



# AUGUST 2025

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Thursday, August 21, 2025  
Paulding Putnam  
401 McDonald Pike, Paulding, OH  
[www.PPEC.coop](http://www.PPEC.coop) | 800-686-2357



# BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, August 21, 2025 | Paulding Putnam

All trustees were present during the roll-call. Chairman Schnipke called the meeting to order. Randy Price, Renee Hull, and Nick Eltzroth were also in attendance. The board extended an invitation to Burton Benkwith, VPRM, and Amy Borntrager, RVP from CFC, to the meeting to provide a presentation on Equity Management and a review of KRTA, which is important to the co-op. After a question-and-answer session, the guests left the meeting.

## **Strategic-Financial - Operation Updates**

- Minutes from the July Board Meeting and other consent agenda items were approved as presented.
- August Special Board Meeting held on August 14, 2025, minutes were approved as presented.
- Legal reviewed the July draft minutes, August Special Meeting Minutes, and August's agenda and has no concerns. Mr. Brian Gorrell will be attending the September regular board meeting to present a legal review.
- The August financials, IT, and Safety Reports were provided and reviewed.

## **Broadband Update:**

- Mr. Eltzroth shared an update on the fiber internet build-out. Approximately 200 miles of fiber have been installed in the build thus far. The applications for Ohio and Indiana BEAD grant funds have been submitted and results should be announced in the next few weeks.

## **President and CEO Report – Randy Price**

- Mr. Price's information was provided prior to the meeting.

## **Chairman's Report – Adam Schnipke:**

- Chairman Schnipke touched on recent and upcoming director trainings.

## **Indiana Statewide Association (IEC) – Steven McMichael**

- Trustee McMichael shared that IEC's board meeting took place on August 20, 2025
- Material from IEC regional board meetings in June, in which Paulding Putnam staff attended, was shared with the group.

## **Ohio Statewide (OEC) – John Saxton**

- Trustee Saxton's material was shared prior to the meeting.
- Trustee Saxton discussed the information shared in the OEC July 14, 2025, board meeting minutes.
- OEC Annual Meeting was held earlier this month.

## **Buckeye Power – Randy Price**

- Mr. Price's information was shared prior to the meeting.
- Mr. Price presented information on the review of KRTA data.

The board declined the need to enter executive session.

# BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, August 21, 2025 | Paulding Putnam

**New & Old Business:** None

**Payment of Bills:** The trustee's bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

**Adjournment**

There was no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned.

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Paulding Putnam  
401 McDonald Pike, Paulding, OH



**Randy Price**  
**President & CEO**



**Adam Schnipke**  
**Chairman**  
**District 8**



**Bill Beckman**  
**Vice Chairman**  
**District 4**



**Timothy Derck**  
**Secretary-Treasurer**  
**District 3**



**Joesph Kohnen**  
**District 1**



**William Dowler**  
**District 2**



**Steve McMichael**  
**District 5**



**Dr. John Saxton**  
**District 6**



**Ken Niese**  
**District 7**



**Dr. Ron Black**  
**District 9**