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Energy Resources Council
Draft Minutes

June 8, 2026
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Conducted virtually)

ATTENDANCE

Energy Resources Council (ERC)
Chairman David Emery, Don Burkhart, Peter Gottfried, Bill Miller, Cindy Crane, Rep. Scott Heiner, Chad Teply, Sen. Jim Anderson

Ex. Officio and Liaisons
John Koprowski

School of Energy Resources (SER) and UW
Christine Reed, Jerry Evans, Kyle Summerfield, Scott Quillinan, Trina Igelsrud Pfeiffer, Fred McLaughlin, Matt Fry, Heather Chandler, Kristi Russow, Angela Ver Ploeg, Pat McLean, James Amato, Kami Danaei, Kaleb Peterson, Eugene Holubnyak, Marie Dudgeon, Rachel Ferrell, Seth Felbeck, Martha Reisch, Autumn Eakin, Carrie Ver Berg, Charles Nye, Esther Wagner, Joseph Rezac, Thang Trinh, Frankie Vogt, Dan Eakin, James Christensen, Rachel Toner, Yi Yao

Guests
Leo Espinoza, Erin Boas, Ken Burnes

ERC REGULAR MEETING: ITEMS BY DETAIL

Call to Order
Chairman Emery called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

Approval of April 2026 Minutes

Motion – Mr. Burkhart made a motion to approve the April 2026 Minutes. Ms. Crane seconded the motion.

The motion passed without objection.

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Approval of Agenda

An amendment was made to the agenda to move the Executive Session after the 10:35 break, with remaining report-outs to follow.

Motion – Ms. Crane made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Burkhart seconded the motion.

The motion passed without objection.

Acting Executive Director Report

Overview and Updates – Scott Quillinan

Mr. Quillinan presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for ERC approval. In tandem, he requested authorization to initiate spending on exception funding for the Coal Refinery Field Demonstration Plant. Additionally, Mr. Quillinan provided an update on the Mesophase Pitch and carbon-based foam project—a collaborative effort with CORE and Consol—noting that the initiative would utilize matching funds.

Motion – Mr. Gottfried made a motion to approve the 1:1 match of $250,000 from the SER matching funds for the Mesophase Pitch Project. Mr. Teply seconded the motion.

The motion passed by majority.

Motion – Sen. Anderson made a motion to approve the proposed FY27 budget. Mr. Burkhart seconded the motion.

The motion passed without objection.

Motion – Ms. Crane made a motion to approve spending on the $2.09 Million in exception funding to cover inflationary costs on the Coal Refinery Field Demonstration Plant. Sen. Anderson seconded the motion.

The motion passed without objection.

Reports/Motions

Full copies of the following SER reports are available in the June ERC Folio or upon request.

Presenting Dean/Director Reports

- Center for Economic Geology Research - Fred McLaughlin
- Center for Carbon Capture and Conversion - Trina Igelsrud Pfeiffer

Executive Session

Motion – Ms. Crane made a motion to move the ERC into Executive Session. Mr. Burkhart seconded the motion.

The motion passed without objection.

The ERC moved into executive session at 10:44 AM.

The ERC returned to the regular session at 11:35 AM.

Motion – Ms. Crane made a motion to advance the selected candidate from the executive discussion and the salary range discussed to the Board of Trustees for concurrence. Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

The motion passed without objection.

Continued Reports/Motions

Presenting Dean/Director Reports

- 3D Visualization Center - Kyle Summerfield
- Academics - Kami Danaei
- Outreach - Christine Reed

Financial Reports - Rachel Ferrell

Questions for Non-presenting Directors

Adjournment

Motion – Ms. Crane made a motion to adjourn the special session. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 PM.

NEXT MEETING DETAILS

August 14, 2026 in Laramie.

Tasks and Assignments

- Re-send the ERC a copy of the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest forms.
- Ms. Crane to prompt the Wyoming Energy Authority to provide a briefing about moving Wyoming coal to South-East Asian Markets at August meeting.
- Provide finalized information on the supplemental budget request to the legislature at the August meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

David Emery
Chairman

Jim Anderson
Vice Chairman