Draft Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2026

6:00 pm

In Person:
Board Room
Ava Community Energy
1999 Harrison St, Ste 2300
Oakland, CA 94612

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1. **(1:36) Welcome & Roll Call**

   Present: Members: Marquez (Alameda County), Tregub (Berkeley), Kaur (Emeryville), Keng (Fremont), Roche (Hayward), Barrientos (Livermore), Del Catancio (Newark), Brown (Oakland), Balch (Pleasanton), Fugazi (Stockton), Nygard (Tracy), Sakakihara (Union City), Souza (CAC), Vice-Chair Gonzalez (San Leandro), and Chair Andersen (Piedmont)

   Not Present: Members: Lopez (Albany), Morada (Dublin), Rickman (San Joaquin County), TBD (Lathrop)

2. **(3:24) Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **(3:51) Public Comment**
   This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on any Ava-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda. Public comments on matters listed on the agenda shall be heard at the time the matter is called. As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the Board are customarily limited to two minutes per speaker and must complete an electronic speaker slip. The Board Chair may increase or decrease the time allotted to each speaker.

   There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **(4:36) Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2026**

5. **Contracts Entered Into (Informational Item)**

6. **2025 Power Content (Informational Item)**
   Update on final 2025 power content

7. **Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) PPA Amendments (Action Item)**
   Contract amendments to DAC projects: ESCA-PLD-SANLEANDRO1, LLC and ESCA-PLD-HAYWARD1, LLC

8. **Ava & Lunar Agreement: Amendment 2 and 3 (Action Item)**
   Contract amendments to Ava & Lunar Agreement

9. **Amendment to Rate Setting Policy (Action Item)**
   Rate Setting Policy Amendment: Update the agency name, streamline committee language, and establish accessibility standards.

10. **Revised NEM Tariff (Action Item)**
    Approve Ava's revised Net Energy Metering Policy Tariff which updates terminology and clarifies the treatment of Net Energy Metering Fuel Cell customers

11. **Customer Programs Strategy Engagement Consultant Agreement (Informational Item)**
    Notice of selection for Customer Programs Strategy Engagement Consultant

12. **Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Contract Renewal (Action Item)**
    Approve an amendment extend Ava's agreement with SMUD for Call Center and Data Management Services

13. **Update on Submission of Final Integrated Resource Plan Documents and Materials (Informational Item)**
    Confirmation that Ava's 2026 IRP compliance filing was submitted and links to publicly available IRP materials

14. **Treasurer's Report (Informational Item)**
    Receive a report of Ava's cash balances

There were no public comments.

Member Roche moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 4–14; Vice-Chair Gonzalez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 14/0/0/0/4 (yes/no/abstain/recuse/not present).

Yes: Members: Marquez, Tregub, Kaur, Keng, Roche, Barrientos, Del Catancio, Brown, Balch, Fugazi, Nygard, Sakakihara, Vice-Chair Gonzalez, Chair Andersen.
No: None
Abstain: None
Recuse: None
Not Present: Members: Lopez, Morada, Rickman, TBD (Lathrop)

REGULAR AGENDA

Pursuant to Board direction, any agenda item not started by 9:00 p.m. will be continued to a future meeting unless the Board, by majority vote, elects to hear the item that evening. The Board may also determine an alternate disposition of the item at its discretion.

15. **(12:02) CEO Report**

Howard Chang, CEO, presented the CEO Report, including recent subcommittee activity, the Oakland 2 solar project, a critical municipal facilities ribbon cutting event and recent community outreach.

There were no public comments.

16. **(19:31) CAC Report**

Lorraine "Mickey" Souza, CAC Chair, reported on the election of Katharine Bierce as the new CAC Vice-Chair and on committee activity and priorities.

There were no public comments.

17. **(21:38) 2026 Legislative Roundup and 2027 Look Ahead (Informational Item)**

Sam Sadle, Principal Legislative Manager, and Todd Edmister, Senior Director of Public Policy and Deputy General Counsel, presented the 2026 legislative roundup and 2027 outlook. Topics included PCIA, resource adequacy, large-load and data-center legislation and permitting.

There were no public comments.

18. **(59:01) Ava Five-Year Priorities (Informational Item)**
Review of four key objectives

Howard Chang, CEO, presented Ava's five-year priorities.

(1:32:38) Public Comment — Jim Lutz requested that the priorities more fully address local renewable resources, workforce development, and other JPA objectives with Board, CAC, and community input.

(1:34:52) Public Comment — Dohee Kim spoke in favor of increased CAC involvement and for clarity about the customer programs strategy and related priorities.

19. **(1:55:28) Customer Survey Results (Informational Item)**
Report out on general customer survey and commercial customer survey results

Annie Henderson, Chief Customer Officer, presented results of a general public survey (557 responses) and a commercial customer survey (192 responses by EMC Research).

There were no public comments.

20. **(2:16:51) CEO Employment Agreement Amendment (Action Item)**

General Counsel Inder Khalsa read the amendment terms aloud as required by the Brown Act.

There were no public comments.

Vice-Chair Gonzalez motioned to approve the CEO Employment Agreement Amendment. Member Tregub seconded the motion.

Motion carried 13/0/0/0/5 (yes/no/abstain/recuse/not present).

Yes: Members: Marquez, Tregub, Kaur, Keng, Roche, Barrientos, Del Catancio, Brown, Balch, Nygard, Sakakihara, Vice-Chair Gonzalez, Chair Andersen.
No: None
Abstain: None
Recuse: None
Not Present: Members: Lopez, Morada, Rickman, TBD (Lathrop) and Fugazi

21. **(2:24:44) Board Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future Board of Directors Meeting Agendas**

Vice-Chair Gonzalez announced that the Bay Area Air District will take final action on water heater rules on November 5, 2026 and invited input.

Chair Andersen noted the CAC request for information on permitting reform, rooftop solar, and smart panels.

22. **(2:27:17) Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

The next Ava Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm.