

Minutes

Member Representatives Committee

May 8, 2024 | 3:30–5:30 p.m. Eastern

Hybrid Meeting

In-Person (*Board, MRC, NERC Staff ONLY*)

NERC DC Office

1401 H Street NW, Suite 410

Washington, DC 20005

Chair Jennifer Flandermeyer called to order a duly noticed meeting of the Member Representatives Committee (MRC) of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) on May 8, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., Eastern, and a quorum was declared present. The agenda and MRC members and their proxies in attendance are attached as **Exhibits A** and **B**, respectively.

Introduction and Chair's Remarks

Chair Flandermeyer welcomed MRC members and virtual attendees, acknowledging the NERC Board of Trustees (Board), Pat Hoffman from the Department of Energy, David Ortiz from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Anna Le from the Canada Energy Regulator, and CAMPUT representative Derek Olmstead.

NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement

Ms. Iwanek directed the participants' attention to the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines included in the agenda package and indicated that all questions regarding antitrust compliance or related matters should be directed to Sonia Rocha, senior vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary at NERC.

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the MRC approved the minutes of the February 14, 2024, and April 22, 2024, meetings.

Board of Trustees Nominating Committee Update

Larry Irving, chair of the Board of Trustees Nominating Committee (NC), provided an update on the committee's activities since the last report. The NC met in April to review the procedures for the nomination and election of Trustees and discuss activities for the year. He noted that four Trustees have terms ending in February 2025, with three eligible for re-election and one that is term limited. The NC is targeting to secure a search firm by the end of May to facilitate a search for a new Trustee and will initiate the nomination process when a search firm is hired. The nomination process will include an industry announcement for submissions. The NC also reviewed the Board of Trustees Attributes Dashboard and intends to post the final dashboard by the end of May.

Business Plan and Budget Input Group Update

John Haarlow, chair of the business plan and budget (BP&B) input group, provided an update on the group's activities. The group met twice since the last update, welcoming new members and reviewing the group's guiding principles. During the recent meetings, NERC provided a preview of NERC's 2025 BP&B which represents Year 3 of NERC's 2023-2025 plan, and preliminary projections for 2026 and 2027. NERC also highlighted its preparations for its next three-year plan for 2026-2028, including efforts by NERC and the Regional Entities to update the *ERO Enterprise Long-Term Strategy*.

NERC reviewed the challenges of the risk environment and how they impact NERC's programs and needed resources. NERC also discussed its workforce planning process, including its strategy to optimize resources and fill gaps in the skills and capabilities needed to address not just increasingly technical and complex issues on the grid, but also an increased volume of work with more critical timelines. Conversation among the input group members centered on program impacts in the registration and standards development areas, as well as how the input group can help support messaging around the importance of NERC's investments to its overall mission.

Mr. Haarlow noted that NERC's draft 2025 BP&B will be posted for stakeholder review and comment around May 24, 2024, and the NERC Board Finance and Audit Committee will host a webinar on June 10, 2024, to review the NERC and Regional Entity 2025 BP&Bs.

Update on FERC Activities

David Ortiz, Director, Office of Electric Reliability, provided an update on recent FERC reliability activities, including President Biden's recent announcement of three nominees for FERC, bulk power system performance during the January 2024 arctic winter storms, extreme cold weather reliability standards EOP-011-4 (Emergency Operations) and TOP-002-5 (Operations Planning), March 21, 2024, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on reactive power compensation, and key expected NERC filings to FERC in 2024.

Report on the May 7 Closed Meeting

Chair Flandermeyer provided a summary of the discussions from the May 7, 2024, closed meeting where the MRC and Board had engaging strategic discussions focused on two primary topics. First, attendees discussed the ERO Enterprise's current efforts to update the *ERO Enterprise Long-Term Strategy*. The ERO Enterprise will consider and incorporate the feedback from the discussion into the draft strategy, which will be included in the Board's next input letter for the MRC. In response to feedback from the MRC, the upcoming input letter will be distributed earlier than the original July date to provide additional time for MRC input on this important effort. Second, attendees discussed engagement among the Board and MRC, including MRC input to the Board and how the MRC can help to ensure that NERC is successful in executing its mission. MRC and Board members acknowledged the value of the candid conversation and expressed encouragement from the discussions and how feedback was received.

Additional Discussion on May 8 Board Committee Meetings

Chair Flandermeyer reminded attendees that full presentations were conducted at the Board committee meetings and would not be repeated during the MRC meeting. As a follow up to discussions during the Technology and Security Committee meeting, an MRC member requested clarity on what the Board is

interested in receiving industry input on the Secure Evidence Locker. Chair Flandermeyer stated that MRC leadership would work with NERC to identify questions around the Secure Evidence Locker to share with MRC members. Attendees did not have any additional comments related to the Board's Corporate Governance and Human Resources, Finance and Audit, Technology and Security, and Regulatory Oversight Committee meetings.

Additional Discussion on May 8 Technical Session

MRC members engaged in additional discussion around the electrification presentation and discussion, acknowledging different perspectives on issues. NERC acknowledged it would consider including the topic as part of the next Reliability Issues Steering Committee Summit.

NERC suggested a future conversation around topics that may be worthwhile to include in reliability assessments (in particular, the Long-Term Reliability Assessment) and the work that would be required to do so.

An MRC member suggested a future presentation from the Department of Energy on its study on virtual power plants.

MRC Input and Advice on May 9 Board Agenda Items

Attendees did not have comments on the topics included on the Board's agenda for its meeting the next day.

Update on Implementation of MRC Effectiveness Recommendations

Chair Flandermeyer provided an update on the implementation of the MRC effectiveness recommendations that were adopted by the MRC at its February 2024 meeting. She acknowledged five recommendations that were completed, highlighting the adjusted format for the MRC informational sessions, new secure portal for MRC members, and continuation of the closed strategic sessions with the Board and MRC during the May meeting week.

Chair Flandermeyer noted there are fourteen recommendations either already in progress or planned to start soon and eight that have not yet been started or planned. For those that are in progress or planned, she noted that MRC leadership will be responsible for many of them, but MRC members may be asked to lead and address some.

For those that have not yet been started or planned, many will require more thought and deliberate prioritization. MRC leadership will work on prioritizing those recommendations and solicit volunteers as needed to address them.

Future Meetings

The schedule of future meeting dates was included in the agenda package. Chair Flandermeyer noted that October 29, 2024, is being considered for the virtual MRC meeting in the fourth quarter.

Regulatory Update

The regulatory update, which highlights Canadian affairs, as well as past and future significant FERC filings was included in the agenda package.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



Kristin Iwanechko

Agenda

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Introduction and Chair's Remarks

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Consent Agenda

- 1. Minutes - (Approve)**
 - a. February 14, 2024 Meeting*
 - b. April 22, 2024 Conference Call*

Regular Agenda

- 2. General Updates and Reports**
 - a. Board of Trustees Nominating Committee Update*
 - b. Business Plan and Budget Input Group Update*
 - c. Update on FERC Activities*
 - d. Report on the May 7 Closed Meeting
- 3. Discussion Items**
 - a. Additional Discussion on May 8 Board Committee Meetings*
 - i. Corporate Governance and Human Resources Committee
 - ii. Finance and Audit Committee
 - iii. Technology and Security Committee
 - iv. Regulatory Oversight Committee

- b. Additional Discussion on May 8 Technical Session*
 - c. MRC Input and Advice on May 9 Board Agenda Items*
- 4. Update on Implementation of MRC Effectiveness Recommendations***

Informational Items

- 5. [Future Meetings](#)
- 6. **Regulatory Update***

*Background materials included.

Member Representatives Committee - Attendance (May 8, 2024)

Voting Members

First Name	Last Name	Sector
Jennifer	Flandermeyer	Chair
Joel	Dembowski	1. Investor-Owned Utility
John	Rhea	1. Investor-Owned Utility
Roy	Jones	2. State/Municipal Utility - Proxy Scott Tomashefsky
Greg	Ford	3. Cooperative Utility
Jason	Marshall	3. Cooperative Utility
Edison	Elizeh	4. Federal/Provincial
Daryl	Maxwell	4. Federal/Provincial
Stephane	Desbiens	4. Federal/Provincial
Brian	Evans-Mongeon	5. Transmission-Dependent Utility
Tom	Heller	5. Transmission-Dependent Utility
Mark	Spencer	6. Merchant Electricity Generator
Srinivas	Kappagantula	6. Merchant Electricity Generator - Proxy Nancy Bagot
Matt	Fischesser	7. Electricity Marketer
Jeremy	Carpenter	7. Electricity Marketer
Venona	Greaff	8. Large End-Use Electricity Customer
Karen	Onaran	8. Large End-Use Electricity Customer
Darryl	Lawrence	9. Small End-Use Electricity Customer - Proxy Michael Moody
Gordon	van Welie	10. ISO/RTO - Proxy Matt Goldberg
Lesley	Gallinger	10. ISO/RTO
Richard	Dewey	10. ISO/RTO
Kent	Chandler	12. Government

Non-Voting Members

First Name	Last Name	Sector
Anna	Le	Canadian Federal
Derek	Olmstead	Canadian Provincial
David	Ortiz	U. S. - Federal
Pat	Hoffman	U. S. - Federal
Dr. Dana	Born	Regional Entity - MRO - Proxy Sara Patrick
Milo	Blair	Regional Entity - NPCC
Antonio	Smyth	Regional Entity - RF - Proxy Tim Gallagher
Curt	Brockmann	Regional Entity - Texas RE - Proxy Jim Albright
Jason	Blake	Regional Entity - SERC
Melanie	Frye	Regional Entity - WECC
Kristin	Iwanechko	Secretary