Via email and posting

March 31, 2025

**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 and Agenda for theVirtual NAESB Board of Directors Meeting – April 24, 2025 – Additional/Updated Materials Highlighted

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

NAESB will hold its first Board of Directors meeting of the year next month on April 24th at 9:00 am Central. The meeting will be held virtually utilizing the Zoom platform. We are pleased to announce that United States Energy Association (USEA) President & Chief Executive Officer, the Honorable Mark W. Menezes, has graciously agreed to be the guest speaker for the meeting. We look forward to hearing his perspectives on the future of the domestic and international energy markets during this pivotal time in our industry, and we are very grateful for his time and support. His biography can be found beginning on page three of the posted announcement.

During the meeting, we will review the progress of the standards development work underway since the beginning of the year, we will hear a summary of the results of the Advisory Council meeting that took place in February, and we will receive an update on the most recent activities of our Board committees. Additionally, we will review the 2025 annual plans, discuss the current financial status of the organization, and receive the yearend budget report for 2024. 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 any interested party wishing to participate. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at any time ([naesb@naesb.org](mailto:naesb@naesb.org), (713) 356-0060).

| **Thursday, April 24, 2025** | **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 24th.

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, April 24, 2025 – 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 April 24, 2025 Board meeting |
|  |  | b) | Antitrust Guidelines: <http://www.naesb.org/misc/antitrust_guidance.doc> (Guidance) |
|  |  | c) | Establish quorum[[1]](#footnote-1): <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bod_terms.pdf> (Board Roster) |
|  | 2. | **Consent Agenda** (For Consideration and Possible Vote) | |
|  |  | a) | Agenda Adoption: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd042425a.docx> |
|  |  | b) | Adoption of Draft Minutes: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd121224dm.docx> (12-12-24 Draft Minutes) |
|  |  | c) | Adoption of Revised 2025 WGQ Annual Plan: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_ec032725a1.docx> (Redline Approved by the WGQ EC on 3/27/25) |
|  |  | d) | Adoption of Revised 2025 WEQ Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_ec032625a1.docx> (Redline Approved by the WEQ EC on 3/26/25) |
|  |  | e) | Adoption of Revised 2025 RMQ Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/rmq_ec032725a1.docx> (Redline Approved by the RMQ EC on 3/27/25) |
|  | 3. | **Remarks from The Honorable Mark W. Menezes, President & Chief Executive Officer, United States Energy Association** | |
|  | 4. | **Membership and Financial Reports** | |
|  |  | a) | Review of the Membership & Financials: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/BOD_finance_membership_report_DecYE2024.pdf> (YE 2024 Membership & Finance Report); <https://www.naesb.org/misc/BOD_finance_membership_report_Feb2025.pdf> (February 2025 Membership & Finance Report) |
|  | 5. | **Advisory Council Update**: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/advisory022225notes.docx> (Meeting Notes 2/22/25) | |
|  | 6. | **Reports from Board Committees** | |
|  |  | a) | Managing Committee Update: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/managing041725a.docx> (4/17/25 Agenda) |
|  |  | b) | Revenue Committee Update: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd_revenue042225a.docx> (4/22/25 Agenda) |
|  |  | c) | Strategy Committee Update: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd_strategy_040725a.docx> (4/7/25 Agenda) |
|  | 7. | **Standards Development Efforts** | |
|  |  | a) | Distributed Energy Resources Activities: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/BOD_DER_Update_042125.docx> |
|  |  | b) | NAESB Contracts & Distributed Ledger Technologies Activities: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/BOD_Contracts_DLT_042125.docx> |
|  |  | c) | Cybersecurity Activities: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/BOD_Cybersecurity_Update_042125.docx> |
|  |  | d) | Other Development Efforts: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/BOD_other_development_efforts_042125.docx> |
|  | 8. | **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, November - February, 2025: <https://naesb.org/bulletin_newsletter.asp> |
| 1:00 P | 9. | **Adjourn** | |

**Speaker Biography**

**The Honorable Mark W. Menezes, President & Chief Executive Officer, United States Energy Association**

The Honorable Mark W. Menezes is President and Chief Executive Officer of the United States Energy Association. Through its membership, USEA represents 150 members across the U.S. energy sector from the largest Fortune 500 companies to small energy consulting firms.

In his role, Mr. Menezes represents the broad interests of the U.S. energy industry and interacts with domestic and international leaders to advance knowledge and seek partnerships to develop and enhance energy infrastructure worldwide.

The Honorable Mark W. Menezes is a nationally recognized energy attorney. As the immediate past Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, former senior executive with two major energy companies, and former Congressional Committee Chief Counsel, he’s a strategic advisor to Wall Street, businesses, and policymakers.

Mark W. Menezes is the founder of Global Sustainable Energy Advisors LLC, a strategic advisory firm to energy, technology and defense organizations. Mr. Menezes is an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown Law School teaching courses on energy law, policy, and climate change.

He is a former Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, confirmed by the US Senate in a bipartisan vote of 79-16. As Deputy Secretary, he served as the Chief Operating Officer over an agency with 120,000 employees and contractors, a $34 billion budget, and management responsibilities of the 17 national labs, the nation’s nuclear weapons programs, and its environmental cleanup obligations from the Manhattan Project. Prior to being confirmed as Deputy Secretary, Mr. Menezes served as Under Secretary of Energy, receiving confirmation of the US Senate by voice vote. As Under Secretary, he was responsible for directing transformative energy progress and technology development through coordinated policy and budget planning, management, and innovation.

Prior to his federal executive branch service, Mr. Menezes was an executive at Berkshire Hathaway Energy after practicing law as a partner at Hunton & Williams LLP for ten years, heading its Energy and Infrastructure practice group. In his federal legislative branch service, Mr. Menezes was Chief Counsel, Energy and Environment, to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce during which he oversaw the passage of the historic Energy Policy Act of 2005. Mr. Menezes has also held positions within the energy sector. Before his service with the House Energy & Commerce Committee, he was Vice President with Central and South West Corporation and upon its merger with American Electric Power, served as Vice President and Associate General Counsel for federal and state legislative and regulatory affairs.

For his service to the Department of Energy, Mr. Menezes was awarded its highest honor, the Secretary of Energy’s James R. Schlesinger Award. For his Congressional service, he was named in National Journal’s “Hill 100”—top Congressional staff for his work on both energy and environmental matters. He has testified numerous times before Congress, is a frequent speaker and lecturer before associations and civic groups, including legal education seminars where he has been called on to address the nation’s energy and environmental policies, utility restructuring, telecommunications, ethics, merger and acquisition practices, and regulatory and legislative processes. He has co-authored numerous articles, a practice manual published by West Publishing Company, and has been a contributor to network and cable TV broadcasts and quoted in the New York Times, Law360, Oil and Gas Journal, Politico, and other publications. He’s been listed in Best Lawyers in America 2013–2016, Corporate Counsel’s Top Lawyers 2006–2011, Washington Post’s Top Lawyers 2008–2016, and DC Super Lawyers 2012–2016.

Mr. Menezes is a graduate of Louisiana State University receiving both his undergraduate and juris doctor degrees. He is licensed to practice in D.C., Texas and Louisiana, and is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar. Before being sworn in as the Under Secretary of Energy, he was a charter member Louisiana State University’s Energy Law Center, and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Congressional Chorus & American Youth Chorus, serving as its President for two years.

1. As we are meeting remotely, if quorum is not reached, the Board meeting will be considered a working session, and all votes will be processed notationally after the session concludes. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)