

Minutes
Special Meeting of Trustees of the Arab Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:00 pm
Arab Electric Cooperative, Inc. Boardroom

1. Roll Call—Trustees Present: Janet Bright-District 1, Jordan Stewart-District 2, Dianne Prestridge-District 3, Bill Stricklend-District 4, Tyler Barnes-District 5 (present via Telephone Conference)¹; Jeff Warren-District 6 (present via Zoom); Nathan Clark-District 7; Charles W Whisenant-District 8 and Trustee Ty Smith-District 9. Also present were Stacey White-General Manager; and Clint Maze-Board Attorney.
2. Approval of the Agenda (Agenda Item #2)—Nathan Clark made a motion approve the agenda, seconded by Janet Bright. Motion passed with 8 yeas and 0 nays.
3. Executive Session (Agenda Item # 3)—There was a call to go into executive session to discuss a current personnel issue. The Board Attorney certified that the matter to be discussed fit within an exception allowing an executive session under the Open Meetings requirement within the bylaws. Ty Smith made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Jordan Stewart. Motion was approved with 8 yeas and 0 nays. After a lengthy executive session, Jordan Stewart made a motion to exit executive session, seconded by Nathan Clark. Motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays.
4. Cooperative Policy Regarding Insurance (Agenda Item # 4)—Due to the health emergency of a Cooperative employee, the board considered a policy which would provide for a twelve (12) leave of absence, during which time the Cooperative would continue to pay the same percentage for employee health insurance coverage for the employee on a Board approved leave of absence for single coverage only. Jordan Stewart made a motion to adopt the policy as revised, seconded by Jeff Warren. Motion passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.
5. There was an announcement made that the May 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees would be held on May 22, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Cooperative Headquarters Auditorium.
6. Adjourn—There was a motion by Bill Stricklend, seconded by Nathan Clark, to adjourn. Motion passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

¹ Tyler Barnes participated by telephone conference and left the meeting at 6:45 pm, due to calendar conflict.