Board of Directors Meeting
Official Minutes from July 23, 2026
Wichita, KS and Virtually

1. **Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum**

   With the determination of a quorum, Tim Johnson called the July 23, 2026, Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

   Board Members Present: Stacy Barnes, Aaron Floersch, Tim Johnson, Chris Komarek, Jason Newberry, Alan Schneider, Leslie Stephan, Taggart Wall.
   Board Members Absent: Lou Thurston.
   Others Present: J.T. Klaus (Spencer Fane), Scott Glaves (Clay Center PUC).
   Others Present Virtually: Gus Collins (Winfield), Brian Wells (Marion), Angie Hicks (Augusta).
   KPP Staff Present: Eric Alexander, Leslie Atherton, Nick Enslinger, James Ging, Colin Hansen, Vickie Matney, Ivan Seward, Mike Shook, Jessica Venters.

2. **Monthly ECA Presentation** – *James Ging*

   Chief Operating Officer James Ging presented the June 2026 ECA. Overall, total costs were under budget by $491,984. Transmission costs were below budget by $80,420; energy costs were below budget by $701,047; capacity costs were above budget by $288,731, and margin was above by $751. In terms of sales, demand was below budget by 4%, and energy was above budget by 3%. The resulting ECA was negative $0.01547 versus budgeted $0.00751.

3. **Consent Agenda**

   a. **Minutes of the June 18, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting**
   b. **Monthly Invoices & Payment Schedule**
      Tim Johnson requested a motion to approve consent agenda items as listed above. Motion was made by Leslie Stephan and seconded by Chris Komarek. Motion carried.

4. **Review & Closing of Agenda** – *Colin Hansen*

   CEO & General Manager Colin Hansen provided an overview of the meeting's agenda. With no revision requests, the agenda was unanimously closed after motion from Stacy Barnes and second from Leslie Stephan.

5. **CEO Report** – *Colin Hansen*

   Hansen provided the following updates:
   - The refunding of revenue bonds for the PACE project is complete. Hansen thanked KPP's financial and legal team.
   - New York Governor Kathy Hochul signed a moratorium on data center construction recently, and at least fifteen other state legislatures are considering the same.
   - Nationwide efforts, including the Ratepayer Protection Pledge and the advancement of the Ratepayer Protection Act, are ongoing to protect ratepayers from bearing the costs to serve data centers.

- Key messages of the APPA's 2026 Policy Makers Council are to maintain affordability, protect reliability, enact energy permitting reform, mitigate wildfire threat, and support and strengthen FEMA.
- On June 18, FERC issued Show Cause Orders to six RTOs, including Southwest Power Pool (SPP), to justify or reform data center and large load interconnection rules. Each recipient of the Orders must justify or adopt five categories of reform. The deadline to respond is August 17. Hansen noted that the Order to SPP carries fewer directives than the others because FERC found SPP's existing tariff "reasonably provides a flexible, expedited, and separate serial interconnection process."
- The Supreme Court decision on *Trump v. Slaughter* held that restrictions on the President's ability to fire Commissioners of such federal agencies are unconstitutional. This has significant implications for independent federal agencies, such as FERC.
- Hansen provided an update on the NERC 2027 Business Plan and Budget.
- The two acronyms of the month are:
    1. LCOE (levelized cost of energy): the estimated average present cost of electric generation from a resource over the generating resource's lifetime.
    2. CWG (KPP's Clerks Working Group): new working group, consisting of City Clerks, Assistant City Clerks, Billing Clerks, and similar positions, established by KPP's Director of Member Services, Leslie Atherton.

6. **Financial Report –** *Vickie Matney*

Chief Financial Officer Vickie Matney began by explaining an unusual situation for the month, which is the cost of purchased power coming in at a negative number. This is due to the monthly credit from SPP including the ARR closeout funds. SPP has not yet confirmed that figure as final. Next, she presented the preliminary written financial statements for the period ending May 31, 2026, showing a change in net position of $2,745,736. Total assets for May 2026 came in at $170.8 million. Collection and Disbursement of Generation Resource ECA Funds totaled $9.8 million. Matney informed the Board that the 2026 bonds closed on June 25, and entries have been booked. Additionally, she is working with BMO to finalize KPP's annual review. Ultimately, Chris Komarek moved to accept the financial report as presented. Leslie Stephan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. **Market Report** – *Eric Alexander*

Chief Strategy Officer Eric Alexander provided the market report, including weather outlooks, heating and cooling degree days, load prices, average energy prices, marginal congestion cost forecast vs. actual, Energy Information Administration's short-term energy outlook, working gas storage, long-term natural gas prices, as well as crude oil prices from West Texas Intermediate (WTI). He also provided information on KPP generation revenues and load costs.

8. **Old Business**

    a. **Large Load Guidelines**– *Eric Alexander*

    Eric Alexander, Chief Strategy Officer, presented an update on KPP Energy's Large Load Guidelines. Based on recent discussions, staff recommended transitioning the document from a policy to a guideline and adding a deficiency payment section clarifying that any large load increasing KPP's net peak demand without providing the required firm capacity to satisfy KPP's resource adequacy obligations would be responsible for applicable SPP deficiency payments. Taggart Wall noted the document in the Board packet says "policy" rather than "guidelines." Following discussion, after motion by

Taggart Wall and second by Leslie Stephan, the Board unanimously endorsed the KPP Energy Large Load Guidelines, with direction to correct the documents by removing any reference to it being "policy."

b. PACE Update – *James Ging*

Chief Operating Officer James Ging guided members through an update on the PACE project. It remains on schedule, with all seven project sites active and 100% of modules, piles, and trackers delivered. Mechanical installation is underway, with Winfield approximately 90% complete and Wellington mobilizing July 31. Civil work and medium-voltage powerline construction are complete at all sites, while fencing and remaining site work continue.

Electrical construction is scheduled to begin August 14, with commissioning activities starting in mid-August. The project remains on track to achieve commercial operation by October 15, 2026, with substation completion expected by October 31 and final project completion by December 31.

Ging also provided an updated cost breakdown as follows:

Item	Amount
Booked Project Fund	$50,935,534.16
Investment Income	$1,183,546.35
Total	**$52,119,080.51**
KPP Expense	$(1,400,000.00)
PP Projection w/ Risk	$(45,632,319.14)
Less Cap Interest	$(4,114,525.16)
Balance Of Project Funds	**$972,236.21**

General Counsel, J.T. Klaus, updated the Board on working with USDA on the loan and loan forgiveness, detailing the question-and-answer process on the loan contract. He noted that KPP will continue to negotiate until the October 15 deadline.

c. CAT Update – *Mike Shook*

Mike Shook, Director of Energy Services, provided an update on KPP's Caterpillar C175 generation project. Engineering and site development activities continue to move forward, with current efforts focused on finalizing an engineering partnership with ElectriComm and Utility HelpNet, completing site staking and assessments, advancing electrical and civil design, and procuring long-lead equipment to maintain the project schedule. The Board also viewed photos from a recent site visit to the City of Neodesha's Caterpillar installation, providing a firsthand look at a similar generating unit and facility.

d. Dogwood Energy Facility Expansion – *James Ging*

James Ging, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the Dogwood Expansion project. Environmental work continues to move forward, Kiewit is advancing the site plan and project specifications in preparation for the Combined Permit application, and the development agreement is currently in draft form. While Evergy and KMEA have withdrawn their ownership interest, both organizations will continue to support the project. The Board also reviewed the project's timeline, with a complete project package

expected in August, a decision on KPP's participation anticipated in September, and funding plan discussions scheduled to begin in early 2027.

9. New Business

a. Executive Session

At 11:34 AM, Taggart Wall moved and Jason Newberry seconded that the Board recess the meeting to an executive session, not to exceed ten minutes, under the justification of consultation with an attorney under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations privileged in the attorney-client relationship, with the Board, General Counsel, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Strategy Officer, and Chief Financial Officer present, the open meeting to reconvene in open session at approximately 11:44 AM. All members voted in favor of the motion.

At 11:45 AM, Leslie Stephan moved and Stacy Barnes seconded to reconvene the regular meeting of KPP Energy.

b. Priority Power Asset Management Agreement – *James Ging*

Chief Operating Officer James Ging presented the proposed Asset Management Agreement with Priority Power Management (PPM) for KPP Energy's seven PACE solar facilities. The agreement formalizes PPM's role in providing day-to-day operations and maintenance services, including system monitoring, inspections, reporting, outage coordination, and preventive maintenance, under an initial three-year term, which auto-renews for one-year periods after that. Ging noted the estimated annual fixed cost is $207,180. The PACE O&M budget is $220,136. Following a review of the proposed scope of services, fee structure, liability provisions, and remaining open items, Chris Komarek moved to approve the Asset Management Agreement with Priority Power Management, LLC, upon final approval of KPP General Counsel. Alan Schneider seconded, and the motion carried.

c. Lazard 2026 Levelized Cost of Energy Report – *Eric Alexander*

Chief Strategy Officer Eric Alexander presented highlights from Lazard's 2026 Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE) report, which compares the costs of various electric generation technologies. The presentation reviewed key factors influencing generation costs, including capital investment, operating expenses, fuel costs, tax incentives, and capacity factors, while highlighting the continued competitiveness of renewable generation and the increasing value of dispatchable resources as utilities balance reliability, affordability, and resource adequacy in a changing energy landscape.

10. Operations Report – *James Ging*

COO James Ging provided the Operations Report. He also let the Board know that a request for financing assistance may be incoming from the City of Lucas.

11. **Strategy Report** – *Eric Alexander*

    CSO Eric Alexander submitted his written report and discussed the concept of Weather Normalized Load Forecast Methodology with the Board.

12. **Energy Services Report** – *Mike Shook*

    The Energy Services Report was submitted as written by Mike Shook.

13. **Member Services Report** – *Leslie Atherton*

    Leslie Atherton, Director of Member Services, submitted her written report to the Board.

14. **General Counsel Report** – *J.T. Klaus*

    Members were provided with J.T. Klaus's General Counsel Report in written form.

15. **Special Announcements**

    Members were provided with an event calendar for the next several months. Hansen noted the February 2027 meeting will take place on February 25 rather than February 18.

16. **Adjourn**

    At 12:15 PM, Leslie Stephan moved and Stacy Barnes seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor of the same.

Respectfully submitted by KPP Energy Board Secretary:

Alan Schneider, Secretary Date: 8/22/2026

Approved by KPP Energy Board President:

Timothy R. Johnson, President Date: 8/20/2026