

Southeast Alaska Power Agency Regular Meeting Minutes

Location: Ketchikan, Alaska
Date: May 28, 2026
Time: 9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. AKDT

Agenda Items

1) Call to Order

A. Roll Call.

Chairperson Lynn called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. AKDT on May 28, 2026. The following directors and alternates were present, thus establishing a quorum of the board:

Directors	Present Electronically (E) In Person (IP)	Alternates	Present Electronically (E) In Person (IP)	Representing	Community
Bob Sivertsen		Robert Briggs	IP	Swan Lake	Ketchikan
Dick Coose	IP	Shawn Hart	IP	Swan Lake	Ketchikan
Mason Villarma	IP	David Powell	IP	Tyee Lake	Wrangell
Patricia Gilbert	IP	David McHolland	IP	Tyee Lake	Wrangell
Bob Lynn	IP	Karl Hagerman	IP	Tyee Lake	Petersburg

Others in attendance electronically: Stephan Harbor (incoming Petersburg Board Director), and Jeremy Winkle and Chris Lum of McMillen, Inc.

The following SEAPA staff and counsel, were present for all or part of the meeting:

Staff	Present Electronically (E) In Person (IP)	Staff	Present Electronically (E) In Person (IP)	Staff / Counsel	Present Electronically (E) In Person (IP)
Robert Siedman, P.E., CEO	IP	Clay Hammer, Ops. Mgr.	IP	Sharon Thompson, EA/CA	IP
Mark Hilson, P.E., Proj. Mgr.	IP	Kay Key, Controller	IP	Tim Ross, Engineering Intern	IP
Kris Womack, Elec. Cont. Eng.	IP	Marcy Graves, Ofc. Mgr.	IP	Joel Paisner, Counsel	IP

B. *Communications / Lay on the Table Items*: Mr. Siedman announced that his upcoming CEO Report will include presentation of a public relations video regarding congressionally directed spending, which was shared with Senator Murkowski's office.

C. *Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest*: None

2) Approval of the Agenda

The Chair requested a motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion	M/S (Gilbert/Coose) to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.	✓ Action 26-1247
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3) Persons to be Heard: None

4) Consideration of Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting held on March 26, 2026
- B. Minutes of Special Meeting held on April 28, 2026



➤ **Motion**

M/S (Villarma/Coose) to approve the minutes of SEAPA's regular meeting held on March 26, 2026 and special meeting held on April 28, 2026. The motion was approved unanimously by polled vote.

✓ Action
26-1248

5) Financial Reports

➤ **Motion**

M/S (Gilbert/Villarma) to accept year-to-date financial statements for April 2026 and disbursements for March, April, and May 2026, totaling \$8,554,111.42. Following the CEO's report on the Agency's current financial position and financial statements, and fielding questions and comments from directors, the motion was approved unanimously by polled vote.

✓ Action
26-1249

6) Staff Reports

A. *Electric Controls Engineer (Womack)*

Mr. Womack provided the progress and next steps on several technical projects, including the Tyee Station Service and 15kV Switchgear, Ketchikan Substation Design, Tyee Third Turbine Design and Procurement, and the Wrangell Solar Project Design.

B. *Project Manager (Hilson)*

Mr. Hilson reported on several FERC-related projects, including the Swan Lake Structural Stability Analysis, the Tyee Third Turbine License Amendment, Swan Lake Relicensing, Dam Safety Surveillance Monitoring, and Tyee Lake Relicensing. He also detailed the progress and next steps for the Swan Lake Road Embankment Reconstruction, Cleveland Helipad Replacements, the Swan Lake Unit 1 Assessment and Uprate Study, and the Wrangell Solar site road work and battery energy storage system layout.

C. *Operations Manager Projects Report (Hammer)*

Mr. Hammer gave updates on replacing power poles on Structures 194 and 195 of the Swan/Bailey line, buying a crimper and die kit for Tyee Lake, and replacing a dump truck at Swan Lake. He reported that right-of-way clearing on 72 acres of the Swan-Tyee Intertie on the Cleveland Peninsula starts on June 10th. Contractors are also clearing paths on the North and South ends of the SEAPA system so maintenance crews have clear access during the annual outage. The meeting recessed at 10:31 a.m. and resumed at 10:45 a.m.

D. *Plant Operations Quarterly Report (Hammer)*

Mr. Hammer reported that quarterly inspections at SEAPA's Swan Lake and Tyee Lake hydroelectric plants were completed with up-to-date work orders. Crews continue to participate in ongoing safety and skills training, and there were no safety concerns or reportable injuries during the period. Plant maintenance updates included the completion of control room soundproofing, heat pump AC installation, a brake overhaul on the camp ATV, a water flow switch replacement, and the creation of a strainer cleaning station at Swan Lake. Maintenance at Tyee Lake included a grader heater core replacement, Argo maintenance, and extensive grounds work and road repairs following winter flood damage. Mr. Hammer closed with updates on reviewed and inspected substation and switchyard items.

7) CEO Report

Mr. Siedman shared updates on federal and state governmental affairs. He noted energy policy remains a top concern in Alaska as state leaders seek federal support to address current challenges, which highlights the importance of SEAPA's ongoing work on hydropower, grid resilience, renewable energy integration, and long-term infrastructure investments. SEAPA's government affairs activities provide a strong voice on issues affecting Alaska utilities. He outlined SEAPA's federal engagement strategy, positioning the organization to stay visible and aligned with evolving federal energy, infrastructure, and policy priorities, and provided updates on the status of the Renewable Energy Fund grant for the Grid Resiliency project, Section 247 Funding for the Tyee Third Turbine Project, and SEAPA's five-year strategic plan. Mr. Siedman reported on the highlights of his activities as a member of both the Alaska Energy Authority and



Alaska Power Association, and provided an update on personnel recruitment and retention. Mr. Siedman concluded his report by presenting a public relations video regarding congressionally directed spending, which was shared with Senator Murkowski's office.

8) New Business

A. Consideration of Sole Source Re Wrangell Switchyard Upgrade

➤ Motion	M/S (Villarma/Gilbert) to authorize staff to enter into a sole source contract with McMillen, Inc. for the Wrangell Switchyard Upgrade Contract, Feasibility Project #1830-015, for \$335,953 plus a 10% contingency of \$33,595 for unforeseen costs for the total not-to-exceed value of \$369,548, and increase the FY2026 feasibility budget by \$369,548 accordingly. The motion was approved unanimously by polled vote.	✓ Action 26-1250
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B. Consideration of Non-Operating Budget Increase

➤ Motion	M/S (Gilbert/Coose) to increase SEAPA's 2026 Nonoperating Expense budget by \$218,000. The motion was approved unanimously by polled vote.	✓ Action 26-1251
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C. Second Quarter Operations Plan Update

Mr. Hammer presented a summary of the results of snow surveys conducted in April, weather predictions for Southeast Alaska's summer quarter, and current lake elevations for Tyee and Swan Lake. He discussed SEAPA's core management strategy noting the Agency manages water and power by generating more electricity at Tyee than at Swan Lake because Tyee has more storage capacity (125GWh) than Swan Lake (75GWh). This strategy balances water levels and storage use across both lakes while meeting user needs and avoiding waste. He presented 2026 El Niño - Southern Oscillation (ENSO) predictions and reported that lake elevations are adequate due to early inflows.

9) 2026 Meeting Dates

There were no objections to the next meeting dates of August 27-28, 2026 in Petersburg.

10) Discuss Future Topics

There was discussion but no action taken on the following topics:

- SEAPA Solar Design in the Fall
- Revisiting the Investment Policy in 2026
- Results of 4R Plan Update
- Financing SEAPA Projects

11) Director Comments

Directors exchanged brief comments.

12) Adjourn

The Chair requested a motion to adjourn.

➤ Motion	M/S (Villarma/Gilbert) to adjourn the meeting. Following the Chair's request for a voice vote, the motion to adjourn was carried by voice vote with the 'ayes' prevailing.	✓ Action 26-1252
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The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

