



**DRAFT GENERAL SESSION MINUTES OF THE
TECHNOLOGY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING
OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS, INC.**

8000 Metropolis Drive (Building E), Suite 100, Boardroom B
Austin, Texas 78744
February 9, 2026

Pursuant to notice duly given and after determination that a quorum was present, the meeting of the Technology and Security (T&S) Committee of the Board of Directors (Board) of Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) convened on the above-referenced date.

Meeting Attendance:

Committee Members:

Director	Affiliation/Role (if any)	Voting Category
Swainson, John (Chair)	N/A	Voting
England, Julie	N/A	Voting
Mohl, Bill	N/A	Voting

Other Board Members:

Director	Affiliation/Role (if any)	Voting Category
Flores, Bill	N/A	Voting
Heeg, Peggy	N/A	Voting
Krummel, Christopher	N/A	Voting
Barkley, Benjamin	Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC), Chief Executive and Public Counsel	Voting
Gleeson, Thomas	Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT or Commission) Chairman	Non-Voting
Hjaltman, Courtney	PUCT Commissioner	Non-Voting
Vegas, Pablo	ERCOT President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Non-Voting

Officers and Guests:

Officer/Guest	Role
Bauld, Mandy	ERCOT Senior Director of Project Management Office
Billo, Jeff	ERCOT Vice President, Interconnection and Grid Analysis



Bonser, Drew	ERCOT Vice President, Chief Information Security Officer
Collins, Keith	ERCOT Vice President, Commercial Operations
Halstead, Blake	ERCOT Director, Cyber Security
Helton, Robert	ENGIE North America, Inc. Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs
Hobbs, Kristi	ERCOT Vice President, System Planning and Weatherization
Jackson, Kathleen	PUCT Commissioner
Lassiter, Jason	ERCOT Senior Director, Critical Infrastructure Security
Mannepalli, Ajay	ERCOT Vice President, DevOps and Architecture
Misra, Narsimha	ENGIE North America, Inc. Chief Executive Officer, Energy Marketing North America
Nyalubwe, Maya	ERCOT Regulatory Specialist
Parakkuth, Jayapal	ERCOT Senior Vice President and Chief Digital Officer
Rainwater, Kim	ERCOT Senior Corporate Counsel
Rickerson, Woody	ERCOT Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Rydell, Brandt	ERCOT Deputy General Counsel
Seely, Chad V.	ERCOT Senior Vice President, Regulatory Policy, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer, and Corporate Secretary
Stover, Mark	Texas Solar and Storage Association Executive Director
Tirupati, Venkat	ERCOT Vice President, Chief Technology Officer
Woodfin, Dan	ERCOT Vice President, System Operations

Call General Session to Order (Agenda Item 1)

John Swainson, T&S Committee Chair, determined that a quorum was present and called the T&S Committee meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. He noted that Committee Member Linda Capuano was unable to attend the Committee meeting.

Chair Swainson highlighted the Antitrust Admonition and addressed the following Agenda Items in the order below.

Commissioner Courtney Hjaltman joined the meeting via Webex, prompting PUCT Chairman Thomas Gleeson to call to order a meeting of the PUCT.

Notice of Public Comment, if Any (Agenda Item 2)

Chair Swainson noted that the meeting agenda, posted publicly on February 2, 2026, had included instructions for members of the public wishing to provide in-person comments. Brandt Rydell confirmed no individuals had expressed interest in providing public comment.



December 8, 2025 General Session Meeting Minutes (Agenda Item 3)

Chair Swainson entertained a motion to approve the December 8, 2025 General Session Meeting Minutes (Minutes) as presented.

Julie England moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Chair Swainson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.

Guest Presentation: Understanding Battery Energy Storage Systems – Current and Future (Agenda Item 4)

Chair Swainson introduced Robert Helton, Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs, ENGIE North America, who introduced the guest presenters including:

- Mark Stover, Executive Director, Texas Solar + Storage Association
- Narsimha Misra, CEO, ENGIE Energy Marketing North America

Mr. Stover provided an industry overview, noting the rapid growth of battery storage in the ERCOT region. He highlighted:

- ERCOT's position as the leading battery storage market in the United States;
- The significant increase in installed battery capacity over the past several years;
- The growing participation of battery storage in ancillary services and energy markets; and
- The role of storage in improving grid reliability and moderating price volatility.

Mr. Stover also discussed legislative developments related to battery storage, including decommissioning and fire safety standards adopted in the prior legislative session.

Narsimha Misra discussed operational characteristics of battery storage assets, including:

- Typical duration configurations and lifecycle expectations;
- Participation in ancillary services and energy arbitrage;
- Observed performance trends and degradation assumptions over time; and
- The evolving need for longer-duration storage solutions as renewable penetration increases.

Mr. Misra also addressed the concept of long-duration storage, noting that while current lithium-ion technology economically supports shorter-duration storage, longer-duration solutions (e.g., multi-day storage) may require additional market signals or incentives to support development.

Committee members asked questions regarding battery lifecycle expectations, economic signals required for long-duration storage development, and potential ancillary service constructs.

Chair Swainson thanked the presenters.

Recommendation regarding T&S Committee Charter (Agenda Item 5)

Chair Swainson presented proposed revisions to the T&S Committee Charter to formalize the Committee's oversight responsibilities with respect to Artificial Intelligence (AI).



He clarified that:

- AI has always fallen within the Committee's scope, but the revisions formalize that responsibility;
- The Committee's role is governance and oversight of AI strategy and controls; and
- The revisions do not involve approval of specific tools or operational decisions.

Bill Mohl moved to approve the revised Charter. Ms. England seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.

Committee Briefs (Agenda Item 6)

Projects and Technology Update (Agenda Item 6.1)

Mandy Bauld presented the Projects and Technology Update. She noted that:

- The Real-Time Co-optimization Plus Batteries (RTC+B) program has successfully concluded major implementation milestones, with final reporting releases targeted for May 2026;
- Resources are transitioning from RTC+B to other strategic and operational initiatives; and
- Project activity is increasing in 2026 compared to 2025 levels.

Ms. Bauld highlighted the following areas:

- Addressing aging revision requests and backlog items;
- The Identity & Access Management (IAM) Program, including modernization efforts and replacement of Digital Certificate processes;
- Data Center (DC) 6 Program focused on infrastructure refresh and resiliency; and
- Redesign and modernization of the ERCOT website.

Committee members discussed early engagement on DC6 planning and customer experience metrics associated with redesign of the ERCOT website.

Future Agenda Items (Agenda Item 7)

Jayapal Parakkuth reviewed anticipated Future Agenda Items.

Committee members discussed potential external briefings, including:

- Grid stability and research efforts at Texas Tech University; and
- Developments in advanced nuclear and other emerging technologies.

Chair Swainson encouraged Committee members to provide additional topic suggestions.

Other Business (Agenda Item 8)

There was no additional business for discussion in General Session.



Executive Session

Chair Swainson recessed General Session at approximately 9:33 a.m., noting that no voting items were anticipated following Executive Session and that General Session would not reconvene. Chairman Gleason adjourned the PUCT meeting. Chair Swainson convened Executive Session at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Vote on Matters from Executive Session (Agenda Items 10)

There were no voting items from Executive Session.

Adjournment (Agenda Item 11)

Chair Swainson adjourned the meeting upon the conclusion of Executive Session at approximately 11:10 a.m.

Committee materials and presentations from the meeting are available on ERCOT's website at <https://www.ercot.com/committees/board/tech-security>.

Brandon Gleason
Assistant Corporate Secretary