

Oregon Joint Use Association

Standards Committee

Minutes—January 8, 2026

Via Zoom and in-person

Chair Pete Kalnins called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Present:

Chair Kalnins, Co-Chair
Craig Commerford, PGE, Co-Chair
Chad Altherr, PGE
Jeff Carlson, CPI
Oregon Chris Barley, Oregon Aerial
Chad Beam, LS Networks
Adam Deshon, Salem Electric
Leon Grumbo, OPUC
Joshua Lightner, Central Lincoln PUD
Cody Mabee, PacifiCorp (calling in as 6058)
Stacey McIntyre, Ziply
Sarah Monroe, Central Lincoln PUD

Robb Robison, OPUC
Brandon Runyon, Ziply
Adrian Smith, CPI
David Wood, Ziply

Not Present/Excused:

Jerry Pomeroy, Ziply
Paul Townsend, Ziply
Wayne Ronke, K&B Tech Solutions
Jesse Keyes, Gary Lee & Assoc.

Staff:

Genoa Ingram

Approval of Minutes The Committee reviewed the minutes of the November 13, 2025, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Stacey McIntyre and seconded by Adam Deshon to approved the November 13, 2025, minutes as presented. **Motion passed.**

Review of Agenda Items

Chair Kalnins reviewed the agenda topics as follows:

- Request from Terry Blanc regarding Imminent Hazards (as defined by [OAR 860-024-0012](#)) and timelines
- NESC 2028 NESC Pre-print proposals: IEEE SA - The National Electrical Safety Code® (NESC®)
- Ductile Iron pole standards to Chapter 4 poles
- Ziply Inquiry- Use and Placement of Anchor and Down Guys on Power Owned Poles
- Work Group Discussion – Chapter 11 (Emerging Technologies)
- Communication Worker Safety Zones and Antenna Attached to Street Light Mast
- Service Fiber Storage Loop Clarification
- OJUA Presentation at Annual Meeting RE: PUPI Arms

New Business

Bog Shoe Photo for 4.7 Chair Kalnins shared his screen and asked the Committee members to review a photo he proposed be added to the bog shoe diagram 4. *By consensus*, the photo was approved for inclusion.

Steel Bands and Climbing Space Violations The Committee also discussed the issue of steel bands attached to poles, determining that while Rule 217A4 addresses climbing space requirements, specific guidelines vary by pole owner. As a best practice, the group agreed that banding should not be recommended on wood poles, though it could be allowed at the discretion of the pole owner. Additionally, they noted concerns about trussing poles for strength, particularly when used to

upgrade pole classes, as this can lead to premature replacement and safety hazards. During the discussion, Leon clarified that while bucket truck accessible poles are acceptable, climbing access is required for emergencies and storms, making banded attachments on wood poles a violation unless approved by pole owner. Committee members agreed that while banded attachments are currently common on wood poles, this practice should be avoided in favor of drilling or other methods, with steel poles being handled on a case-by-case basis. Craig and Cody noted they would investigate their respective utility's standards regarding pole attachments.

Overlashing and Removal of Idle or Abandoned Lines The Committee discussed the issue of overlashing and removing idle or abandoned lines, with Robb sharing examples of failed overlashings and emphasizing the need for proper protocol. Leon raised concerns about the potential risks of leaving old infrastructure up when new facilities are installed, highlighting a specific incident in California that started a wildfire. The group agreed on the importance of being mindful when approving permits for new facilities to avoid these issues. Members discussed the removal of abandoned and idle facilities, particularly focusing on lead sheathed cables that pose environmental risks. They agreed that idle facilities should be removed before new attachments are added, with the exception of facilities that may be reactivated in the future, which should be maintained in a safe condition. The discussion highlighted the need for communication companies and power operators to collaborate on permitting processes to avoid conflicts and ensure efficient infrastructure upgrades. Chair Kalnins encouraged updating the manual to include guidelines for removing idle or non-compliant facilities, and the group discussed potential placement for this new content in either Chapter 3 or Chapter 6. Robb suggested the possibility of adding to Chapter 10. He offered to collaborate on language.

Further Clarification from IEEE on 40-inch Clearance Requirements for Antennas/Decorative Lights Sarah Monroe requested guidance on submitting a request for interpretation regarding antenna standoff requirements. Chair Kalnins inserted the following link in the group chat: <https://standards.ieee.org/products-programs/nesc/> Staff offered to review documents on the server in an attempt to locate previous examples. .

Committee members discussed antenna mounting safety rules and exceptions, particularly regarding power spaces and worker safety zones. They explored the implications of RF systems and antennas, with Adrian noting that CPI was planning to deploy an RF meter system.

The Committee discussed where insulators should be placed in overhead span guys. Typically found on the hot side of the span. Possible addition to chapter 2 bonding and grounding.

Old Business

Locate Wire Diagram Chair Kalnins referenced several diagrams he had added to the chat. Committee members discussed the need for better voltage awareness among communication workers, with Leon expressing concern about workers' lack of knowledge about primary and secondary voltages. Pete presented options including a flower pot diagram and sought feedback on whether to use a photo or diagram of the flower pot. By consensus, members agreed that both a photo and diagram would be most beneficial and that it should be included in Chapter 5. Pete will seek out an appropriate photo.

Iron Ductile Pole Standards to Chapter 4 Poles Chair Kalnins noted that he had received examples from Craig with PGE, and is still seeking examples from PacifiCorp and Salem Electric. He will forward examples to the group following the meeting.

Work Group Discussion: Chapter 11 -Emerging Technologies Adam Deshon provided an update on Chapter 11, noting that the group was making progress. He noted there were currently four sections:

- Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS/Drones)
- Digital Imaging
- Pole Mounted Car Chargers
- Data Standards: GIS Data

Adam shared his screen, depicting the outline of the Chapter so far. He noted that he still needs to speak with Alex at the PUC but hoped to have a rough draft to present at the next Standards Committee meeting after a couple more meetings of the subgroup. Robb Robeson complimented the subgroup on its progress.

Service Fiber Storage Loop Clarification – New Picture Review Chair Kalnins recalled that the photos had been approved at the previous meeting and he would work with staff to get it included in the manual. Robb also pointed out that the word “Temporary” should be removed from Chapter 10.

Recap of Action Items

- Pete: Work with Robb and PUC staff to draft revised verbiage for overlashing and removal of idle/abandoned lines, including possible Chapter 10 revisions, and bring back to the group
- Robb: Work with Leon (PUC) to draft language for Chapter 10 revisions regarding overlashing and removal of idle/abandoned lines, and send to Pete for review
- Pete: Send out photos of ductile iron poles to the group for review and inclusion in Chapter 4
- Cody (PacifiCorp): Send information/standards regarding ductile iron poles
- Sarah: Send draft request for interpretation on 238F.2A antenna standoff requirement to Pete and exec for review before submission
- Staff: Look in server for previous interpretation request examples and send to Sarah
- Pete: Work with Staff to Add approved fiber storage loop picture to Standards Manual and fix "Chapter 10 temporary" heading
- Adam: Ask National Wood Treating Company for their test and treat specs/standards and bring back to next meeting
- Leon: Start asking member companies about their test and treat reject criteria and pole strength criteria for future standard development.
- Pete: Look for real-world flower pot photos for Chapter 5 riser diagram. Add bullet point and diagram for flower pot/riser installation to Chapter 5
- Stacy/Leon: Review tri-fold document and propose revisions/clarifications for residential driveway clearances
- Adam: Send meeting minutes from last Emerging Technologies Workgroup meeting before next meeting
- Adam: Finalize Chapter 11 (Emerging Technologies) draft and submit to Standards Committee for review by next meeting
- Adam: Schedule next Emerging Technologies Workgroup meeting for following Tuesday
- Adam: Reach out to Alex from PUC regarding GIS information for Chapter 11
- Adam: Add PGE car charger information from Scott to Chapter 11
- Pete: Work with staff to add bog shoe photo to diagram 4.7 in Standards Manual
- Leon: Take a look at historic documents regarding bands/climbing space for wood poles
- Craig: Look into PGE's ductile iron pole standards and report back

Future Meeting Dates

Future meetings are scheduled as follows (9 am – 10:30, 2nd Thurs every other month (typically))

March 19
May 14
July 9

September 10
November 12

Adjournment

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.