

EDISTO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2026 | 2:00 PM

The Board of Trustees met for its regular meeting on January 26, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. Board Chairman Douglas Reeves presided with all members present, except Tripp Mathias who participated via Zoom.

Jack Vallentine gave the invocation.

The minutes from the December 15, 2025, regular Board meeting were provided to the Board in advance via BoardEffect and were approved without objection.

Stan Funchess made a motion, duly seconded by Travis Burbage, to enter Executive Session at 2:10pm, to discuss the upcoming retirement and replacement of the current President/CEO. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Sandifer made a motion, duly seconded by Wayne Welch, to exit Executive Session at 3:30pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Felkel presented a resolution to the Board to recognize Michael T. Hollingsworth for his 31 years of dedicated service as a Board of Trustees member for Edisto Electric Cooperative. The Board of Trustees extends its deepest appreciation to Michael T. Hollingsworth for his dedication, integrity, commitment, and high standards of excellence to Edisto Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees, management, employees, and member-owners. The resolution was read aloud to members. Jack Vallentine made a motion, duly seconded by Stan Funchess to accept the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. David Felkel, President and CEO, presented the unaudited December Operating Report:

OPERATING REPORT – DECEMBER 2025

• Operating Margins:	\$	(793,839)
• Non-Operating Margins:	\$	233,006
• Other Margins:	\$	(3,252)
• Other Capital Credits	\$	444,082
• Total Margins:	\$	(120,003)

The Board received a report on cash balances and short-term investments.

Mr. Felkel explained that the St. George office suffered water damage due to a water leak. The damaged areas will be covered through insurance. Mr. Felkel plans to do minor renovations at the same time that should extend the life of the office.

Mr. Felkel updated the Board on the offer received on the old Barnwell office building and the process moving forward.

The NRECA distribution membership dues for 2026 are \$32,168 for the year.

The Board received attorney proposals from MaynardNexsen and The Tiencken Law Firm to provide general counsel to Edisto Electric Cooperative after the retirement of Richard Ness. The Board will consider this matter at a future meeting.

Mr. Felkel shared a letter from The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) stating that Edisto Electric Cooperative was in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. §§ 33-49-150(A). The annual compliance examination reviews the disclosure of compensation and benefits as required by S.C. Code Ann. §§ 33-49-615 and §§ 33-49-630(A). The period examined was the 2024 calendar year.

Mr. Felkel reported that 2025 property taxes for all counties, excluding vehicle taxes, have been paid by Edisto Electric and totaled \$3,235,371.33.

Central Electric Power Cooperative paid property taxes in forty-four counties for 2025 totaling \$10,594,601.98, of which, seven of Edisto Electric's eight counties served totaled \$1,322,368.05.

The Board received a summary of Central Electric Power Cooperative's (CEPCI) Board meeting that was held on January 7, 2026.

Mr. Felkel stated that the IRS Allowable Mileage Rate for 2026 is 0.725 cents per mile.

Board Policy #432 – "Qualifications for Eligibility to Serve on the Board of Trustees" and the Board Policy #416 – "Board Statutory Conflicts of Interest" were reviewed and signed by Board members.

The monthly safety meeting was held on January 13, 2026, at the Bamberg office. Mr. Felkel congratulated employees on winning our third straight Presidents Safety Contest. Travis Renwick, with The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, was the guest speaker. Attendees watched a PowerPoint presentation on *Forklift Safety* and discussed safe operating procedures.

Mr. Felkel stated that the Board needs to appoint two delegates for Central Electric Power Cooperative's Annual Meeting to be held in March 2026. Chris Sandifer made a motion, duly seconded by Mary Nimmons, for the delegates to remain the same, Douglas A. Reeves and David E. Felkel as delegates for CEPCI. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Felkel informed the Board that they need to appoint two trustees to serve on Central Electric Power Cooperative's Board of Directors. Chris Sandifer made a motion, duly seconded by Stan Funchess, for the trustees to remain the same, Douglas A. Reeves and David E. Felkel. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Felkel explained that the Board needs to appoint a Voting Delegate and Alternate for the 2026 NRECA Annual and Regional Meeting. Jack Vallentine made a motion, duly seconded by Chris Sandifer, for the delegates to remain the same, David E. Felkel as Voting Delegate and Douglas A. Reeves as the Alternate for NRECA. The motion passed unanimously.

The Electric Cooperatives of SC Trustee Association dues for 2026 will be \$1,000.

The date for the Audit Committee Meeting with the cooperative auditing firm was set by the Board for Tuesday, February 23, 2026, at 11:00am, prior to the regular board meeting.

Mr. Felkel shared that the Nominating and Qualifications Committee will meet on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 9:30am at the Bamberg office.

The 2026 Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2026.

The 2026 SC Electric Cooperative Legislative Luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2026, from 9:00am-2:00pm on the State House grounds in Columbia. Board members were encouraged to attend.

The NRECA Legislative Conference will be held on April 25-28, 2026.

The CFC Financial Workshop will be held on February 12-13, 2026.

Mr. Felkel explained that Edisto Electric Cooperative did not have any reportable injuries for the 2025 calendar year, winning the ECSC President's Safety Contest for Category II (50-99 employees) for the third year in a row. Jack Vallentine made a motion, duly seconded by Wayne Welch, to award each employee a \$600.00 bonus for winning the President's Safety Award. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Felkel congratulated Doug Reeves on completing the five Certified Credentialed Director (CCD) courses and obtaining his CCD Certificate. Doug also completed 10 Board Leadership Program course hours obtaining his (BLC) Certificate.

Mr. Felkel reviewed a list of meetings he plans to attend prior to his retirement. The Board agreed to his attending these meetings.

As matters of information, the next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Monday, February 23, 2026.

Various other information and announcements were made to the Board, which did not require action by the Board.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By:


Chairman