Regarding the conduct of the meeting, the following are applicable in accordance with sections 4.4 and 8 of the Bylaws:

Regular Members in good standing shall be authorized to cast the following votes by ballot in all matters referred to Members by the Association and/or Chapters of the Association and requiring a vote by ballot. Based upon "manhours" in the prior calendar year as defined in ARTICLE V - DUES, Regular Member, reporting: (a) 1 to 75,000 manhours shall have one (1) vote; (b) 75,001 to 150,000 manhours shall have two (2) votes and (c) in excess of 150,000 manhours shall have three votes.

- In all elections of officers, except when the candidate is unopposed, and in voting on amendments to the Bylaws, the Board of Governors shall take a ballot vote. On other matters, the usual form of viva-voce voting shall prevail with each member of the Board of Governors having one vote, provided any member of the Board of Governors may call for a ballot vote on any question before the question is put to the Board of Governors for a vote. When the Board of Governors utilizes a ballot vote, a tally of each vote showing both the number of votes cast, as well as the votes by each Governor, shall be made available to each Chapter.
- On ballot votes, except on matters pertaining to labor relations, each Governor shall cast, as a unit, all the number of votes as provided in the Bylaws (Section 4.4) for the members of the chapter who are in good standing thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. On any matter pertaining to labor relations, the number of votes shall be limited to those attributable to members signatory to an IBEW labor agreement. The President, District Vice Presidents and the Vice President at Large shall cast one (1) vote each.
- The effective date of the proposals before the Board shall be immediate upon passage unless otherwise indicated.
- Robert's Rules of Order will govern such discussion as may be desired on these proposals.

ROSTER - The following is a list of the members of the NECA Board of Governors that were in attendance:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President:	Mark Walter - Portland, Oregon
Vice President, District 1:	Michael P McDonald - Hingham, Massachusetts
Vice President, District 2:	Steven M Petri, Sr - Baltimore, Maryland
Vice President, District 3:	Christopher M Foster - Mableton, Georgia
Vice President, District 4:	Sara Dinkel Smith - Terre Haute, Indiana
Vice President, District 5:	Gregory Padalecki - Live Oak, Texas
Vice President, District 6:	Mitch Murphy - Pasco, Washington
Vice President, District 7:	Daniel M Smith - Omaha, Nebraska
Vice President, District 8:	Vacant
Vice President, District 9:	Fredrick L Neubauer - Los Alamitos, California
Vice President, District 10:	Steve Lindley - DeForest, Wisconsin
Vice President at Large:	Steven M Stone - Saint Louis, Missouri
Vice President, Integrated Systems Contractors	Charles W Fairchild II - Indianapolis, Indiana

CHAPTER AND GOVERNOR

Alaska Chapter Jesse M Hale
 Albany Chapter Joseph P Gross
 American Line Builders Chapter Ike Poe, Alternate
 Arizona Chapter John Brunia
 Arkansas Chapter Shannon Cormell, Alternate
 Atlanta Chapter Jason Owen
 Atlantic Coast Chapter Kevin Hebert
 Boston Chapter Kathleen E Guinee
 California Central Coast Chapter Toby Mitchell
 Cascade Chapter David Ginestra
 Central Florida Chapter Scott Maddox
 Central Illinois Chapter Tom Gray
 Central Indiana Chapter Michael P Ellett
 Central Massachusetts Chapter Robert Liddy
 Central Ohio Chapter Brian Dew
 Central Texas Chapter Tim M Parker
 Chicago & Cook County Chapter Robert A Fimbianti
 Cincinnati Chapter William A Vogelsang, Alternate
 Connecticut Chapter Tom Adamson
 Contra Costa Chapter Sean M McPeak
 Dakotas Chapter Robert Jarding, Alternate
 East Central California Chapter David J Helsel
 Eastern Illinois Chapter Gregory L Outsen
 El Paso Chapter Nathan Wilcox, Alternate
 Finger Lakes New York Chapter William J Burns
 Florida West Coast Chapter Larry Nourse
 Georgia Chapter Ricky Ellington
 Greater Cleveland Chapter Bernard Ferdinando
 Greater Sacramento Chapter Brad Kirk
 Gulf Coast Chapter James Bowles
 Hawaii Chapter Steve T Watanabe
 Hudson Valley Chapter Robert A Metz
 Idaho Chapter Daric W Stith
 Illinois Chapter Larry F Glaenzer
 Inland Empire Chapter Santiago (Jim) Medina
 Intermountain Chapter Mark Rydalch
 Iowa Chapter Thomas W Keck
 Kansas Chapter Dusty Moore
 Kansas City Chapter Troy Yates
 Kern County Chapter Jack D Bellows
 Long Island Chapter Susan Pascale
 Los Angeles County Chapter Michael R Krippendorf
 Louisville Chapter Ricky L George, Jr
 Mahoning Valley Chapter Jeffrey T Barber
 Maryland Chapter Alfred F Aus, Jr
 Memphis Chapter Chris R McLemore
 Michigan Chapter John Banks
 Milwaukee Chapter James Prusinski
 Missouri Valley Line Constructors Chapter Darran V Ayres
 Montana Chapter William L Paulson, Jr
 Monterey Bay California Chapter Chris E Jensen
 Nebraska Chapter Neil Davidson
 New Mexico Chapter John McKinstry
 New York City Chapter Robert Saville, Alternate
 North Central Ohio Chapter Robert E Wickham
 North Florida Chapter Pat Eliason, Alternate
 North Louisiana Chapter Todd Davis
 North Texas Chapter Steve Hargrove
 Northeast Louisiana Chapter Martin West

Northeastern Illinois Chapter Thomas Morton
 Northeastern Line Constructors Chapter James C Atkins
 Northern California Chapter Lewis Frain
 Northern Illinois Chapter Craig Meiter
 Northern Indiana Chapter Anthony J Maloney, III
 Northern New Jersey Chapter Ron Cassel, Alternate
 Northern New York Chapter Michael Norstrud, Alternate
 Northwest Line Constructors Chapter David Hatch
 Ohio/Michigan Chapter Scott Korczynski
 Oklahoma Chapter Kevin Ryel
 Orange County Chapter Jeff Perry
 Oregon-Columbia Chapter Patrick J Maloney
 Oregon-Pacific-Cascade Chapter Michael P Weaver
 Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter Daniel J Hahn, Sr
 Puget Sound Chapter Drew W Mackey
 Quad Cities Chapter Tom Circello
 Red River Valley Chapter Marvin L Groves, II
 Redwood Empire Chapter Jolene Corcoran, Alternate
 RI & Southeast Massachusetts Chapter Jeff Audet, Alternate
 Rochester New York Chapter Robert Miller
 Rocky Mountain Chapter Chris Olson
 San Diego Chapter Craig Earley, Alternate
 San Francisco Chapter Larry Andrini
 Santa Clara Valley Chapter Matt Altmann, Alternate
 South Florida Chapter James F Stubblefield
 South Louisiana Chapter E J Deubler, III
 South Texas Chapter Eloy J Ramirez, Alternate
 Southeast Texas Chapter Matthew B Cappadonna
 Southeastern Line Constructors Chapter .. Brian Imsand, Alternate
 Southeastern Michigan Chapter William M Darish
 Southern Arizona Chapter Louise M Jones-Magee
 Southern Colorado Chapter James A Thiele
 Southern Indiana Chapter Ryan Samsil
 Southern Nevada Chapter Heather Avila
 Southern New Jersey Chapter Ryan R Stradling
 Southern Sierras Chapter Larry Strohm
 Southern Tier Chapter Bill Emmons
 Southwest Washington Chapter Steve Doyle, Alternate
 Southwestern Line Constructors Chapter Eric Lauriha
 St Louis Chapter Joseph Barnard, Alternate
 Tennessee Chapter Larry Pittsley
 Twin Cities Chapter Richard Morris
 Twin Ports-Arrowhead Chapter Lance Johnson
 Washington DC Chapter Joseph P Daley, III
 West Texas Chapter Jon P Mills
 West Virginia-Ohio Valley Chapter James D Bane
 Western Line Constructors Chapter D Kent Maughan
 Western Massachusetts Chapter Dennis Roberts, Alternate
 Western New York State Chapter Richard A Lombard
 Western Ohio Chapter John S Frantz
 Western Pennsylvania Chapter Michael R Hanlon
 Wisconsin Chapter Mike Newton
 Wyoming Chapter Benjamin Meyring

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS

Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario.....Roch Picknell

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER AFFILIATES

AOCIEC -Asociacion Oaxaquena de Constructores de Instalaciones Electricas Y Conexos A.C. Angel Cervantes Madrid
CIEMI Costa Rica Daniel Morales Rojas
NECA (Australia) National Office Stewart Joyce, Alternate
NECA ACOEO (Guadalajara, Mexico) Efren Rodriguez Rubio
NECA Americ (Mexico City, Mexico) National Office..... Juan Ernesto Diaz Sanchez
UNCE – Unión Nacional de Constructores Electromecánicos, A.C. David Armando Sias Casas
UNELIO – Unión Eléctrica y de Instalaciones de Oaxaca Pedro Javier Narvaez Castaneda

The following Chapters did not pick up their ballot books:

Baton Rouge Chapter
Eastern Oklahoma Chapter
San Mateo Chapter
Southwest Louisiana Chapter

The following International Chapters were not represented:

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER AFFILIATES

ASONELEC -Asociacion Nacional de Empresarios Electricos Inc
Canadian Electrical Contractors Association Inc (CECA)
Corporation of Master Electricians of Quebec
Electrical Contractors Association of BC
Greater Toronto ECA

Business Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Christopher M Foster led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer: Ms. Traci M Walker, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO, reported on the current financial and membership status.

Actions:

Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting held in Chicago, Illinois on September 12, 2025, were approved as submitted by voice vote.

Election of Member Vice Presidents:

There being no opposition, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following candidates were elected to two-year terms commencing January 1, 2027:

Vice President, District 2	Jeffrey T Barber - Girard, Ohio
Vice President, District 4	Sara Dinkel Smith - Terre Haute, Indiana
Vice President, District 6	Mitch Murphy - Pasco, Washington
Vice President, District 8	Chris Thomson - Logan, Utah
Vice President, District 10	James C Atkins - Au Sable Forks, New York
Vice President, Integrated Systems Contractors	James A Thiele - Colorado Springs, Colorado

Action on Ordinary Proposal #1:

*Having been properly submitted by the Board of Directors of the Academy of Electrical Contracting, this proposal to change the Rules of the Academy of Electrical Contracting was **ADOPTED** by voice vote.*

Action on Ordinary Proposal #2:

*Having been properly submitted by the NECA Executive Committee, this proposal to revise the NECA-IBEW Category 1 **Inside** Modified CIR Language was **ADOPTED** by voice vote.*

Action on Ordinary Proposal #3:

*Having been properly submitted by the NECA Executive Committee, this proposal to revise the NECA-IBEW Category 1 **Outside** Modified CIR Language was **ADOPTED** by voice vote.*

Action on Ordinary Proposal #4:

*Having been properly submitted by the NECA Executive Committee, this proposal to revise the NECA-IBEW Category 1 **Residential** Modified CIR Language was **ADOPTED** by voice vote.*

Other Business:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. Walter thanked the members for their presence and cooperation and officially adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 8:35 am.

Industry Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Christopher M Foster led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome from Host City: Ms. Heather Avila, Governor of the Southern Nevada Chapter, welcomed the governors and guests to Las Vegas.

Recognition of Fellows of the Academy of Electrical Contracting: Ms. Traci M Walker, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO, requested that all Fellows stand and be recognized.

Recognition of Deceased Governors: A moment of silence honored all chapter governors who had passed away since the last meeting.

Recognition of Premier Partners, International Chapters, Honorary Members: Mr. David Long, Chief Executive Officer, and Ms. Walker, recognized the Premier Partners, International Chapters, and Honorary Members.

2026 Industry Partner Award Recipient: Mr. Long awarded the 2026 Industry Partner Award to Google.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer: Mr. Long reflected on the future of the electrical construction industry and how NECA is addressing the current and future challenges that contractors are facing.

Report of the President: Mr. Walter presented a report on the state of the association, reflected on the past year's achievements, and expressed optimism about the opportunities ahead in shaping the future of the industry.

Remarks from Mr. Kenneth Cooper, IBEW International President: Mr. Cooper discussed the state of the electrical construction industry and the critical role of the partnership between NECA and the IBEW.

Recognition of Dennis Quebe: Mr. Long and Mr. Cooper recognized Mr. Dennis Quebe for his many years of service to the industry.

Guest Speaker, Andrew Busch, Futurist: Mr. Busch spoke about helping organizations learn from the past, understand the present, and anticipate the future.

Recognition of Retiring Vice Presidents: Mr. Petri, Mr. Lindley and Mr. Fairchild addressed the group and expressed their appreciation for the support they received during their terms. Mr. Long presented each outgoing Vice President with a plaque in recognition of their service to NECA.

Other Business:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. Walter thanked the members for their presence and cooperation and officially adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.



Traci M Walker
Secretary-Treasurer & CFO

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