

West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative

Monthly Stakeholder Meeting
September 25, 2026



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Agenda

- Briefing Book Overview
- Public Comment
- Formation Board Meeting Update
- Chief Executive Officer Search Update
- Vote on Nominating Committee's Recommended ROWE Board Slate
- Next Steps
- Thank you!

Development of the Briefing Book



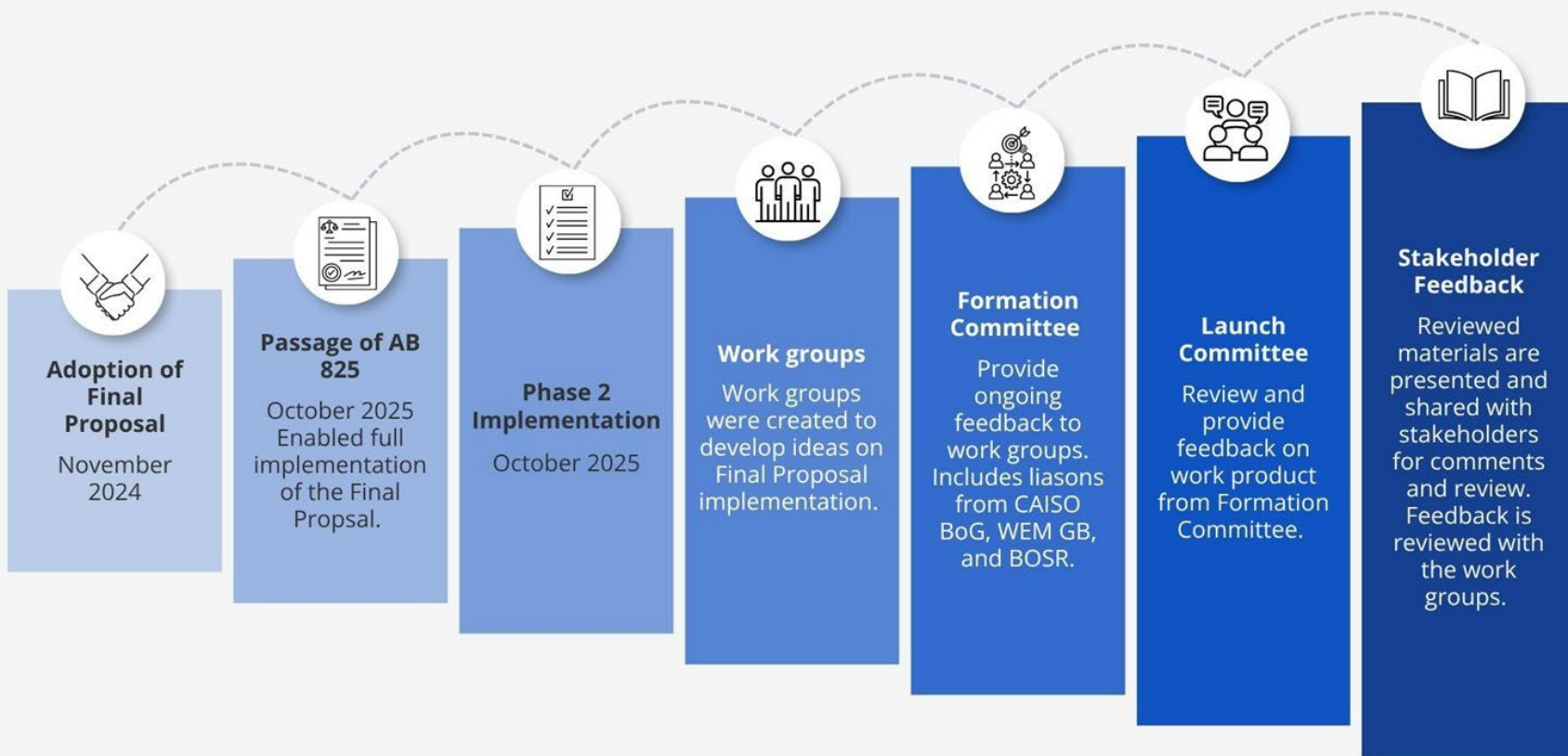
What is the Briefing Book?

The Briefing Book provides the status of the work at this point in time undertaken by the different Work Groups overseen by the Formation Committee to operationalize the Step 2 Final Proposal.

The content of the document contains a set of non-binding recommendations for the Board to consider once seated.

The process for developing these recommendations has been iterative with opportunities for continuous stakeholder feedback as they have been refined. The document provides a narrative around the development process, including stakeholder feedback received, open questions, and recommendations for ongoing engagement where feedback is either mixed or processes remain incomplete.





Chapter II: Corporate Organization and Governance

- a. Proposed Action Plan
- b. Corporate Formation
- c. ROWE Bylaws
- d. ROWE Policies
- e. Summary of Resolutions
- f. ROWE Board Review
- g. Principal Place of Business

Chapter III: Regulatory Structure and Oversight

- a. Proposed Action Plan
- b. Overview
- c. ROWE Governance Tariff
- d. CAISO Integrated Tariff
- e. ROWE-CAISO Agreement

Chapter IV: Market Oversight and Data Access

- a. Proposed Action Plan
- b. Market Oversight
- c. Data Access

Chapter V: Budget & Finance

- a. Proposed Action Plan
- b. Global Impact Contract Status
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Debt Financing
- e. Grant Agreements
- f. Budgets (2027-2028)
- g. ROWE Budget Process
- h. Cost Recovery Mechanism

Chapter VI: Staffing and External Support

- a. Proposed Action Plan
- b. Prior to Hiring Staff
- c. ROWE Staff
- d. CAISO Support at Governance Transition
- e. Office of Public Participation

Chapter VII: External Engagement

- a. Proposed Action Plan
- b. Body of State Regulators
- c. Consumer Advocate Organization
- d. Tribal Engagement

Chapter VIII: Communications & Outreach

- a. Proposed Action Plan
- b. Branding & Public Relations

Chapter IX: Stakeholder Process

- a. Proposed Action Plan
- b. Stakeholder Representatives Committee
- c. Issue Identification & Prioritization: Catalog and Roadmap Development
- d. Stakeholder Initiative Phase
- e. Voting and Remand
- f. Interim Stakeholder Process



Chapter X: ROWE Evolution

- a. Proposed Action Plan
- b. Background
- c. Evolution Analysis



Public Comment



Formation Board Meetings

September 8 agenda & action item:

- Consideration of the Independence Policy;
- Consideration and approval of a background search firm

September 30 agenda & action items:

- Consideration and approval of the slate of ROWE Board candidates;
- Consideration and approval of the Independence Policy;
- Consideration and approval of an amended Conflict of Interest Policy

ROWE Chief Executive Officer Update

The search for the CEO of the ROWE is now underway.

Qualified candidates should submit their current resume/CV and cover letter to Donna Frakes, Engagement Director, at donna.frakes@leadershiplyceum.com, by November 30, 2026. Please reference “ROWE CEO” in the subject line.

To learn more:

<https://www.leadershiplyceum.com/rowe-ceo/>

Nominating Committee Presentation of Candidates

EDAM Entities: John Mayhew, PNM

WEIM Entities: Josh Walter, Seattle City Light

ISO PTOs: Meg McNaul, Six Cities

Non-IOU load serving entities serving load from WEIM/EDAM: Beth Vaughan, Cal CCA

PIOs: Kelsie Gomanie, NRDC

IPPs, independent transmission developers, and marketers: Ian White, Shell

Consumer Advocates: Julie Halligan, California Public Advocate's Office

Large C&I Customers: Sam Harper, CLECA

Distributed Energy Resources: Collin Smith, LEAP

BOSR: Commissioner John Hammond, Idaho

Formation Board (non-voting): Jim Shetler, BANC

Co-Chairs: Beth Vaughan & Meg McNaul

Launch Committee Indicative Vote on Slate of Candidates

Motion: Agree the Launch Committee recommend to the Formation Board approval of the following slate of 5 directors to the inaugural ROWE Board.

- John Di Stasio
- Evelyn Kahl
- Paul Kjellander
- Deborah Smith
- Rebecca Wagner



Next Steps

- The Formation Board will meet on September 30th to evaluate the slate of candidates.
 - 8:30-10:00PT/9:30-11:00MT/10:30-12:00CT
- The Formation Board and ROWE Board will have a closed strategy session on October 19.

Thank you, Launch Committee!

Co-chairs: Kathleen Staks (Western Freedom) and Pamela Sporborg (Portland General)

CA Investor-Owned Utility Transmission Owners:

Scott Ranzal, Pacific Gas and Electric
Jeff Nelson, Southern California Edison

EIM Entities:

David Rubin, NV Energy
Kerstin Rock, PacifiCorp
Pam Sporborg, Portland General Electric
Kelsey Martinez, Public Service Company of New Mexico
Alternate(s): Robert Eckenrod, PacifiCorp

Public Power and Coops:

Josh Walter, Seattle City Light
Connor Reiten, Northwest Requirements Utilities
Jim Shetler, Balancing Authority of Northern California
Randy Howard, Northern California Power Agency
Alternate(s): Jon Olson, SMUD

Non-utility Load Serving Entities and their Trade Associations:

Evelyn Kahl, California Community Choice Association
Alternate(s): Beth Vaughan, California Community Choice Association

Independent Power Producers and their Trade Associations:

Scott Miller, Western Power Trading Forum
Jan Smutny-Jones, Independent Energy Producers Association
Lisa Tormoen Hickey, Interwest Energy Alliance
Alternate(s): Ben Fitch-Fleischmann, Interwest Energy Alliance;
Spencer Gray, NIPPC

Large Commercial & Industrial Customers and their Trade Associations:

Kathleen Staks, Western Freedom
Alternate(s): Lindsay Battenberg, Corporate Energy Buyers Association

Technology Providers and their Trade Associations: Brian Turner, Advanced Energy United

Labor:

Marc Joseph, Coalition of California Utility Employees and the State Association of Electrical Workers

Public Interest Organizations:

Michael Colvin, Environmental Defense Fund
Alaine Ginocchio, representing Western Resource Advocates
Ben Otto, NW Energy Coalition
Alternate(s): Mark Specht, Union of Concerned Scientists

Thank you, Launch Committee!

NON-VOTING MEMBERS (not executing the Memorandum of Understanding):

States/Provinces:

Commissioner Milt Doumit, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Commissioner Kevin Thompson, Arizona Corporation Commission

President John Reynolds, California Public Utilities Commission

Alternate(s):

Commissioner Letha Tawney, Oregon Public Utilities Commission

Vice Chair Siva Gunda, California Energy Commission Commissioner

Pat O'Connell, New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission

Darcie Houck, California Public Utilities Commission

Residential and Small Commercial Customers:

Michele Beck, Utah Office of Consumer Services

Linda Serizawa, California Public Advocates Office

Power Marketing Administrations:

Rebecca Johnson, Western Area Power Administration

Thank you, Formation Committee!

Formation Committee Members

Kathleen Staks (Western Freedom), Chair

Michele Beck (Utah Office of Consumer Services), Member

Alaine Ginocchio (representing Western Resource Advocates), Member

Evelyn Kahl (California Community Choice Association), Member

Scott Ranzal (Pacific Gas and Electric), Member

Jim Shetler (Balancing Authority of Northern California), Member

Lisa Tormoen Hickey (representing Interwest Energy Alliance), Member

Liaisons

BOSR Liaisons

Commissioner Milt Doumit (Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission)

Commissioner John Hammond (Idaho Public Utilities Commission)

Commissioner Darcie Houck (California Public Utilities Commission)

WEM Governing Body Liaisons: Robert Kondziolka, Anita Decker, Andy Campbell

CAISO Board of Governors Liaison: Jan Schori

Resources

- **Launch Committee materials will continue to be posted on the WIEB landing page:**
<https://www.westernenergyboard.org/wwgpi/>.
 - This includes: stakeholder meetings and materials, working group materials, information on the nominating committee process, and comments.
- **All ROWE related materials will be posted on the ROWE landing page:** rowesternenergy.org.
 - This includes: Formation Board meetings and materials and the emerging resource adequacy framework.

