Wisconsin Public Utility Institute
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–MADISON

WPUI Board Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2025

Location: Michael Best, 1 S Pinckney St, Ste 700, Madison, WI 53703 and Online

Kira Loehr called the meeting to order at 12: 04 p.m.

Present at Michael Best:
Lori Sakk, WPUI; Kira Loehr, Perkins Coie; Paul Wilson, UW-Madison COE; Jenny Radcliffe, proxy for Joyce Peppin, Dairyland Power Cooperative; Tyrel Zich, Xcel Energy; Lawrie Kobza, Boardman Clark; Kristin Gilkes, Customers First!; Jeff Kuhn, WRWWLC/GLU; Mary Blanchard, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WEI; Sarah Justus, kp environmental; Kara Pennoyer, PSCW; Todd Stuart, WIEG; Erik Sonju, PSE; Orrie Walsvik, MBF; Joel Haubrich, WEC Energy Group; Rep. Lisa Subeck, WI State Assembly

Present via Webex/phone: Andy Koors, Deloitte; Greg Pils, DNR; Rep. David Steffen, WI State Assembly; Tom Content, CUB; Robin Lisowski, Slipstream; Becky Valcq, Alliant Energy; Drew Vielbig, Ranger Power

Also present at Michael Best: Sara Langmack, WPUI; Giri Venkataramana, UW-Madison

Also present via Webex/phone: Nicole Walentowski-Domokos of the office of Rep. David Steffen, WI State Assembly; Mike Happel of the office of Rep. David Steffen, WI State Assembly

Excused: John Garvin, ATC; Matthew Spencer, MGE

Board Administrative Items

- After introductions, Kira Loehr reviewed the November 24, 2025, board meeting agenda.
  - A meeting agenda was provided to board members in advance of the meeting.
- August 7, 2025, board meeting minutes
  - Draft minutes were provided to board members in advance of the meeting.
  - Becky Valcq moved to approve; Tom Content seconded. Motion passed.

Guest Speaker Presentation

- Giri Venkataramanan: “Electricity Challenges to Provide Compute Energy”

Financial Update

- Lori Sakk provided an update on WPUI’s 2025 financial status and preliminary end-of-year numbers as well as 2026 estimates.
- Tyrel Zich moved to approve the proposed budget for 2026. Paul Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Committee

- Sarah Justus provided an update on monthly Executive Committee meetings with Lori Sakk.

Membership Committee

- Becky Valcq provided a review of the committee's most recent meeting, including that there will be no change to membership fees for 2026.
- Lori Sakk talked through the changes to the membership process due to the implementation of Workday as well as potential changes to WPUI's membership composition in 2026.

Program Advisory Committee

- Sarah Justus provided a review of the committee's most recent meeting.
- Lori Sakk summarized WPUI's 2025 programming and attendees and presented a draft calendar of 2026 programs as discussed by the Program Advisory Committee.

General Overview of WPUI Activities

- Lori Sakk provided an overview of WPUI activities.

New Business

- Rep. Steffen provided an update on Wisconsin legislation related to nuclear energy, discussed the Nuclear Siting Study, and shared the goals of a Wisconsin Nuclear Summit that is being planned.

Executive Session

- Compensation and Performance Committee met in closed session.

Rep. Subeck moved to adjourn; Mary Blanchard seconded. Motion passed.
Adjourned at 2:00 p.m. to end-of-year board reception.

Next WPUI Board Meeting: March 6, 2026