

Oregon Joint Use Association Standards Committee

Minutes—November 13, 2025

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
Adam Deshon, Salem Electric
Joshua Lightner, Central Lincoln PUD
Cody Mabee, PacifiCorp (calling in as 6058)
Sarah Monroe, Central Lincoln PUD
Robb Robison, OPUC

Staff:

Genoa Ingram

Not Present/Excused:

Chad Beam, LS Networks
Chris Barley, Oregon Aerial
Jeff Carlson, CPI
Alex Chaney, OPUC
Leon Grumbo, OPUC
Stacey McIntire, Ziply
Jerry Pomeroy, Ziply
Paul Townsend, Ziply
Wayne Ronke, K&B Tech Solutions
Jesse Keyes, Gary Lee & Assoc.
David Wood, Ziply

Approval of Minutes The Committee reviewed the minutes of the September 11, 2025, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Adam Deshon and seconded by Robb Robison to approved the September 11, 2025, minutes as amended to add clarification as suggested by Sarah Monroe.

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

Overlashing and Removal of Idle or Abandoned Lines The Committee discussed issues with overlashing of communication lines. In Lincoln County, contractors frequently use old lashing wires that may be broken or abandoned, leading to failures. They agreed that de-lashing and re-lashing should be standard practice when overlashing, particularly when dealing with broken lashing wire or abandoned cables. Robb noted that while the PUC safety staff can identify obviously abandoned facilities during inspections, they cannot verify the status of lines that appear maintained. Chair Kalnins proposed adding these best practices to the standards manual, suggesting Chapter 3 on construction practices as the appropriate location, or possibly, Chapter 6. He agreed to work on language for the next meeting and locate a photo illustration, assisted by Robb Robison.

Clarification from IEEE on the 4-Inch Clearance Requirement for Antennas/Decorative Light Plugs

Sarah Monroe shared her screen which included proposed language requesting clarification of Rule 238 relating to Antenna Clearance. The specifically addressed Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) routers with down-facing antennas. She asked for assistance with regard to a template or format for such requests. Chair Kalnins forwarded the IEEE docket, which he had received from Terry Blanc, to the Committee.

Committee members discussed antenna mounting regulations and safety zones, particularly focusing on the 30-inch clearance requirement when mounted to streetlight masts. Sarah explained that PGE considers antennas mounted to streetlight masts to be part of the supply space, which conflicts with their current mounting practices. The Committee determined they need to seek an additional exception for antennas mounted to streetlights, as the current regulations treat them as supply conductors. Adam suggested contacting Grant Glaus as a potential resource for understanding the process of requesting such an exception. Sarah agreed to reach out to Grant for guidance on addressing the antenna placement issue, which affects all members. The group discussed potential solutions, including clarification of NESC verbiage or placing the antenna in the communication space, but concluded that this issue is beyond the scope of the Standards Committee. Sarah offered to provide an update at the next meeting after consulting with Grant about the viability of different approaches and any relevant updates in the next edition.

The Committee discussed decorative lighting and antenna placement, with Chair Kalnins sharing one company's decorative lighting standards document. They agreed to follow up on antennas and decorative lighting, and Pete committed to sending out the locate wire diagram and new riser details.

Old Business

Imminent Hazards (as defined by OAR 860-024-0012) Chair Kalnins reported that the notice was sent back to Terry Blanc and the issue was forwarded to the ICE Committee.

NESC 2028 NESC Pre-print proposals: IEEE SA - The National Electrical Safety Code®(NESC®)

Chair Kalnins reported that he had forwarded the pre-print proposals for all to review.

Locate Wire Diagram Chair Kalnins reported that the diagram had been forwarded to the Committee for review. He shared several examples on his screen with details showing different mounting options for locate wires and asked if it should be added to the manual. Adam Deshon suggested adding a flower pot diagram to illustrate accessible locate wires. All agreed.

Ductile Iron Pole Standards to Chapter 4 Poles The Committee also agreed to update pictures in Chapter 4, particularly for ductile iron poles and laminated poles, with Cody offering to provide fiberglass pole pictures and standards. Members agreed to use drilling instead of banding for pole attachments, and to include pictures of iron ductile and laminate poles in the manual.

Committee members discussed whether banded attachments on wood poles constitute a climbing violation, particularly when the pole is not being climbed. Chair Kalnins referenced the rule regarding climbing space and vertical grounds, noting that vertically mounted conductors without riser brackets do not obstruct climbing space. The Committee agreed to further research the specific rules regarding vertical grounds and banded attachments, as there was some confusion about the exceptions and requirements. Pete also mentioned that grounding conductors installed in areas of exposure and mechanical damage need to be protected, but the conversation returned to the initial question about climbing violations for banded attachments on non-wood poles. Members discussed

climbing violations and climbing space requirements for poles, focusing on whether bands or attachments on non-climbable poles violate code. Robb agreed to check with Leon about past discussions and interpretations of these rules, while Pete noted that Rule 236€ provides specific climbing space requirements. The conversation highlighted the need for clarity on whether climbing space requirements apply to poles that are not intended for climbing, particularly as bucket trucks and other equipment become more common.

Work Group Discussion: Chapter 11 -Emerging Technologies Adam Deshon provided a recap of the first meeting of the Emerging Technologies subcommittee which was held on November 3 and attended by Adam, Chad Altherr, and Sarah Monroe. Cody Mabee had missed due to a conflict. The subcommittee will meet again next Tuesday. The subcommittee had focused on developing standards for emerging technologies in utility operations, with a primary focus on drone programs and digital imaging. The Standards Committee discussed creating best practices and lessons learned for drone implementation, including the importance of maintaining boots-on-the-ground inspections alongside aerial surveys. They also explored standards for electric vehicle car chargers and the use of GIS data, with Robb noting that while GIS data sharing is not currently mandatory, it is becoming increasingly important for inspections and audits. The team agreed to hold virtual meetings every other Tuesday and will seek input from subject matter experts like PGE and CPI representatives as they develop the standards manual.

The subcommittee plans to meet every two weeks for one-hour meetings to discuss standards and utilities, with Adam emphasizing the importance of respecting everyone's time. They reviewed the GIS component and discussed the need for more detailed plant data, with Robb citing OAR860-024-0005 as a reference. Adam asked that the full Standards Committee relay any issues they wish the subcommittee to discuss.

Service Fiber Storage Loop Clarification – New Picture Review Chair Kalnins shared his screen to display a new photo (10.3) showing temporary fiber storage with use of metallic ties. The Committee discussed the photo which also depicted 14 bugnuts. All agreed the new photo should replace the previous one.

OJUA Presentation at Annual Meeting RE: PUPI Arms Chair Kalnins reviewed the attendee evaluations from the Annual Meeting, noting that Committee Updates had been rated 4.26 out of 5 and Cross Arm presentation by the Standards Committee had been rated 4.58 out of 5, noting it was in the top three highest rated presentations.

Recap of Action Items

- Pete : Draft verbiage for overlashing and removal of idle or abandoned lines for next meeting
- Pete : Get pictures showing broken lashing wire and bundle with lashing wire
- Robb: Look through photo archives for examples of broken lashing wire to share with Pete
- Committee members: Review Chapters 3 and 6 to determine where to add overlashing/ broken lashing wire standards
- Sarah : Reach out to Grant Glaus regarding antenna clearance interpretation and loop back at next meeting with update
- Pete : Send out decorative lighting application document to the group
- Sarah : Send out Central Lincoln's decorative lighting drawing to the group
- Pete : Get flower pot diagram added to locate wire diagram and add cropped picture example
- Pete : Research climbing space rules regarding vertical grounds and bands, and clarify for next meeting

- Robb: Confer with Leon regarding climbing space violations on banded attachments and report back
- Cody : Provide pictures and standards for fiberglass poles to the group
- Pete : Update Chapter 4 with pictures of iron ductile and laminate poles
- Pete : Get fiber storage loop picture updated in manual with new photo
- Staff : Send out 2026 meeting date invitations to committee members
- Adam: Provide update from emerging technologies subcommittee at next meeting

Future Meeting Dates

The schedule for 2026 is as follows (9 am – 10:30, 2nd Thurs every other month (typically))*

January 8
March 19
May 14

July 9
September 10
November 12

Adjournment

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.