



**Board Meeting  
March 19, 2026**

The Northern Illinois Municipal Power Agency (NIMPA) held a Board Meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 10:30am, at the City of Rochelle Tech Center located at 910 Technology Parkway in Rochelle, IL.

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call:**

President Aaron Holton called the meeting to order at 10:31am

**NIMPA Members present at the meeting:**

Blake Toliver, City of Rochelle  
Steve Allen, City of Batavia  
Jay Mulholland, City of Rochelle

**Present via teleconference:**

Aaron Holton, City of Geneva  
Richard Heinemann, General Counsel  
Noah Hansen, Avant Energy  
Trevor Smith, Avant Energy  
Joe Fulliero, Avant Energy  
Chad Kustermann, Avant Energy  
Dominick Lanzito, Brentwood Consulting, LLC  
Kevin Carpenter, Avant Energy  
Public member  
Elizabeth Zrelak, Administrative Support

**2. Approval of Regular Session NIMPA Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2026**

MOTION: To approve the general session NIMPA meeting minutes  
From February 19, 2026  
MAKER: Blake Toliver  
SECOND: Steve Allen  
AYES: 3 (Toliver, Allen, Holton)  
NAYS: 0  
The motion passed

**3. Brentwood Consulting, LLC Update**

Attorney Lanzito provided a legislative update following the conclusion of the Illinois primaries. He presented a summary of pending bills and relevant committees in both the House and Senate, noting the following key session deadlines for substantive bills:

March 13, (Senate) and March 27 (House), 2026: Deadline for substantive bills to emerge from committee in their respective chambers.

April 17, 2026: Deadline for the third reading of any substantive bills in the originating chamber.

May 8, 2026: Deadline for the bills to leave committee in the opposite chamber.

May 22, 2026: Deadline for the third reading in the opposite chamber.

May 31, 2026: Adjournment

Attorney Lanzito will arrange meetings with sponsors in the Energy & Public Utility Committees to discuss legislation impacting NIMPA and its member municipalities. A primary focus is monitoring

emission standards for diesel and combustion generation to ensure public utilities maintain necessary operational exemptions. Attorney Lanzito's goal is to have these meetings scheduled by the end of March.

Attorney Lanzito highlighted SB 2727 (Battery Storage), which follows the omnibus bill from last fall and could impact how generation assets are managed. He further noted that while current legislative attention is focused on the Chicago Bears' stadium subsidy and controversial housing initiatives that may threaten local zoning and housing authority, a highly active session is anticipated.

Attorney Lanzito will continue to monitor developments and keep the NIMPA Board updated on negotiations and next steps.

President Holton inquired about specific legislation with direct financial implications for NIMPA. Attorney Lanzito highlighted proposed impact fees targeting carbon emitters and fossil fuel generation. Attorney Lanzito noted that if passed, these fees on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions could increase costs for NIMPA, specifically regarding plant generation, estimated at 1600 MW. Attorney Lanzito will identify the specific House bill and forward the information to the Board via email.

#### **Attorney Lanzito exits the meeting**

#### **4. Financial Report – Review of January 2026 Financials**

- a. Mr. Smith indicated that NIMPA's rate to members was \$4.45/MWh, lower than budget. This variance was the result of lower than budgeted transmission, purchase power, and production costs, partially offset by higher than budgeted fuel expense.
- b. At the end of January, NIMPA had a \$15M credit facility with PNC Bank, a \$4.5M letter of credit with PJM, leaving \$10.5M of the credit facility unused.
- c. The ECA payable to members increased by \$283,000 in January due to a combination of a budgeted ECA increase of \$191,000, lower cost than budget of \$398,000, and the return of \$306,000 of ECA funds to members. At the end of January, the ECA balance was \$6.7M.
- d. Capital Adder Fund:  
NIMPA's Capital Adder Fund had a balance of approximately \$11.1M at the end of January. The fund balance continues to represent more than four years of NIMPA's share of projected capital costs based on Prairie State's projected capital expenditures over the next five years.
- e. Cash Investment Report:  
NIMPA has a total of \$71.2M of cash and investments of which \$36.9M is related to debt service reserves and debt service. NIMPA's operating account balance was \$9.4M at the end of January.
- f. IRS Update: Build America Bonds Subsidy Payment Update:  
NIMPA did receive the credit of \$770,000 for the 2010A Bonds. The Series 2009C Subsidy payment, which is just under \$1M, has not yet been received in full.  
After contacting the IRS on behalf of NIMPA, Avant was advised that two separate checks were issued in January and February 2026. The January check of \$939,000 has not yet been received by the bond trustee, but the February check of \$56,000 was received, which is related to the interest on the outstanding \$939,000 payment. NIMPA filed IRS Form 3911 seeking a reissue of the January check on March 11, 2026. Avant will keep the Board updated on the progress of this claim.

President Holton and Mr. Smith confirmed that these subsidies would go directly to the bond trustee and not one of the member municipalities.

President Holton noted that despite the cold weather in January, NIMPA's financial performance remained strong. Mr. Allen concurred.

MOTION: To approve NIMPA monthly financials from January 2026  
MAKER: Steve Allen  
SECOND: Blake Toliver  
AYES: 3 (Allen, Toliver, Holton)  
NAYS: 0  
The motion passed

#### **5. Refunding of Series 2016A Bonds**

As discussed at the February 2026 NIMPA Board Meeting, Mr. Carpenter reported that NIMPA is approaching the window to refinance its Series 2016A Bonds and presented a draft RFP to select an underwriting team for the Board's review. He indicated that the next step is to hire a team of underwriters to prepare to execute the transaction later this summer.

Pending Board approval, the RFP will be released shortly with a response deadline of April 8, 2026. Avant will review the responses and provide a recommendation of two or three firms to be interviewed for the Senior Manager position at the April 16, 2026, Board meeting. Interviews are expected to take place via Zoom in late April or early May, and include Avant, NIMPA general counsel, and one member representative, with a final recommendation for the full underwriting team (one Senior Manager and two or three Co-Managers) brought to the May 21, 2026, Board meeting.

Mr. Carpenter stated that subject to bond market conditions this summer, NIMPA should tentatively anticipate selling these bonds in August with a closing in September. If market interest rates remain close to their current levels, the anticipated refinancing transaction is estimated at \$175 million. This transaction is projected to produce significant cumulative debt service savings through 2041 when the old bonds mature.

Avant requests releasing the RFP to underwriters for the refunding of NIMPA's Series 2016A Bonds.

MOTION: To authorize Avant to issue the RFP to underwriters for the  
refunding of NIMPA's Series 2016A Bonds  
MAKER: Steve Allen  
SECOND: Aaron Holton  
AYES: 3 (Allen, Holton, Toliver)  
NAYS: 0  
The motion passed

#### **6. NIMPA's Credit Facility Renewal**

As previously discussed, Mr. Carpenter reiterated that NIMPA's \$15 million credit facility with PNC Bank is up for renewal in November 2026. Avant has had preliminary discussions with PNC about potential terms, which Avant intends to finalize in the coming months. Once terms are agreed upon, Avant anticipates bringing a proposal to the Board to enter into a new five year credit facility with PNC early this summer.

Mr. Carpenter reported that the existing \$4.5M LOC for the benefit of PJM is set to expire in June 2026. PNC Bank has indicated its willingness to extend the LOC through June 2027; however, because the extended LOC would expire after the current maturity on the credit facility (November 2026), PNC requested a Letter Agreement regarding potential cash collateral. This agreement

requires NIMPA to post cash collateral in November only if a renewal of the credit facility has not been executed by that time.

Avant recommends this strategy, noting that both parties have strong incentives to renew the facility before November, which would satisfy the agreement and eliminate the risk of needing cash collateral. Attorney Heinemann has reviewed this letter.

In response to a question from President Holton, Mr. Carpenter clarified that in the unlikely event the credit facility is not renewed by November, NIMPA would be required to post cash collateral equal to 105% of the aggregate outstanding amount of the existing LOC.

MOTION: To authorize the Board President to execute the Letter Agreement with PNC Bank regarding the extension of the PJM Letter of Credit and the intent to enter into negotiations for the renewal of the NIMPA Credit Facility.

MAKER: Blake Toliver

SECOND: Steve Allen

AYES: 3 (Toliver, Allen, Holton)

NAYS: 0

The motion passed

President Holton will sign the Letter Agreement and return to Avant representatives.

## **7. Management and Operations Report: January 2026**

Mr. Hansen reviewed the January operations results:

NIMPA's share of Prairie State generated 87,320 MWh for the month for approximately \$8M in revenue in PJM. Prairie State also generated 167 MWh in MISO for the month of January to cover station service. The overall capacity factor for the month at Prairie State was 96.4%, with only a couple of small issues and quick returns at Prairie State. Unit 1 had a two and one half day outage for a boiler tube leak and subsequent issues on startup. According to Prairie State, NIMPA's EFOR for January was 3.7%. Total generation for the month, including PJM and MISO was greater than, or favorable to budget, by 5,785 MWh or approximately 7% greater than budget on a volume basis. The budget has assumed an 8% EFOR. As a result of the higher than budgeted volumes and higher than budgeted Prairie State LMPs, NIMPA's Prairie State generation revenues were substantially higher than budget with a favorable margin of \$3.6M relative to budget.

Mr. Hansen noted: Prairie State's average LMP/MWh of generation was \$91.74 compared to a budget of \$53.58. Winter storm Fern affected large portions of the US in late January, increasing electricity and natural gas demand and contributing to significantly stronger market prices.

These strong market prices also impacted NIMPA's delivery costs to members in January and was just over \$6.6M. A \$2,032,000 unfavorable variance to budget, as member delivery prices came in at \$74.42, compared to a budget of \$51.65. NIMPA's FTRs had a loss in the month of January of \$1.5M. With Prairie State prices being substantially higher than the member city delivery points, NIMPA's FTR position had daily costs for the delivered path to member cities. FTRs functioned as designed and aligned generation with the member deliveries.

ISO miscellaneous charges in PJM were at cost of \$2,600.

RPM Auction revenues were \$799,000 for January.

Overall, NIMPA had a PJM ISO revenue of \$486,600 for the month of January, which is approximately \$51,000 favorable compared to budget, which assumed a PJM ISO revenue of \$435,000. The favorable variance was due to greater than budgeted generation resource volumes and higher than budgeted LMPs, offset by higher member delivery costs and the FTR costs that occurred.

MISO congestion costs in January were a revenue of \$222,000, which is \$66,000 favorable to budget. Loss costs were at cost to NIMPA of \$111,000, which is \$29,000 unfavorable compared to budget.

ARRs – Revenue of \$42,000.

ISO miscellaneous costs in MISO were \$11,000.

MISO - NIMPA had an overall revenue for January of \$130,000, compared to the budgeted net revenue of \$96,000, a \$33,000 favorable variance compared to budget.

PJM and MISO – NIMPA had a total ISO revenue for the month of January of \$616,000, compared to the budgeted net revenue of \$531,000, a favorable variance to budget of \$85,000. The favorable variance is due to stronger generation and the portfolio working as designed.

#### **8. General Counsel Update**

- a. Attorney Heinemann indicated that Attorney Lanzito has provided the specific House Bill and language President Holton inquired about earlier in the meeting: Climate Change Superfund, House Bill 4773. Attorney Heinemann will forward this email to the Board following the meeting.
- b. PSGC / IEPA Comments Update: PSGC filed its formal comments with the IEPA, as previously discussed. The submission included a significant number of formal comments and supporting expert testimony and documentation. A formal written summary from Attorney Heinemann was sent to the Board prior to the meeting.

#### **9. Executive Session (Litigation related to the Prairie State Generating Company: Discussion of contracts relating to the purchase, sale, or delivery of electricity from the Prairie State Project).**

MOTION: To move into Executive Session (Litigation related to the Prairie State Generating Company; Discussion of contracts relating to the purchase, sale, or delivery of electricity from the Prairie State Project) @ 11:02am

MAKER: Steve Allen

SECOND: Aaron Holton

ROLL CALL: AYES: 3 (Batavia, Geneva, Rochelle)  
NAYS: 0  
The motion passed

**Return to Regular Session at 11:27am**

**10. Action Items from Executive Session:**

To authorize the NIMPA President to approve credit line increases if needed for FTR offers in April 2026.

MOTION: To authorize the NIMPA President to approve credit line increases if needed for FTR offers in April 2026.  
MAKER: Blake Toliver  
SECOND: Steve Allen  
ROLL CALL: AYES: 3 (Toliver, Allen, Holton)  
NAYS: 0  
The motion passed

**11. Old Business: None**

**12. New Business:** President Holton shared that Mr. Babica texted him during the meeting. Mr. Babica was not present at the March NIMPA Board Meeting, as he is at the IEPA for a meeting. Mr. Babica shared that Stephen Bennett from PJM has predicted that PJM will shift to a winter peak for capacity, rather than summer peak in one to three years.

Mr. Toliver concurred and added that PJM had expected to bifurcate the auctions and have two separate auctions, winter and summer. Rochelle is attempting to prepare, as it may change the run season for their own generation.

President Holton agreed that Geneva would face similar conditions regarding their generation schedule.

**13. Comments:** Mr. Allen indicated that Batavia's draft IRP is in process to comply with upcoming legislation. He has noted that feedback during this process highlights that the NIMPA Board has not yet had 'robust discussions' regarding how to replace NIMPA's capacity and energy in 2038, and he has been asked to bring this to the Board's attention. He noted that the IRP requirement for 40% renewable energy will significantly impact Batavia, Geneva, and Rochelle, especially given existing assets like Prairie State.

President Holton responded that he understands the concern and agrees that the Board has not yet discussed this, primarily because the deadline is still 12 years away. He pointed out that a bill was recently introduced in the legislature to potentially push those deadlines back an additional 10 years. He furthered that the individual IRPs from the member municipalities will eventually inform a combined NIMPA IRP, at which point the Board can have more productive discussions.

**14. Motion to adjourn:**

MOTION: To adjourn the NIMPA March 2026 Board Meeting @ 11:34am  
MAKER: Aaron Holton  
SECOND: Steve Allen  
VOICE VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Zrelak