Via email and posting

August 11, 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 & Agenda of theNAESB Board of Directors, Strategic Session and Meeting of the Members – September 4, 2025

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

We are pleased to announce that NAESB will hold its next Board of Directors meeting, including a Strategic Session and the annual Meeting of the Members, on September 4, 2025 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Central in Houston, Texas at the Marriott Marquis Hotel.[[1]](#footnote-1) Participation will also be available utilizing the Zoom platform for those of you that are unable to travel to Houston for the meeting. If you are planning to attend in-person, please RSVP at your earliest convenience so that proper accommodations can be made by the hotel. Logistical information and instructions on how to RSVP are provided below.

| **NAESB Board of Directors Meeting, Strategic Session and Meeting of the Members**  **Thursday, September 4, 2025 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Central**  **RSVP & Registration Information** | | |
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| In-Person Attendance | Location:  RSVP: | Marriott Marquis Houston  1777 Walker Street, Houston, Texas 77010  Contact Veronica Thomason at [naesb@naesb.org](mailto:naesb@naesb.org), (713) 356-0060 |
| Virtual Attendance | Please contact the NAESB office. | |

We are excited to announce that we have two excellent speakers who will attend the meeting and provide their perspectives on two different areas that have been the topics of recent discussions within our committees and subcommittees. First, we are honored that the former European Union (EU) Commissioner for Energy, Andris Piebalgs, has agreed to participate in the meeting and will provide his thoughts on the future of the EU methane rules and their impact on the international Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) market. His insights will be very helpful as our members navigate a myriad of issues that are presented as the world’s largest exporter of LNG. We are also pleased to announce that Maia Scheller, Vice President at ICF, will present her and her colleagues’ findings from the July ICF report on [America’s Growing Electricity Demand](https://www.icf.com/insights/energy/impact-rapid-demand-growth-us). With load growth projections reaching new levels, it is important that our members do all that is possible in preparation to meet the expected demand, including through standards development where helpful.We are really grateful to host these speakers, and their biographies can be found beginning on page three of the posted announcement.

As done in the past, the Meeting of the Members and our Strategic Session will take place prior to the general business activities of the Board of Directors. During our regular business, we will evaluate our current financial status and membership levels, we will discuss the progress of our standards development work that is included on the 2025 annual plans, and we review the current activities that are underway by our Board committees. An agenda and materials for this meeting will be provided to you in the coming weeks. As are all NAESB meetings, this meeting is open to any interested party, 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).

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 4th.

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**  **Thursday, September 4, 2025 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Central**  **Marriott Marquis Hotel – 1777 Walker Street, Houston, Texas 77010**  **DRAFT AGENDA** | | | |
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|  | **#** | **Agenda Item** | |
| 8:30 A |  | **Continental Breakfast** | |
| 9:00 A | 1. | **Welcome** | |
|  |  | a) | Welcome to Board Members, Guests and Convene the September 5, 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 Possible Vote) | |
|  |  | a) | Agenda Adoption: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd090425a.docx> |
|  |  | b) | Adoption of Draft Minutes: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/bd042425dm.docx> (04-24-25 Draft Minutes) |
|  |  | c) | Adoption of 2025 WGQ Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/bd042425a3.docx> (Adopted by Board 4-24-25) |
|  |  | d) | Adoption of 2025 Retail Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/bd042425a1.docx> (Adopted by Board 4-24-25) |
|  |  | e) | Adoption of 2025 WEQ Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/bd042425a2.docx> (Adopted by Board 4-24-25) |
| **Meeting of the Members & Strategic Session** | | | |
|  | 3. | **Meeting of the Members & Strategic Session** | |
|  |  | a) | Opening Remarks from the Chairman |
|  |  | b) | Remarks from Andris Pieblags, Professor, European University Institute and Former European Union Commissioner for Energy Concerning EU Methane Regulations |
|  |  | c) | Presentation on America’s Growing Electricity Demand by Maria Scheller, Vice President, ICF |
|  |  | d) | Recommendations and Remarks from Panel of Invited Guests |
|  |  | e) | Discussion & Additional Comments by Board of Directors |
|  |  | f) | Identification of Action Items |
|  |  | g) | Adjourn the Meeting of the Members and Strategic Session |
| **General Business of the Board of Directors** | | | |
|  | 4. | **Membership and Financial Reports** | |
|  |  | Review of the Membership & Financial Reports | |
|  | 5. | **Reports from Board Committees** | |
|  |  | a) | Managing Committee Update |
|  |  | b) | Strategy Committee Update |
|  |  | c) | Revenue Committee Update |
|  | 6. | **Standards Development Efforts** | |
|  |  | a) | Distributed Energy Resources Activities |
|  |  | b) | Western Interconnection Congestion Management Standards Development |
|  |  | c) | Wholesale Gas Quadrant Contract Development Activities |
|  |  | d) | Cybersecurity |
|  |  | e) | Other Development Efforts |
|  | 7. | **Old and New Business** | |
|  |  | a) | Regulatory Filings and Related Actions, Liaisons with external groups   * May 8, 2025 - NAESB Status Report to the Commission Concerning Standards Request R24004 – Distance-Based Rate Charges on Transportation/Sales Invoices (Docket No. RM96-1-000): <https://naesb.org/pdf4/naesb050825_status_report_R24004.pdf> |
|  |  | b) | Comments from Board Members, Invited Guests and Attendees |
|  |  | c) | Board Meeting Schedule 2025: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/2025_schedule.pdf> |
|  |  | d) | NAESB Bulletin: March – July 2025: <http://naesb.org/pdf4/naesb_bulletin_vol18_issue1.pdf> |
| 1:00 P | 8. | **Adjourn** | |

**Speaker Biographies**

**Andris Pieblags – Professor, European University Institute**

Andris Piebalgs is a Professor at the European University Institute and serves as the Chairman of the Implementation Committee of the International Methane Emissions Observatory. With a distinguished career in public service, Piebalgs previously held key roles as the European Union Commissioner for Energy and later as the Commissioner for Development. He was instrumental in shaping the EU's renewable energy and energy efficiency policies, significantly contributing to the establishment of the European energy market.

Before his work with the European Union, Piebalgs was a prominent Latvian politician and diplomat. As Latvia's Ambassador to the EU, he played a pivotal role in facilitating Latvia's accession to the European Union.

**Maria Scheller – Vice President, ICF**

Maria Scheller is a Vice President at ICF with over 30 years of experience advising stakeholders across the energy sector. She is a recognized expert in energy market planning and economics, with deep expertise in long-term planning, policy analysis and design, market outlooks, asset valuation, competitive procurement, and integrated resource planning. Her work spans demand-side resource assessments, transmission economic impact analysis, electrification and load forecasting, and energy transition strategy. Ms. Scheller has led major engagements for government agencies, utilities, developers, and investors, and frequently serves as an expert witness on energy-related matters across multiple North American jurisdictions.

1. Information regarding the Marriott Marquis can be found through the following hyperlink: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd090425hotel.docx> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)