

Pueblo Commission on Energy

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: September 3, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM – 5:07 PM

Location: Public Works Conference Room – 211 E. D Street; Pueblo, CO 81003

Attendees: Randy Thurston, Dave Decenzo, Patty Olenik, George Andrews, Mason Finn, Ken Danti, Jody Henderschott, Tony Huskey, Andrew Hayes (Staff Liaison), George Samaras (Public); Taylor O’Neal (not present at roll call, but joined meeting virtually later in the agenda)

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM by Andrew Hayes.

Roll Call & Quorum Confirmation

- Attendance recorded; confirmed quorum per proposed bylaws (more than half present).
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Approval of Minutes and Agenda

- Motion made and approved to accept minutes from August 6, 2025, and summary from the August 20, 2025 brainstorming session.
 - Motion made and approved to adopt the meeting agenda.
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Old Business

Election of Officers

Chair:

- Nomination of Randy Thurston.
- Motion, second, and unanimous approval.

Vice Chair:

- Expressed interest: Dave Decenzo, Tony Huskey, Jody Henderschott.
- Patty Olenik withdrew her name from consideration.
- Nomination of Dave Decenzo.
- Motion, second, majority approval (1 opposed).

Secretary:

- Expressed interest: Tony Huskey.
- Nomination of Tony Huskey.
- Motion, second, approved unanimously.

New officers to preside over future meetings.

Discussion of Proposed Bylaws

- First draft shared with the commission; discussion on framework and compliance with city ordinances.
- Key points and amendments proposed:
 - **Attendance:** Members who miss three unexcused regular meetings in six months may be subject to a removal vote.
 - Definition of “excused absence”: Prior notice by email, text, or letter to the Secretary, Chair, and staff liaison.
 - Secretary to track attendance.
 - **Removal Process:** Mayor retains authority to remove members with or without cause per ordinance. Removal recommendations may be forwarded to the mayor for action.
 - **Officer Term:** Officers elected annually by majority vote, terms run from first meeting of each calendar year for 12 months.
 - **Meeting Format:** Regular meetings at least monthly; special meetings may be called by Mayor, Chair, or three commissioners with 48-hour notice; work sessions may be added.
 - **Quorum Definition:** Majority (more than 50%) of appointed members, including those attending virtually.
 - **Voting:** Majority of those present or attending via video. Bylaw amendments require two-thirds of members present at a regular meeting, with at least 10–28 days prior notice of intent to amend.
 - **Authority/Precedence:** Federal, state, and city laws supersede bylaws; conflicts addressed during review.
 - **Reporting:** Annual reports required to City Council or Mayor. Standing/ad hoc committees may be formed.
- Recommendation to submit amended draft to City Law Department for ordinance and legal review.

New Business

Discussion on Special Meetings & Work Sessions

- Proposal for recurring special meetings until current business is resolved.
- Work session format for informal discussion encouraged, will be noticed.

Review of County Resolution Regarding Comanche 3 Plant

- Discussion raised about Pueblo County's resolution to keep Comanche 3 open.
- Action Item: Obtain and distribute the resolution and associated documents before next meeting.
- Identification of relevant information sources (PUC filings, Colorado Sun article, CPR.org, The Big Pivot).

Information Sharing & Public Document Repository

- Proposal for SharePoint site, email group, or document repository for commission-related articles and resources.
- Reminder of compliance with Sunshine Act and public records/open meeting laws.
- City staff to assess technical options for compliant information sharing.

Brainstorming, Annual Summit & Public Education

- Commissioners discussed energy summit concept for public outreach and education on energy efficiency (solar, storage, residential programs).
 - Identified resource groups (e.g., Solar Energy Research Institute, Colorado Renewable Energy Society) and potential economic development opportunities (thermal battery storage).
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Next Steps & Meeting Schedule

- Staff to finalize and submit amended bylaws to Law Department.
 - Documents (county resolution, news articles) to be distributed prior to next meeting.
 - September 17, 2025 special meeting scheduled for further bylaws review; regular meetings continue as scheduled.
 - Agenda management and document uploading process to be improved by new Secretary.
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Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made and approved at 5:07 PM.
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Prepared by: Andrew Hayes (Staff Liaison)
Draft Minutes – Pending Commission Approval
