



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY**

Monday, August 25, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sonne called to order the Special Meeting of the Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors at 4:31 p.m. on Monday, August 25, 2025.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Sonne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present:	Director William Go	City of Irvine
	Director Glenn Grandis	City of Fountain Valley
	Director Fred Jung	City of Fullerton
	Vice Chair James Mai	City of Irvine
	Chair Susan Sonne	City of Buena Park

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

5. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. APPROVE LONG-TERM ENERGY STORAGE AGREEMENT WITH LOCK ENERGY CENTER, LLC

Director of Power Resources Louis Ting, and Vice President, Pacific Energy Advisors Kirby Dusel presented this item. Ting said he would like to first introduce OCPA's first Energy Contracts and Compliance Analyst Lena Garvey, who is participating online. He said Garvey comes from San Jose Clean Energy, he described her extensive background, and he said he looked forward to working with her. Ting introduced Vice President, Pacific Energy Advisors Kirby Dusel and Glenn Price. He said staff has put a lot of resources into this project along with NextEra Energy, and their collaboration yielded positive results. Ting said the standalone battery storage system will help OCPA be well positioned to comply with the California Public Utilities Commission supplemental midterm reliability requirement. Ting, along with the other presenters, completed the PowerPoint presentation.

Director Grandis said there is a lot of information, and he questioned if we were looking to do 115 megawatts. He said he thought he saw earlier in the presentation that it was around 30 megawatts.

Director of Power Resources Louis Ting said the consideration before the Board today is to give the CEO the authority to make the decision by February 28, 2026, to select anywhere between 30 to 115 megawatts, and the duration of the agreement based on our needs.

Director Grandis said he assumed the maximum we would need is 115 megawatts, because there seemed to be 500 megawatts available. He asked if there was a reason we wouldn't go higher than 115 megawatts.

Director of Power Resources Louis Ting said we would make that evaluation, since there are a lot of uncertainties still at this point. He said we may get some type of executive order or action from the Federal government, whether it is a tariff or anything else that could affect this project that may impact the final costs of the project. Ting restated that we have until the end of February next year to make these considerations. He confirmed that in the worst-case scenario, if there was some type of catastrophe where the site goes down, there is a large capacity within California, and we would try to repair the project and get it back online as soon as possible. Ting said we have a lot of projects in California, most of them have contracted already to other "off-takers," and we do have other projects that are coming online as well, so in the event of a disaster, we would look at trying to find an alternate project as quickly as possible.

Recommended Actions:

Authorize the CEO to execute the Energy Storage Agreement to provide resource adequacy and arbitrage service from the Lock Energy Center and to make elections with respect to the options granted to OCPA under the Agreement to make the following changes on or before February 28, 2026:

1. Reduce the Agreement from a twenty (20)-year term to a fifteen (15)-year term, with a corresponding change in price, depending on the financial benefit to OCPA; and
2. Reduce the battery energy storage system (BESS) capacity purchased by OCPA from 115 megawatt (MW) down to a capacity as low as 30MW depending on OCPA's evaluation of need.

The motion carried unanimously by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes:	Chair Sonne, Vice Chair Mai, Director Jung, Director Grandis, Director Go
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Sonne adjourned the August 25, 2025, Orange County Power Authority Board Special meeting at 5:06 p.m. Chair Sonne noted that the next Orange County Power Authority Board Regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by:



Interim Board Clerk Lisette Chel Walker