

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM JANUARY 14, 2026
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2026 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN ERIC SKRMETTA, VICE CHAIRMAN JEAN-PAUL COUSSAN, COMMISSIONER FOSTER CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER MIKE FRANCIS, COMMISSIONER DAVANTE LEWIS, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRANDON FREY.

Open Session of January 14, 2026, convening at 9:18 a.m., and adjourning at 9:48 a.m., at the Galvez Building, 602 N. 5th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-name members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.

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| Ex. 1 | <p>Chairman Skrmetta welcomed Chris Martel, new director of regulatory affairs at SWEPCO.</p> <p>Commissioner Lewis congratulated Helena Moreno for being sworn in as the 63rd Mayor of New Orleans and gave well wishes to the new members of the New Orleans City Council, especially members of the Utilities Committee. He also requested that the CEO of Delta Utilities come before the Commission at the February meeting for an update and report on operations.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Coussan also congratulated the New Orleans City Council members and the Mayor of New Orleans. He thanked Commissioner Francis for his service as the Commission's Chairman for 2025 and being a great mentor for his first year serving on the Commission.</p> |
| Ex. 2 | <p>Undocketed - Election of 2026 Chairman.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Francis, seconded by Commissioner Coussan, with Commissioner Skrmetta concurring, and Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Lewis opposing, the Commission voted to elect Commissioner Skrmetta as the 2026 Chairman of the Commission. The motion passed 3:2.</p> |
| Ex. 3 | <p>Undocketed - Election of 2026 Vice Chairman.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to elect Commissioner Coussan as the 2026 Vice Chairman of the Commission.</p> |
| Ex. 4 | <p>Undocketed - Election of OMS Representative for 2026.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to elect Chairman Skrmetta as the 2026 OMS Representative for the Commission.</p> |
| Ex. 5 | <p>Undocketed - Election of ERSC Representative for 2026.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to elect Chairman Skrmetta as the 2026 ERSC Representative for the Commission.</p> |

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| Ex. 6 | <p>Undocketed - Election of SPP Representative for 2026.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to elect Chairman Skrmetta as the 2026 SPP Representative for the Commission.</p> |
| Ex. 7 | <p>R-31106 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Rulemaking to study the possible development of financial incentives for the promotion of energy efficiency by jurisdictional electric and gas utilities.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain Tetra Tech as the Commission's EM&V Contractor pursuant to General Order dated August 28, 2025.</p> <p>Exhibit 5 on the December 17, 2025 Business and Executive Session.</p> <p>DEFERRED</p> |
| Ex. 8 | <p>R-36227 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Assessment of Louisiana's current electric utility infrastructure for resilience and hardening for future storm events.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on a scope expansion for David Williams.</p> <p>Exhibit 10 on the December 17, 2025 Business and Executive Session.</p> <p>PULLED</p> |
| Ex. 9 | <p>U-37343 - Dixie Electric Membership Corporation, ex parte. In re: Request for a rate rider to recover costs associated with the Move Ascension Road Projects. In re: Discussion and Possible Vote on Final Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Final Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge.</p> <p>DEFERRED</p> |
| Ex. 10 | <p>U-37801 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for approval to acquire Cottonwood Generation Facility, including cost recovery.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain an outside consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain United Professionals Company for \$78,000 in fees and \$2,000 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$80,000.</p> |
| Ex. 11 | <p>Undocketed - General Solicitation of United Professionals Company regarding the Commission's Lightning Initiative.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain United Professionals Company.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain United Professionals Company for general consultation services with jurisdictional utilities regarding the Lightning Initiative at hourly rates of \$80 - \$255 and at hourly rates of \$255 - \$295 for any certification proceeding filed seeking to utilize the Lightning Initiative.</p> |

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| Ex. 12 | <p>TBD - Atmos Energy Corporation, ex parte. In re: Application for renewal of Rate Stabilization Clause Rider.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain an outside engineering consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain Clear Valley Advisors LLC for a bid of \$69,500 in fees and \$6,750 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$76,250.</p> |
| Ex. 13 | <p>1) Reports 2) Resolutions 3) Discussions/Public Comment</p> <p>4) ERSC/OMS/SPP</p> <p>-Discussion and possible vote to ratify a vote taken by Commissioner Skrmetta as the representative of the Louisiana Public Service Commission on the Organization of MISO States.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Chairman Skrmetta abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify Chairman Skrmetta’s vote taken on December 12, 2025.</p> <p>-Discussion and possible vote to ratify interventions of the Louisiana Public Service Commission RTO-Related or other Federal Energy Regulatory Proceedings.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to ratify the actions taken in ER26-590, ER26-677, EL26-35, ER26-763, <i>Clean Wisconsin v. FERC</i>, <i>Advanced Energy United v. FERC</i>, and <i>Louisiana Public Service Commission v. FERC</i>.</p> <p>5) Directives</p> <p>-Directive to Staff to open a rulemaking to consider a framework for establishing new large load.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Lewis.</p> <p>Exhibit 22 on the December 17, 2025 Business and Executive Session.</p> <p>DEFERRED</p> |
| Ex. 14 | <p>Undocketed - Louisiana Public Service Commission's retention of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C. as outside counsel.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to ratify the transfer of Commission files.</p> <p>At the request of Chairman Francis.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain the services of Noel Darce, Dana Shelton, and Justin Swaim under the currently approved scopes of work, budgets, and hourly rates for all open dockets to which they are currently hired at the Commission, as well as all dockets the Commission is currently participating in at FERC as well as to ratify the Executive Secretary’s authorization to transfer all Commission files from the law firm of Stone Pigman to the law firm of Fishman Haygood.</p> |

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| Ex. 15 | <p>X-37566 - LPSC, ex parte. In re: Annual Resource Adequacy Demonstrations pursuant to General Order dated July 16, 2024 (R-36263; MCO Docket).</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff's Annual Report on Louisiana Resource Adequacy.</p> <p>At the request of Chairman Francis.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept Staff's Annual Report on Louisiana Resource Adequacy filed into the record on December 15, 2025.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Lane Sisung – Consultant for Staff</p> |
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On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.