

# Minutes

## Member Representatives Committee

November 13, 2024 | 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Eastern

Chair Jennifer Flandermeyer, with Vice Chair John Haarlow present, called to order a duly noticed meeting of the Member Representatives Committee (MRC) of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) via teleconference on November 13, 2024, at 11:00 a.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 attendees, acknowledging the NERC Board of Trustees (Board), Eric Vandenberg from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and Anna Le from the Canada Energy Regulatory (CER).

### **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 August 15, 2024, meeting as presented at the meeting.

### **Election of MRC Officers for 2025**

Chair Flandermeyer announced the nominations of John Haarlow for chair and Matt Fischesser for vice chair of the MRC for 2025. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the MRC unanimously approved Mr. Haarlow as chair and Mr. Fischesser as vice chair.

### **Board of Trustees Nominating Committee Update**

Larry Irving, chair of the Board Nominating Committee (NC), provided an update on the NC's activities since the last report. The NC met in September and October to review the candidates, with interviews being conducted the week of November 18. The NC will provide a final recommendation to the MRC in December in anticipation of the election in February 2025.

### **Business Plan and Budget Input Group Update**

John Haarlow, chair of the BP&B input group, acknowledged that the business plans and budgets for NERC and the Regional Entities were approved by FERC on October 17, 2024. The input group's next meeting is on November 18, 2024, where the group will discuss NERC's 2025 Work Plan Priorities and the development of NERC's next three-year plan for 2026-2028.

Camilo Serna, senior vice president, strategy and external engagement at NERC, provided an update on upcoming MRC engagement around NERC's 2026-2028 plan. Mr. Serna thanked MRC members for their input earlier in the year on revisions to the ERO Enterprise Long-Term Strategy (Strategy). He noted that all Regional Entity Boards endorsed the revised Strategy, and it will be presented to the NERC Board for approval in December. The Strategy serves as starting point for NERC's three-year planning efforts, which NERC is beginning for 2026-2028. Mr. Serna shared that NERC is identifying high-level strategic priorities and goals for its 2026-2028 plan, which will ultimately inform NERC's next business plan and budget. In December and January, NERC will seek informal feedback from the MRC on the draft 2026-2028 strategic priorities and goals.

### **Update on FERC Activities**

Eric Vandenberg, Deputy Director, Office of Electric Reliability at FERC, provided an update on recent FERC reliability activities, including the 2024 Commissioner-led Reliability Technical Conference, November 1 Large Loads Co-Located at Generating Facilities Technical Conference, November 12 Federal and State Current Issues Collaborative on gas-electric coordination, 2024 FERC staff report on lessons learned from Commission-led CIP reliability audits, and recently issued FERC Orders.

### **Upcoming MRC Opportunities to Participate in Committees and Groups**

Chair Flandermeyer noted that one of the MRC's key responsibilities is to provide advice and recommendations to the Board. This happens through several forums, including certain sub-groups and committees. Chair Flandermeyer provided an overview of the roles of the Board of Trustees Nominating Committee, MRC Business Plan and Budget Input Group, and Reliability Issues Steering Committee, each of which requires participation from MRC members. MRC participation in these groups is important and the MRC members that participate in these groups are intended to represent the full MRC. MRC leadership will reach out to the MRC to solicit volunteers for each of these groups.

### **Standards and Compliance Update**

Mark Lauby, senior vice president and chief engineer at NERC, acknowledged that the speed at which risks to the reliability, security, and resilience of the bulk power system are emerging is outpacing industry's ability to develop, enhance, and implement Reliability Standards. Mr. Lauby acknowledged current efforts around improving approaches used to measure compliance with Reliability Standards, especially those that are focused on the integration of newer technologies where industry has less experience with their performance. He also shared that NERC would stand up a task force to review the NERC standards development procedures and processes and develop recommendations for a modernized process that continues to ensure industry engagement and strives to shorten the time between risk identification and prioritization. More information on the process for standing up the task force will be provided at a future meeting.

### **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, noting that all recommendations are either in progress or completed. She highlighted completed recommendations since the last update, noting the (1) recent panel discussion on energy assurance and continued

collaboration with NERC for more industry panel discussions at future meetings for industry perspectives on key issues, and (2) more intentional outreach to MRC members for input on meeting agenda topics.

Chair Flandermeyer also highlighted recommendations that are in progress, which have been grouped into three categories: (1) roles and responsibilities documents; (2) strategic planning and input; and (3) MRC operations and governance. She provided an update on each category of recommendations, as identified in the agenda package.

### **MRC Sector Nominations and Elections Schedule**

The MRC Sector nominations and elections schedule was included in the agenda package.

### **Future Meetings**

The schedule of future meeting dates was included in the agenda package. Chair Flandermeyer noted that the February 2025 Board and MRC meetings will be held in Miami, FL, the week of February 10. An MRC orientation will also be held for all MRC members that week.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Flandermeyer thanked all MRC members for their input and participation this year, acknowledging appreciation for members volunteering their time to represent their Sector members through this important part of the NERC governance structure.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



Kristin Iwanechko  
Secretary

## Agenda

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### Introduction and Chair's Remarks

### [NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines and Public Announcement](#)

### Consent Agenda

1. Minutes - (Approve)
  - a. August 15, 2024 Meeting\*

### Regular Agenda

2. Election of MRC Officers for 2025\*
3. General Updates and Reports
  - a. Board of Trustees Nominating Committee Update\*
  - b. Business Plan and Budget Input Group Update\*
  - c. Update on FERC Activities\*
4. Upcoming MRC Opportunities to Participate in Committees and Groups\*
  - a. Board of Trustees Nominating Committee
  - b. MRC Business Plan and Budget Input Group
  - c. Reliability Issues Steering Committee
5. Discussion Items
  - a. Standards and Compliance Update\*
  - b. Implementation of MRC Effectiveness Recommendations\*

### Informational Items

6. MRC Sector Nominations and Elections Schedule\*

## 7. [Future Meetings](#)

**\*Background materials included.**

**Member Representatives Committee - Attendance (November 13, 2024)**

**Voting Members**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Sector</b>
Jennifer	Flandermeyer	Chair
John	Haarlow	Vice Chair
Joel	Dembowski	1. Investor-Owned Utility
John	Rhea	1. Investor-Owned Utility
Scott	Tomashefsky	2. State/Municipal Utility
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
Matt	Fischesser	7. Electricity Marketer
Jeremy	Carpenter	7. Electricity Marketer
Karen	Onaran	8. Large End-Use Electricity Customer - <b>Proxy Venona Greaff</b>
Venona	Greaff	8. Large End-Use Electricity Customer
Darryl	Lawrence	9. Small End-Use Electricity Customer
Gordon	van Welie	10. ISO/RTO
Lesley	Gallinger	10. ISO/RTO
Richard	Dewey	10. ISO/RTO
Marcus	Hawkins	12. Government
Jim	Huston	12. Government

**Non-Voting Members**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Sector</b>
Anna	Le	Canadian Federal
<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>	U. S. - Federal - <b>Proxy Eric Vandenberg</b>
Dr. Dana	Born	Regional Entity - MRO
Milo	Blair	Regional Entity - NPCC
Curt	Brockmann	Regional Entity - Texas RE
Jason	Blake	Regional Entity - SERC
Kristin	Iwanechko	Secretary