



COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES BOARD
MS Teams and Blue River Board Room
Plaza of the Rockies
121 S. Tejon Street
South Tower, 5th Floor

Minutes
Wednesday, June 17, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Blue River Board Room

1. Call to Order

Chair Dave Donelson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Ms. Anna Bingman, Utilities Board Administrator, called roll.

Present – Chair Dave Donelson, Board Member Ken Casey, Board Member Lynette Crow-Iverson, Board Member Kimberly Gold, Board Member Nancy Henjum, Board Member David Leinweber, Board Member Roland Rainey and Vice Chair Brandy Williams

Absent – Board Member Brian Risley

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Jeff Sherrill with Springs Journey Church offered the invocation, and Chair Donelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Consent Agenda

- **Approval of the May 20, 2026, Utilities Board Meeting Minutes**

Board Member Gold made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Board Member Rainey seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

4. Customer Comments

Mr. Peter Briggs, Colorado Springs Utilities customer, stated that there was a leak on his property that he was unaware of. The leak was discovered after the basement of a neighbor's home flooded, which was determined to be caused by problems with equipment installed in previous years. There were five or six days when the leak let out around \$3,600 of water. Mr. Briggs worked with the Customer Resolution Team who informed him he could make payments over a six-month period, however Mr. Briggs said it seemed unfair that he was charged for the water leaking from his system when it was due to faulty equipment and he was unaware. He stated he did not use the water; therefore, he should not be charged for it and asked if there was another resolution. Mr. Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer, told Mr. Briggs that he believed his staff had come to the resolution not to charge Mr. Briggs

for the leak, and asked him to meet outside of the meeting room with Mr. Mike Francolino, Chief Customer and Enterprise Services Officer, to follow-up on next steps.

5. Compliance Reports:

- **I-2 Financial Conditions and Activities (to include Contracts over \$500,000) G-7 (Quarterly October through December)**
- **E-2 CEO/Board Partnership Responsibilities – Electric Cost Adjustment/Gas Cost Adjustment**

There were no presentations on these items.

- **E-2 CEO/Board Partnership Responsibilities – Water Outlook**

Mr. Justin Zeisler, Supervisor of Water Resource Planning, presented the Board with the Water Outlook for April 2026.

6. Items Called Off Consent Agenda

No items were called off consent.

7. A Resolution for the Acquisition of Real Property at 845 West Moreno Avenue to be Used for the Rio Grande Pump Station Relocation Project

Ms. Jessica Davis, Manager of Facility and Land Resource Services, presented the Board with an acquisition of property that will be used for the Rio Grande Pump Station Relocation Project. This presentation included information on the Portable Pump Station Replacement Program, the location map, property information, and next steps.

Board Member Casey asked if the current pump station location could be sold. Ms. Davis responded that Colorado Springs Utilities currently uses an easement for the existing pump station location. Infrastructure will be kept on this easement in addition to the new property.

Board Member Leinweber made the motion to move to recommend approval of a resolution authorizing the acquisition of certain real property with a total acquisition amount greater than \$100,000 for the Rio Grande Pump Station Relocation Project pursuant to City Real Estate Manual sections 4.1 and 9.6 to the July 14, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting. Board Member Gold seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board agreed to put this item on the Consent Agenda.

8. Electric Integrated Resource Plan (EIRP) Update

Mr. David Longrie, Manager of Energy Resource Planning and Innovation, and Mr. Troy Bass, Supervisor of Energy Resource Planning, provided the Electric Integrated Resource Plan (EIRP) progress update. In this update, they reminded the Board of the IRP process, EIRP goals, carbon reduction goals, load forecast, key model outcomes, current generation resources and balanced

portfolio, generation portfolios and sensitivities, implementation strategies, and finally the recommendation with next steps.

State Representative Amy Paschal, of House District 18, commented that she was a sponsor of State Bill 26-182, so she is very familiar with this topic. She stated that this is a very big topic for Colorado Springs Utilities customers and requires significant long-term planning. She requested that customers and constituents be given opportunity to provide feedback on the plans that Utilities moves forward with in other forums besides Utilities Board or City Council meetings. She encouraged that these opportunities for further dialogue happen during evenings or weekends so any interested customer may attend to voice questions or concerns. Representative Paschal said providing as much notice as possible to these meetings would also boost engagement at meetings.

Board Member Casey noted the gap in the load met by the selected portfolio and how the load would be addressed if demand increased to the forecasted amount. Mr. Longrie responded that some of this load would be addressed through the large load tariff. If there are not existing resources to meet the demand, the Colorado Springs Utilities would procure the long-term resource but seek out short-term opportunities to meet the needs.

Chair Donelson asked Mr. Longrie to clarify if large load projects impact ratepayers. Mr. Longrie responded that the Large Load Tariff that was approved by the Board protects ratepayers from being impacted by large load projects, such as data centers or industrial activity. Customers needing more than 10 megawatts of power must sign contracts that require them to pay the complete cost of what is needed to procure the power they require to operate and are subject to large load rates. Chair Donelson then asked Mr. Longrie to explain the different ownership models under nuclear generation. Mr. Longrie replied that there are two models: full ownership and purchase power agreements. Colorado Springs Utilities uses these two models in relation to all types of power generation, whether that is solar, gas, or someday, nuclear. The EIRP will help to evaluate the best option for Colorado Springs in the future when it comes to the ownership of nuclear power based on growing needs.

Mr. Deal added that this process helps determine next steps while allowing staff to do their due diligence to build the portfolio through different Requests for Proposal processes. Nuclear will be a heavy lift, along with increase generation through other means. Mr. Deal commented that the Board's informal support of the EIRP will help to kick off the process moving forward.

Mr. Wayne Williams, Chief of Staff for the City of Colorado Springs, asked if the goal for emissions reduction was per citizen or for the total population based on growth since 2005. Mr. Longrie answered that it is per the total population from 2005 levels.

The Board provided unanimous informal support for the EIRP as presented.

9. Recognition

- Resolution of Appreciation for Andrew Colosimo

Ms. Renee Adams, Chief Human Resources Officer, informed the Board that Mr. Andrew Colosimo, General Manager of Regulatory, Environmental and Public Affairs, would be retiring from Colorado Springs Utilities after almost twenty-five years of service. Ms. Adams noted Mr. Colosimo's exceptional service, his many accomplishments, and read a Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Colosimo.

Mr. Deal thanked Mr. Colosimo for his service and wished him well in his upcoming endeavors.

Mr. Daniel Hodges, General Manager of Government Affairs, reflected on his many years of working with Mr. Colosimo, and for his leadership during his two and a half decades of service.

Ms. Adams noted some of Mr. Colosimo's accomplishments that were not listed in the resolution and thanked him for being a wonderful employee and for sharing his wealth of institutional knowledge of Colorado Springs Utilities.

Mr. Williams also reflected on his many years of working with Mr. Colosimo in different capacities, including as a County Commissioner, a member of the Utilities Board, and now as the Chief of Staff.

Board Member Henjum thanked Mr. Colosimo for the warm welcome he provided to her as a new Board Member and wished him well.

Board Member Crow-Iverson commented on her many years of working with Mr. Colosimo in different capacities as well, stating that he became not only a great professional contact, but also as friend over his service to Colorado Springs Utilities.

Vice Chair Williams called Mr. Colosimo the consummate professional and thanked him for the many years of service that she was able to spend with Mr. Colosimo on her multiple terms serving on City Council.

Chair Donelson thanked Mr. Colosimo for his service and said he looks forward to seeing how he does in his future endeavors, as well.

Mr. Colosimo thanked everyone for their kind sentiments, adding that it was his pleasure working for Colorado Springs Utilities. Mr. Colosimo shared his pride in the many projects and initiatives was a part of over his career.

Vice Chair Williams moved to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Andrew Colosimo. Board Member Henjum seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Net Metering Rate Case

Mr. Scott Shirola, Pricing and Rates Manager, presented the July 2026 Rate Case. This presentation included a background on net metering, national trends, net metering modernization activities in 2025 and 2026, results of the 2026 Rate Design analysis, both options of the rate proposal summary, customer transition and bill impacts, and finally, next steps in the process.

Board Member Leinweber asked how many customers of Colorado Springs Utilities' 220,000 residential customers are solar customers. Mr. Shirola responded that approximately 10,000 to 11,000 residential customers use solar, equating to around 5% of customers.

Board Member Henjum asked if other alternatives to Option 2 were discussed instead of just the highest fifteen-minute demand charge. Mr. Shirola responded that in the original proposal, an average demand rate was considered, however that is complex to articulate. Using the highest fifteen minutes on-peak is as cost reflective. Mr. Shirola explained the methodology behind this and how it can be incorporated into the billing practice. Mr. Tristan Gearhart, Chief Planning and Finance Officer, said this was the impetus for the two options, which gives the customer the choice of what might work best for their habits and use while also considering the overall demands on the system.

Mr. Deal commented that Colorado Springs Utilities absolutely supports solar customers and rooftop solar and would like to see the program grow. Utilities is committed to customers' ability to self-generate power, but the transaction of Utilities buying backing power is what this proposal is hoping to address.

Mr. Tom Harrington, a Colorado Springs Utilities customer, is a net metering customer in District 5. He has been following the net metering conversation and had comments on the two options. First, he stated that the grid access fee being the same for all solar customers means that customers with fewer panels will be subsidizing those with more panels. He stated that, at \$400 per year for panels that may last thirty to thirty-five years, the grid access fee will end up costing him more than it did to install the plans initially. Mr. Harrington felt it was bizarre to base the charges for an entire month on the single highest usage once per month. He said this creates no incentive for someone with high usage to change their habits, which was a pitfall of the original net metering proposal last year. Finally, he stated that this is a complicated issue, as there is no way to estimate costs without monitoring electric usage minute by minute, which people generally have no way to do.

Mr. Daryl Kuiper, a Colorado Springs Customer, is a net metering customer. He said he felt that this proposal was unclear as to what people can expect to be charged, which is very confusing. Mr. Kuiper stated that his educational background is mainly in mathematics, and he still found both proposals challenging to work through, which could make it even more difficult for someone without a similar background.

Representative Paschal commented that this is a very challenging concept for average Utilities customers to grasp. She said she believed it was critical for Colorado Springs Utilities to provide tools and education, such as downloadable spreadsheets or calculators, to help customers determine which option is best for their use. She also encouraged customer facing documentation to remain simple and clear. Representative Paschal said it is much easier for someone to hear and digest a fifteen-minute presentation versus a three-hour presentation.

Board Member Leinweber stated that his main concern is about the fifteen-minute peak demand charge and asked if there was a way to average that over a number of days rather than one peak

moment. Mr. Gearhart responded that this is why there is the choice of both options for ratepayers. They have the ability to choose a more consistent rate format, or one where they can control their charges based on their habits. The overall system needs to be able to meet the needs and be ready to serve whether panels are generating electricity or not. Board Member Leinweber argued that there are enough customers to offset peak demand for one person's use one time that determines their rates for an entire month, whereas an average over multiple days is more reflective of regular use. Mr. Deal added responded that customers need to be responsible for their usage, and that the rest of the customer base should not have to cover someone else's usage.

Board Member Henjum said she has been thoroughly engaged on this topic throughout the many meetings, presentations and discussions, and still feels as though she isn't fully understanding it. She stated that this is concerning, as someone who has not been subject to all of the information would likely be even more confused about what option might be best. Board Member Henjum noted Representative Paschal's comment that this topic should be digestible from a fifteen-minute presentation, and it is not. While she wants to support it, she said she can't while it is still so confusing.

Vice Chair Williams agreed that this is a very difficult proposal to work through and has spent countless hours with Mr. Shirola and Mr. Gearhart working through the numbers, so she understood Board Member Henjum's sentiments. She said she would be willing to sit down with Board Member Henjum to work through the numbers, but at the end of the day, there needs to be trust in staff's proposal as the right decision for the organization and for customers.

Chair Donelson noted four main outcomes from the overall net metering proposal that customers should be aware of. He stated that the Board and City Council did not approve the original proposal last year and directed staff to come back with a better proposal for ratepayers. He added that the five-year grandfathering clause was added. Next, he stated that two options were presented for customers to choose from instead of the original single option. And finally, Chair Donelson reminded the Board that Colorado Springs Utilities had upgraded the amount of solar a home can have from 120% to 200% in this proposal. Chair Donelson felt these were all big wins out of a difficult conversation that began over a year ago.

Board Member Henjum asked Ms. Adams to provide the communication plan moving forward. Ms. Adams, joined by Mr. Jay Anderson, Communications Manager, provided details on next steps of communication, which include email updates, and the potential for two public meetings ahead of this item being considered at City Council.

Board Member Rainey reiterated the importance of communication and reminded the room that no decision was made today and will not be made until this item is presented to City Council at a regular City Council meeting.

11. Board Member Updates

Vice Chair Williams reminded the Board that there will be no City Council meetings on June 22, 2026, and June 23, 2026, due to most of Council attending the Colorado Municipal League annual conference. She also reminded the Board that the Pikes Peak Hill Climb will be taking place on Sunday, June 22.

Board Member Henjum said she had attended a tour of the Jackson Fuller Substation and Battery, which was very informative and relative to the net metering conversations.

12. Summary of Board Actions

Ms. Bingman provided a summary of Board Actions:

- Approved the May 20, 2026, Utilities Board meeting minutes.
- Recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the acquisition of certain real property with a total acquisition amount greater than \$100,000 for the Rio grande Pump Station Relocation Project, pursuant to Real Estate Manual sections 4.1 and 9.6 to the July 14, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting on Consent.
- Informally endorsed the Electric Integrated Resource Plan as presented.
- Approved a Resolution of Appreciation for Andrew Colosimo.

13. Adjournment

Chair Donelson adjourned the meeting at 3:519p.m.