

IOWA UTILITIES COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES: MAY 20, 2026
9:00 A.M., HEARING ROOM, 1375 EAST COURT AVENUE
DES MOINES, IOWA

Commissioners Present: Sarah Martz, Joshua Byrnes, and Erik Helland

1. Call to Order: 9:00 a.m. by Chair Martz

2. Consent Items:

The following consent items were approved unanimously:

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3. Discussion Items:

- a. Safety Minute: Ryan Rush discussed “step potential” tips for safety around downed power lines. No questions from Commissioners.
- b. RTO and Federal/Regional Update: Eric Giddens gave an update on FERC and regional partners as well as the MISO system & SPP system for power. Other policy updates: June 3 stakeholder meeting will provide updates from MISO and SPP reps. Chair Martz provided additional comments.
- c. Litigation Status Report: Michelle Rabe presented an overview of current litigation. No questions from Commissioners.
- d. Legislative Session Outcomes: Stephanie Weisenbach presented an overview on 2026 session outcomes and an overview of various legislation that passed and will affect the agency. Chair Martz and Commissioner Byrnes provided additional comments.

4. Other Business:

- a. Introduction of New Staff: Nichol Toomire introduced new Communications Specialist Deb Belt. No questions from Commissioners.
- b. June Monthly Meeting Update: Chair Martz noted the next open public monthly meeting will be at 1 p.m. June 15. No questions from Commissioners.

Public Comments:

Various people from the public made comments.

Closing Remarks:

No comments from Commissioners.

Adjournment:

Next meeting scheduled for 1 p.m. June 15, 2026.

Recorded by: Jenny Bass

Approved at the June 15, 2026, monthly public Commission meeting.