

**LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

Date: January 29, 2026

Location: Hybrid (Conference Room + Zoom)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lee Umphrey. The meeting was recorded.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present:

- Lee Umphrey (Chair)
- Timothy Crowley
- Troy Haney
- Dan Powers
- Jim Gardner

Absent (Excused):

- Joseph Sleeper
- Carolyn Dorsey
- Denise Garland

Staff:

- Jonathan Judkins, President & CEO

A quorum was present.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Community members raised concerns regarding trihalomethane (THM) notices, including potential health impacts, access to historical data, and communication gaps. Maine Rural Water indicated the issue is likely related to water stagnation. LDA committed to providing additional data and clarification.

A tenant expressed concern regarding impacts on food production, regulatory exposure, and requested a defined corrective action plan within 30 days.

**4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

Motion by Troy Haney, seconded by Dan Powers, to approve December 18, 2025 minutes.  
Motion passed unanimously.

## **5. COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Timothy Crowley reported ongoing work with Green 4 Maine regarding development metrics and financial benchmarks. Board emphasized importance of formal presentation at a future meeting.

## **6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Jonathan Judkins presented the annual legislative report, noting its importance to legislative confidence and JTIF considerations.

Airfield updates included coordination with the 109th Airlift Wing and exploration of runway lighting opportunities with potential cost savings and expanded use.

## **7. WATER & WASTEWATER SYSTEM DISCUSSION**

Water system exceedances were attributed to averaging methodology. Improved communication and operational adjustments were identified as necessary.

Wastewater discussion highlighted that LDA contributes ~80% of system flow and is approximately eight months in arrears. The 2008 agreement was determined to be outdated and financially unsustainable.

Both LDA and Limestone Water & Sewer District expressed concerns regarding payment structure, sustainability, and need for state involvement.

## **8. KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED**

- Structural utility model misalignment
- Financial sustainability challenges
- Governance and communication breakdown
- Reputational and legislative risk

## **9. ACTION ITEMS**

- Schedule in-person facilitated meeting with stakeholders
- Develop revised utility framework
- Improve water communication protocols
- Finalize annual report

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

[Insert time and motion details]