

Legislation Text

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## Member Comments

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All Cooperative Members have the right to speak and attend any meetings called by the Board of Directors as defined in the Cooperative's Articles of Incorporation.

PEC is, however, actively monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation. We have already made several adjustments to protect the safety and wellbeing of our members, our employees, and the communities we serve.

To address safety and health concerns and follow federal, state and local guidelines, PEC is limiting member and public interactions in our offices. With fewer people interacting face-to-face in our offices, we can do our part to practice social distancing and help reduce in-person contact. Consequently, our currently posted Board meeting is not open to public attendance.

Board meeting dates, agendas and supporting materials are available online <a href="https://pec.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx">https://pec.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</a>.

Although the Meeting is currently closed to members and the public, members may still provide input by using the following methods. Comments are provided to all board directors.

- Members may submit comments and requests to the board by email or U.S. mail.
- Please direct board meeting email messages to: PECBoard@peci.com <mailto:PECBoard@peci.com>.

### Articles of Incorporation, Article IX, Section 3, Member Bill of Rights - Open Meetings:

A Member has the right to attend every regular, special, or called meeting of the Board of Directors and its committees, except for executive sessions as allowed by policy or law. All meetings shall be called with proper notice, and any final action, decision, or vote on a matter shall be made in an open meeting.

<u>Articles of Incorporation, Article IX, Section 5, Member Bill of Rights - Right to Speak:</u> A Member has the right to speak at every regular, special, or called meeting of the Board of Directors and its committees, expect for executive sessions, on any PEC matter at a time designated by the Board.

Members' attendance and their right to speak at all meetings called by the Board of Directors is further outlined in the Decorum Meetings Policy.

### Decorum Meetings Policy, Purpose:

As a democratically-controlled and Member-owned Cooperative, Member participation in Pedernales Electric Cooperative ("Cooperative" or "PEC") affairs is valued and respected and individuals should be allowed to state opinions. Meetings or functions of the Cooperative whether conducted on or off premises shall be conducted in a professional and courteous manner.