



Danville Utility Commission

4:00 p.m. July 27, 2026 Meeting

Council Chambers, City Hall

Minutes

Commission Members Present: Sheila Williamson-Branch, Ken Larking, Anna Kautzman, Gary Miller, Fred Shanks

Commission Members Absent: Murray Whittle, Steven Merricks, Mary Williamson

Staff Present: Ryan Dodson, Jason Grey, Janet Davis, Amy Chandler, Michael Adkins

Others Present:

Election of Chair/Vice-Chair

Mr. Ryan Dodson from the City Attorney's office called the meeting to order and held the Chairman and Vice Chairman elections. Mr. Shanks nominated Ms. Kautzman to the office of Chairman. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Dodson closed the nominations. All members voted in favor and the nomination passed unanimously. Ms. Kautzman nominated Mr. Shanks to the office of Vice Chairman. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Dodson closed the nominations. All members voted in favor, and the nomination passed.

Discussion/Business Items

Minutes of April 27, 2026 Commission Meeting

Ms. Kautzman asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes from April 27, 2026.

Mr. Shanks made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Larking seconded, all members voted in favor, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Review of Utilities' Financial Statements

Ms. Chandler presented the May utility financial statements for each utility fund.

Mr. Shanks asked what was sold during the last reporting period. Mr. Grey responded it was for the four delivery points.

HVAC/Insulation Program Update

Janet Davis, Key Accounts Manager, provided a presentation on the City's HVAC and insulation replacement project funded with casino tax revenues. She discussed how the program is structured and how eligible customers can participate in the program.

Mr. Shanks asked if the new HVAC systems included mini split systems. Ms. Davis replied that heat pumps were used where applicable, but when it wasn't feasible, mini splits were used.

Dr. Miller asked if landlords could receive multiple grants. Ms. Davis responded that all houses that received a letter qualified.

Department Discussions and Public Comment

No one from the public signed up to speak during public comments.

Mr. Grey mentioned that the lead service line contractor is going throughout the territory identifying service line type. The inventory will be modeled and identified service lines that are lead or galvanized will be replaced.

Mr. Grey also said the substation outage on July 4th is an ongoing legal matter. He said the substations have cameras and fences around them, and Danville Utilities is looking at updating security at critical infrastructure locations.

Mr. Shanks asked if it is common across the state or nation to have copper theft. Mr. Grey responded that it is very common among electric utilities and varies based on the price of copper.

Mr. Grey lastly emphasized the "common-sense" measures to conserve water as requested by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Adjournment

Ms. Kautzman stated the next meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2026. There being no further business, Ms. Kautzman adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by Janet Davis
Secretary to the DUC

August 24, 2026

Date Approved

Chairman

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