Municipal Electric Power Association of Virginia
Approved Minutes
May 22, 2026
Hilton Garden Inn,
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Welcome
President Saffelle called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Attendance:
Tarek Aly, City of Manassas; Don Bowman, BVU; Lane Chambers, Town of Wakefield; Tim Logwood, City of Radford; Greg Lunsford, Town of Elkton; Zach Nyce, HEC; Brian O'Dell, HEC; Travis Petty, Town of Front Royal; Carey Saffelle, Town of Front Royal; Eric Tatum, Va Tech.

Also in attendance:
Thomas Dick, MEPAV Legislative Consultant; Sandra Harrington, MEPAV Executive Secretary/Treasurer and Alice Wolfe, BRPA.

Approval of the February 19, 2026
Eric Tatum made a motion to approve the February 19, 2026 minutes, seconded by Brian O'Dell, the motion was unanimously approved.

Report of the President
President Saffelle stated the Conference was an overall success with record attendance and MEPAV would be returning to the Hilton Garden Inn in 2027 and 2028.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer
Sandra Harrington provided and overview of financials thru April 30, 2026 and provided the proposed FY27 Budget. Tim Logwood made a motion to approve the proposed budget, seconded by Don Bowman, the motion was unanimously approved.

Report of the Engineering and Operations Committee
Travis Petty reported the 2026 E&O Fall Conference will be held at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center October 15-16, 2026. He will be working on the program. Eric Tatum indicated he will work with Travis as the host venue and on the program.

Legislative Update
Tom Dick provided a legislative update

New Business
Alice Wolfe provided an update from BRPA. Ms. Wolfe noted the passing of Bob Asbury, former city manager of Radford, he served on the BRPA Board of Directors from 1991 – 2002. Ms. Wolfe reported BRPA celebrated 1 year with Randy Asberry serving as the Utility Support Manager. In this role, he visits with power line worker classes at the various community colleges and promotes public power utilities as places to work. Additionally, he obtains student contact information in order to inform them of job opportunities and recently he has been conducting safety briefings with member communities.

Ms. Wolfe announced the BRPA Fall Conference will be held November 4-6, 2026 at the Wintergreen Resort and all MEPAV members are invited to attend. Attendees are responsible for their own lodging and meals but there is no registration fee to attend the conference, information will be available mid-July.

Election of Officers

Brian O'Dell reported that the Nominating Committee met on April 9, 2026 and had the following nominations President-Carey Saffelle; Vice President-Kevin Divers; Executive Committee Durwin Joyce, Tim Logwood and Zach Nyce. Mr. O'Dell made a motion, seconded by Don Bowman to elect the recommended candidates, the motion was unanimously approved.

Honorary Membership

President Saffelle indicated that Mike Stover would be retiring and recommended he be voted in as an Honorary Member. Brian O'Dell made a motion, seconded by Don Bowman and unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Tim Logwood made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Don Bowman and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.