



## Member Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda  
Salt Lake City, Utah

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### September 18, 2025

10:00 to 11:45 a.m. Mountain Time

1. **Welcome, Call to Order—Brian Theaker**
2. **Review WECC Antitrust Policy—Brittany Huggins**  
The WECC Antitrust Policy can be found on [wecc.org](http://wecc.org).  
Please contact WECC legal counsel if you have any questions.
3. **Approve Agenda**
4. **Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**  
*Approval Item: Minutes of the meeting on June 10, 2025*
5. **Review Previous Action Items—Brittany Huggins**
6. **Chair Remarks—Brian Theaker**
7. **Executive Remarks—Melanie Frye**
8. **MAC Leadership Election—Brian Theaker**  
*Approval Item: Elect MAC chair*  
*Approval Item: Elect MAC vice chair*
9. **Interactive Session Discussion—Member Advisory Committee**
10. **WECC Risk Management Program—Branden Sudduth**
11. **MAC Membership—Chris Parker**
12. **Work Group and Liaison Reports**  
Reliability Assessment Committee—Fred Heutte  
Reliability Risk Committee—Grace Anderson

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Resource Adequacy Advisory Group—Brian Theaker

**13. Public Comment**

**14. Roundtable**

**15. Review New Action Items**

**16. Resources**

**17. Review Upcoming Meetings**

November 5, 2025 ..... Virtual

December 10, 2025.....Salt Lake City, Utah

TBD 2026..... Salt Lake City, Utah/Virtual

**18. Adjourn**





## Member Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes  
Salt Lake City, Utah

### June 10, 2025

3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Mountain Time

#### 1. Welcome, Call to Order

Brian Theaker, Member Advisory Committee (MAC) Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. MT on June 10, 2025. A quorum was present to conduct business. A list of attendees is attached as Exhibit A.

#### 2. Review WECC Antitrust Policy

Brittany Huggins, Assistant Corporate Secretary, read aloud the WECC Antitrust Policy statement. The policy can be found on [wecc.org](http://wecc.org).

#### 3. Approve Agenda

Mr. Theaker introduced the proposed meeting agenda.

**On a motion by Grace Anderson, the MAC approved the agenda.**

#### 4. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Theaker introduced the minutes of the meeting on April 14, 2025.

**On a motion by Dale Dunckel, the MAC approved the minutes of the meeting on April 14, 2025.**

#### 5. Review Previous Action Items

Ms. Huggins reviewed action items from the previous meeting.

#### 6. Chair Remarks

Mr. Theaker encouraged MAC members to be open and transparent in any remarks or questions that need to be addressed and thanked the MAC for their continued engagement. He recognized WECC staff for the support of the MBS and closed by recognizing meeting attendee Jim Shetler, previous and first MAC Chair, and reflected on the growth and success of the MAC over the years.

#### 7. Executive Remarks

Melanie Frye, President and CEO, welcomed Jim Robb, NERC CEO, and reflected on the importance of where WECC and the MAC have come since bifurcation and the hiring of Mr. Robb as the former WECC CEO. She reiterated her thanks to the MBS and staff and highlighted WECC's

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judiciousness toward the budget planning. She closed by commenting that she looked forward to the MAC discussion on the proposed bylaws revisions.

## **8. Technical Session Discussion**

The MAC discussed the Technical Session on Extreme Winter Weather Preparedness that took place before this meeting. Discussion included gas-electric coordination, WECC's efforts to focus on risk-based compliance (reliability) rather than enforcement, the importance of gathering best practices and sharing information, and gratitude for the presenters and WECC's facilitation of the topic.

## **9. Proposed Bylaws Revisions**

Chris Parker, Vice Chair, summarized Section 4.9 Review Work Group efforts and the timeline for bylaws revisions. The MAC discussed the proposed revisions, including removal of the Annual Meeting, deletion of Section 4.9, and quorum requirements.

Mr. Theaker will synthesize MAC opinions, both majority and dissenting opinions, and submit them to WECC staff. He will share a first draft with the MAC for feedback before finalization.

## **10. Work Group and Liaison Reports**

Presenters reported on the following:

- a. Reliability Risk Committee (RRC), Grace Anderson, Class 5, summarized RRC work.
- b. Reliability Assessment Committee (RAC), Fred Heutte, Class 4, reviewed RAC and RRC coordination and RAC activities.
- c. Resource Adequacy Advisory Group (RAAG), Mr. Theaker reported there was no update on the RAAG.

## **11. MAC Membership**

Mr. Theaker introduced the topic of whether MAC class representatives who retire from industry during their terms should continue to serve on the MAC. Mr. Theaker asked the MAC to consider the topic, and it will be brought for discussion at a future MAC meeting.

## **12. Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

## **13. Roundtable**

No roundtable items were discussed.

## **14. Review New Action Items**

- Draft a MAC position paper on the proposed Bylaws revisions and share with the MAC before submitting to WECC.
  - Assigned To: Brian Theaker



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- Due Date: June 20, 2025

## 15. Resources

Mr. Theaker summarized the resources and noted that they can be found on wecc.org. One item was shared under Resources, State of the Interconnection.

## 16. Review Upcoming Meetings

July 9, 2025 ..... Virtual  
September 18, 2025 ..... Salt Lake City, Utah  
November 5, 2025 ..... Virtual

## 17. Adjourn

Mr. Theaker adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:50 p.m.



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## Exhibit A: Attendance List

### Members in Attendance

Grace Anderson (virtual) .....	Class 5
Duncan Brown (virtual) .....	Class 3
Dale Dunckel.....	Class 2
Shaun Foster (virtual) .....	Class 1
Sophie Hayes.....	Class 4
Fred Heutte (virtual).....	Class 4
Linda Jacobson-Quinn.....	Class 2
Tim Kelley (virtual) .....	Class 2
Yansong Leng (virtual).....	International
Patrick O'Connell.....	Class 5
Chris Parker .....	Vice Chair
Brian Theaker .....	Chair
Evan Valeriotte .....	International
Matt Weber.....	Class 1

### Members not in Attendance

Michele Beck .....	Class 4
Ernesto Olivas .....	International
Carrie Simpson.....	Class 3





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## **Member Advisory Committee Chair Remarks**

Verbal Update  
Brian Theaker, Chair  
September 18, 2025



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## **Member Advisory Committee Executive Remarks**

Verbal Update

Melanie Frye, President and CEO

September 18, 2025





## Leadership Selection

Approval Item  
Member Advisory Committee  
September 18, 2025

### MAC Resolution

*Resolved*, that the Member Advisory Committee (MAC), acting on the recommendation of the MAC Leadership Selection Work Group at the meeting of the MAC on September 18, 2025, approves the 2025–2026 MAC chair and vice chair.

- Chris Parker, Chair
- Tim Kelley, Vice Chair

### Background

The MAC Leadership Selection Work Group conferred with current MAC members and recommends that Chris Parker, Class 5, serve as chair and Tim Kelley, Class 2, serve as vice chair for the 2025–2026 year.



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**Member Advisory Committee  
Interactive Session Discussion**

Member Advisory Committee  
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## Stakeholder Engagement Enhancements to the Reliability Risk Management Program Process

### Purpose of this Paper

WECC is seeking input from the Member Advisory Committee (MAC) on how to enhance the Reliability Risk Management Program (RMP) process to include broader stakeholder input. Specifically, WECC is proposing to the WECC Board of Directors (Board) to replace the Reliability Risk Priorities (RRP) process, which has relied almost exclusively on stakeholder input to rank risks, with the RMP that incorporates robust analytical work and stakeholder input. WECC will be seeking Board approval to retire the RRP process at its December 2025 meeting.

### Background

#### WECC's Current RRP Process

WECC's Mission is to effectively and efficiently mitigate risks to the reliability and security of the Western Interconnection's Bulk Power System (BPS). To ensure that it fulfills this mission, WECC has, for the last several years, adhered to a biennial, stakeholder-input-driven process for establishing RRs. This process was most recently approved by the Board in conjunction with the Section 4.9 review conducted in 2020. The RRP process relies heavily on stakeholder input to identify priority risks that then shape WECC's risk mitigation work for the following two years.

#### WECC's Risk Management Program Process

In 2023, WECC implemented a robust risk management process to address reliability and security risks. This process is data driven, employing data analytics and technical expertise from WECC's stakeholders (primarily through the Reliability Risk Committee (RRC)) to identify, evaluate, and rank reliability and security risks to the Western Interconnection's BPS. Through this process, WECC creates a risk register that describes, ranks, and tracks all identified risks to the BPS in the West.

WECC then develops treatment plans to address the risks on the risk register. In an initiative on its 2025 Corporate Scorecard, WECC took a further step in its risk mitigation efforts by developing and piloting a multi-year integrated oversight and risk mitigation strategy for inverter-based resources. This mitigation strategy will be a model for additional integrated risk mitigation strategies that will address the highest priority risks (not all risks) to the reliability and security of the BPS.

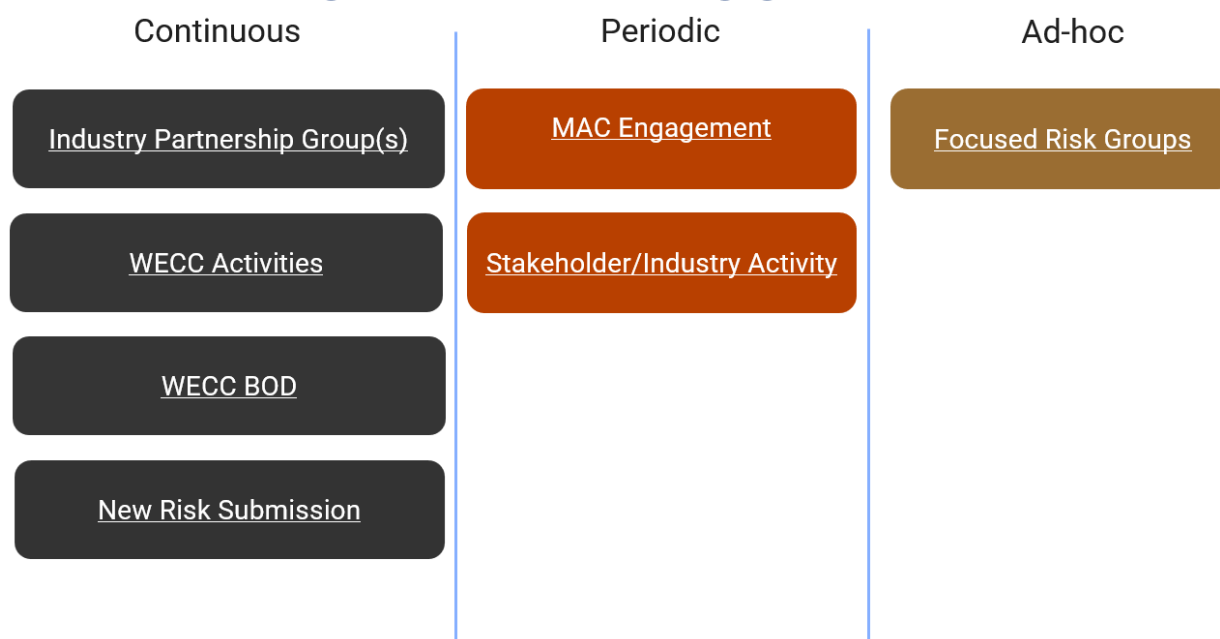
This process of identifying, ranking, tracking, and mitigating reliability and security risks is the foundation of WECC's RMP.

## Retirement of the RRP Process

The RRP process relies heavily on stakeholder input to rank reliability and security risks, meaning that the rankings could lack the analytical foundation that is a key component of a world-class risk management program. Moreover, running parallel risk ranking processes could lead to duplicative and inconsistent work and results.

For this reason, WECC proposes to retire the RRP process and replace it with the current RMP, while adding a robust stakeholder input component to the RMP. Now, the primary source of stakeholder input to the RMP is the RRC. As part of the RMP, WECC would continue to gather input on reliability and security risks from the RRC, while adding the following to gather additional stakeholder input:

### WECC Risk Program – Stakeholder Engagement



## Next Steps

WECC will join the MAC at its September meeting to discuss options for collecting stakeholder and MAC input through the enhanced RMP process. MAC members will also have one month following the September MAC meeting to collect input from WECC members and provide WECC with additional comments on the stakeholder engagement portion of the RMP. WECC will incorporate MAC, WIRAB, and other stakeholder feedback into the RMP process and report back to the Board in December with its recommendation.



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# Stakeholder Engagement in WECC's Reliability Risk Management Program

**Branden Sudduth**  
*VP, RPPA*

**Member Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Electric Reliability  
& Security for the West**

September 18, 2025

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## Risk Management Program (RMP) Process Evolution

### Initial Buildout

- Applied standardized risk analysis techniques
- Involved subject matter experts to help evaluate risks
- Created robust framework for objective analysis of risks to the BPS
- Allowed for collection of risks as they emerge

### Areas for Growth

- Stakeholder involvement at levels beyond technical subject matter experts
- Stakeholder involvement opportunities beyond the submission form and RRC meetings
- Method to prioritize the risks based on WECC's role, resources, and focus
- Risk tracking (developed through 2025)

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## Risk Management Program Needs

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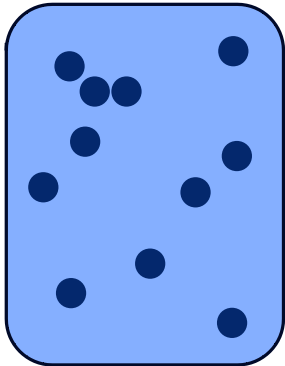
- Analytically robust selection and evaluation of reliability risks
- Analytically backed risk ranking process
- Mechanisms for stakeholders of different technical expertise and decision-making responsibilities to learn about and provide input
- Increased opportunities for stakeholders to provide input
- Method to track risk status and mitigation efforts

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## Proposed Risk Management Program Process

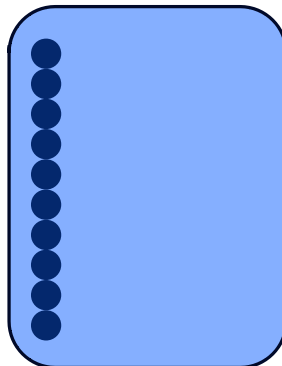
**Define universe  
of risks**



**Continuous  
mechanisms to  
add risks**



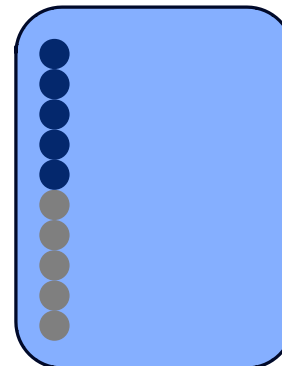
**Evaluate and  
rank risks**



**Risk Analysis  
Work**



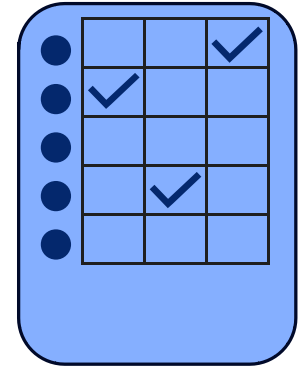
**Prioritize  
risks**



**RMP  
Stakeholder  
Engagement**



**Track risk status  
& treatment**



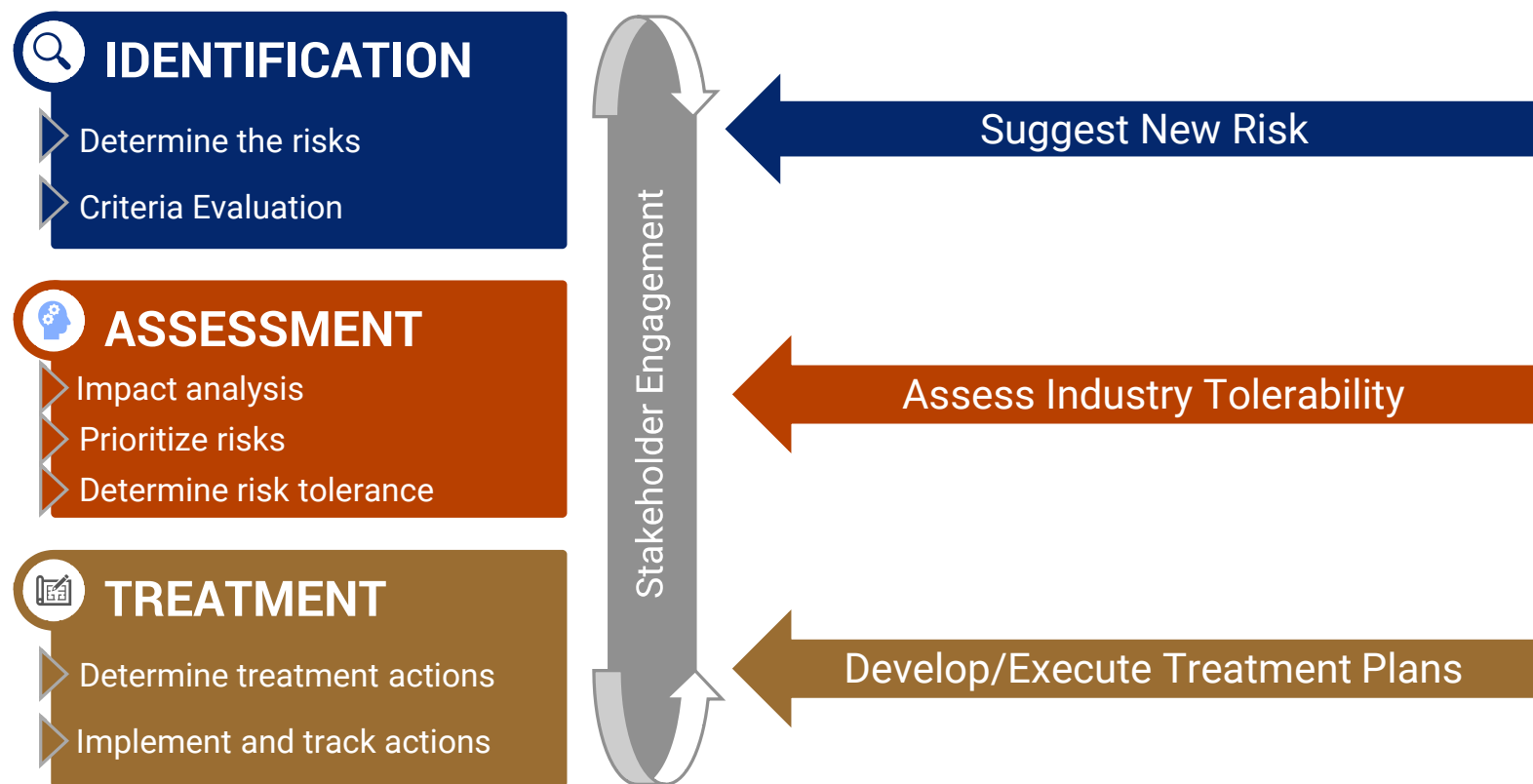
**RMP Risk  
Register & Risk  
Treatment  
Tracker**



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## WECC Risk Management Program—Stakeholder Engagement



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## WECC Risk Management Program—Stakeholder Engagement

### Continuous

Industry Partnership Group(s)

WECC Activities

WECC BOD

New Risk Submission

### Periodic

MAC Engagement

Stakeholder/Industry Activity

### Ad-hoc

Focused Risk Groups

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## New RMP: Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

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- Continuous
  - WECC Engagement
    - Regular communication mechanisms, e.g., social media, the Weekly, quarterly newsletter, educational/informational videos
    - Regular events and webinars, e.g., Reliability in the West Discussion Series
    - Analytical work products, e.g., Western Assessment of Resource Adequacy
  - Risk Submission
    - Submission form always available for stakeholders to use
  - Partnership Group
    - Ongoing group with connection to technical subject matter experts who work on risk analysis
    - SEEKING INPUT: What might this group look like? Who might be involved?
  - Risk analysis and status tracking
    - Risk Register and Risk Treatment Tracker

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## New RMP: Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

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- Periodic
  - Board of Directors Updates and Discussion
    - Updates as part of technical report at Board meetings
  - MAC Engagement
    - SEEKING INPUT: What does this look like? How often does it occur? What are the primary objectives of the engagement?
  - WIRAB Engagement
    - SEEKING INPUT: What does this look like? When does it occur?
  - Topic-specific Input Requests
    - SEEKING INPUT: What methods? What kind of input? How often?
    - E.g., quarterly survey, ongoing chat feature

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## New RMP: Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

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- Annual
  - Snapshot of risk status
    - SEEKING INPUT: What form does this take? How often is it provided or updated?  
What information does it provide?
  - Stakeholder engagement on risk prioritization
    - Annual meeting discussions
      - E.g., MAC, Class meetings
    - September Board Meeting decision
  - Annual creation of plans to address prioritized risks
    - Risk strategy development input (between September and December)



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## **Member Advisory Committee**

### **MAC Membership**

Verbal Update and Discussion

Chris Parker, Vice Chair

September 18, 2025



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## **Member Advisory Committee Work Group and Liaison Reports**

Verbal Update  
Committee Liaisons  
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