Via email and posting

November 22, 2024

**TO:** NAESB Board of Directors, Executive Committee (EC) Members, EC Alternates, NAESB Members, NAESB Advisory Council and Invited Guests

**FROM:** Rae McQuade, NAESB President & Jonathan Booe, NAESB Executive Vice President & COO

**RE:** Announcement & Agenda for the VirtualNAESB Board of Directors Meeting – December 12, 2024 – Additional/Updated Materials Highlighted

Dear Board Members, EC Members, EC Alternates, NAESB Members, NAESB Advisory Council and Invited Guests,

As previously announced, NAESB will hold its final Board of Directors meeting of the year on December 12, 2024 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Central. The meeting will be held virtually utilizing the Zoom platform, and an agenda and materials for this meeting will be provided to you in the coming weeks. We are excited to announce that Camilo Serna, SVP of Strategy and External Engagement at North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), will provide a presentation to the Board of Directors concerning the various gas-electric coordination activities that are underway across the industry, and Joe Paladino, Senior Advisor within the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DoE) Office of Electricity, will overview integrated distribution system planning and how the newly adopted NAESB Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Distribution Grid Services from DER Aggregations will support the market. Following the presentations from our gracious speakers, we will review the progress of the standards development work undertaken this year, the status of the activities of our Board committees, and the proposed 2025 annual plans for each of the quadrants. We will also review and approve the 2025 budget for the organization.

To participate in this meeting, please register through the hyperlink found below. Instructions for participation will be provided to you in a separate emailed confirmation notice after you register. The registration will serve as your RSVP to attend. This meeting is open to all interested parties, and should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at any time (naesb@naesb.org, (713) 356-0060).

| **Thursday, December 12, 2024** | **RSVP & Registration** |
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| Board of Directors Meeting  9:00 am to 1:00 pm Central | Please contact the NAESB office. |

On behalf of NAESB, we want to thank the Board members for their commitment to our organization, and we look forward to your participation on the 12th.

Best Regards,





Rae McQuade Jonathan Booe

President, NAESB Executive Vice President & COO, NAESB

**Virtual Board Meeting Instructions**

* Please register through the hyperlink provided in the meeting announcement and agenda. This will serve as your RSVP. Should you have any difficulty registering, please contact the NAESB office.
* After registration, you will receive the meeting link, phone numbers, meeting ID and password. The link you receive is individual – it is specific to your registration and should not be shared. Should you have someone that you would like to invite to the meeting, please contact the NAESB office.
* Meeting participants will be muted on entry to the meeting.
* We ask that the meeting participants remain muted until they are asked to respond to the roll call or have comments or questions. If you have questions or comments, please use the “Raise Your Hand” feature. Once recognized, the meeting participant should unmute themself. When a meeting participant is recognized to speak, the participant should please remember to identify themself and the organization they represent.
* Meeting participants may leave and rejoin the meeting at any time during the session. The session will not be locked.

| **NAESB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  **Virtual Meeting – Thursday, December 12, 2024 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Central**  **DRAFT AGENDA** | | | | |
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|  | # | Agenda Item | | |
| 9:00 A | 1. | **Welcome** | | |
|  |  | a) | | Welcome to Board members, guests and convene the December 12, 2024 Board meeting |
|  |  | b) | | Antitrust Guidelines: <http://www.naesb.org/misc/antitrust_guidance.doc> (Guidance) |
|  |  | c) | | Establish quorum: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bod_terms.pdf> (Board Roster) |
|  | 2. | **Consent Agenda** (For Consideration and Vote) | | |
|  |  | a) | | Agenda Adoption: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd121224a.docx> |
|  |  | b) | | Adoption of Draft Minutes: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd090524dm.docx> (09-05-24 Draft Minutes) |
|  |  | c) | | Adoption of Revised 2024 WGQ Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_ec102424a1.docx> (Redline Approved by the WGQ EC on 10-24-24) |
|  |  | d) | | Adoption of Revised 2024 Retail Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/rmq_ec102424a1.docx> (Redline Approved by the RMQ EC on 10-24-24) |
|  |  | e) | | Adoption of Revised 2024 WEQ Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_ec102324a1.docx> (Redline Approved by the WEQ EC on 10-23-24) |
|  | 3. | **Remarks by Joe Paladino, Senior Advisor within the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Electricity** | | |
|  | 4. | **Presentation by** **Camilo Serna, SVP of Strategy and External Engagement, NERC** | | |
|  | 5. | **Membership and Financial Reports** (For Consideration and Vote) | | |
|  |  | a) | | Review of the Latest 2024 Membership and Financial Reports & Adoption of 2025 NAESB Budget: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/BOD_finance_membership_report_Sept2024.pdf>; <https://www.naesb.org/misc/NAESB_2023_review_financials.pdf> (Independent Accountants Review 12-5-2024) |
|  | 6. | **Reports from Board Committees** | | |
|  |  | a) | | Managing Committee Update: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/managing120324a.docx> (12-3-24 Agenda) |
|  |  | b) | | Revenue Committee Update: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/bd_revenue120424a.docx> (12-4-24 Agenda) |
|  |  | c) | | Strategy Committee Update: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/bd_strategy_111224mn.docx> (11-12-24 Meeting Notes); <https://naesb.org/pdf4/bd_strategy_120424a.docx> (12-4-24 Meeting Notes) |
|  | 7. | **Standards Development Efforts** | | |
|  |  | a) | Gas Electric Coordination Standards Development Activities: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/BOD_GEH_update_120424.docx> | |
|  |  | b) | Distributed Energy Resources & Standardized Services Contract Activities: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/BOD_DER_update_120424.docx> | |
|  |  | c) | Standardized Hydrogen Contract Activities: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/BOD_H2_update_120224.docx> | |
|  |  | d) | Cybersecurity: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/BOD_cyber_update_120424.docx> | |
|  |  | e) | Other Development Efforts: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/BOD_other_development_efforts_120424.docx> | |
|  | 8. | **Discuss and Approve 2025 Annual Plans** (For Consideration and Vote) | | |
|  |  | a) | | Proposed Wholesale Gas Annual Plan for 2025: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_ec102424a3.docx> |
|  |  | b) | | Proposed Retail Markets Annual Plan for 2025: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/rmq_ec102424a3.docx> |
|  |  | c) | | Proposed Wholesale Electric Annual Plan for 2025: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_ec102324a3.docx> |
|  | 9. | **Old and New Business** | | |
|  |  | a) | | Regulatory Filings and Related Actions, Liaisons with external groups |
|  |  | b) | | Comments from Board Members, Invited Guests and Attendees |
|  |  | c) | | Board Meeting Schedule 2025: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/2025_schedule.pdf> |
|  |  | d) | | NAESB Bulletin: August – October 2024: <http://naesb.org/pdf4/naesb_bulletin_vol17_issue2.pdf> |
| 1:00 P | 10. | **Adjourn** | | |

**Speaker Biographies**

**Joe Paladino, Senior Advisor within the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Electricity**

Joe Paladino is a Senior Advisor within the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Electricity (OE) where he collaborates with many organizations across the electric power industry to advance decision-making practices for effective electric grid transformation. He has served in both the private and public sectors during his career to apply technologies and best practices that address energy and environmental issues.

He has served within the Department for more than 30 years in program development and management roles. Current efforts are focused on working with state organizations and utilities to advance integrated distribution system planning practices to enable the formulation of grid investment strategies that address policy priorities and evolution at the grid edge. Notable past efforts include establishing the technology maturation decision process for the DOE Office of Environmental Management, the consortium strategy for the Solid-State Lighting Initiative within DOE’s Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and the metrics and benefits program within OE for conveying the impact of grid-related technologies deployed via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Before joining the Department, Mr. Paladino worked at Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where he was involved in technology development and commercialization efforts to address nuclear waste management issues domestically and abroad. He was also the Sales Manager of a joint venture between Westinghouse and a biotech firm to advance the application of antibody technology for chemical analysis applications.

Mr. Paladino has a bachelor’s degree in biology from Middlebury College and a master’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. He also holds a patent for a design for a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility.

**Camilo Serna – Senior Vice President, Strategy and External Engagement, NERC**

Camilo Serna serves as senior vice president of Strategy and External Engagement. In this role, he leads and manages NERC’s external engagement activities, including outreach to and engagement with federal and provincial agencies and associations (United States and Canada), industry stakeholders, NERC’s Member Representatives Committee, and the broader stakeholder community. He also leads the development and implementation of NERC’s communications strategy. Finally, in his role, Mr. Serna leads the development of multi-year strategies—working with the NERC Board of Trustees, chief executive officer, and the Executive team—to ensure NERC meets its reliability and security vision and mission.

Prior to joining NERC in 2024, Mr. Serna served as vice president of Rates and Regulatory Affairs for FirstEnergy, leading the development and implementation of federal and state regulatory strategies across the company’s five-state footprint. Prior to that, Mr. Serna worked for DTE Energy, first as vice president of Corporate Strategy and then as vice president of Regulatory Affairs. Before DTE, he also worked at Eversource Energy as vice president of Strategy and Policy. In his prior roles, he led the development and implementation of strategic, corporate development, and energy policy initiatives.

Mr. Serna began his career in management consulting firms—primarily with Oliver Wyman—where he helped utilities and energy companies in Europe, Latin America, and North America with the development of strategic and operational initiatives. He earned a bachelor’s degree in Industrial Engineering from Los Andes University (Bogotá, Colombia) and a master’s degree in Business Administration from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.