

**Agenda
CLEER Business Session**



2026 Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 26, 2026
12:15 p.m.
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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Elections**
 - A. Board of Directors Slate**
 - B. Officer Nominations**
 - 1. Chairman
 - 2. Vice Chairman
 - 3. Secretary/Treasurer
 - C. Appointment of Advisory Boards**
 - 1. Program Advisory Board (PAB)
 - 2. Coordinating Committee of PAB
 - 3. University Advisory Board (UAB)
- IV. Chairman's 2026-2027 Strategic Plan**
- V. Recognition of Immediate Past Chairman**
- VI. Adjournment**



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Introduction

The purpose of the Center for Legislative Energy and Environmental Research (CLEER) is to provide support for The Energy Council® bringing research and publications on energy policy issues to the Council's attention and sponsoring forums and other opportunities for dialogue on energy and related environmental issues. CLEER's support addresses energy and environmental questions and helps educate members of The Energy Council® with regard to state, national and global energy issues, in order that they may better serve their constituents.

Goals

1. Utilizing CLEER's resources, work with The Energy Council®, providing input on energy policy issues impacting the member states, international affiliates and nations.
2. Utilizing the Program Advisory Board (PAB), assist The Energy Council® in developing conference agendas.
3. Utilizing CLEER's resources, three boards and The Energy Council® staff work with other organizations to co-host energy forums.
4. Utilizing The Energy Council® staff, communicate the work of The Energy Council® and CLEER to members, other policymakers and the public.
5. Utilizing the University Advisory Board (UAB), provide research and informational guidance to assist The Energy Council® in achieving its goals.
6. Utilizing CLEER Board of Directors and The Energy Council® staff, raise revenues to support the work of CLEER and The Energy Council® in accordance with this Strategic Plan.
7. Utilizing The Energy Council® staff, administer the work of CLEER in an efficient, accountable, and businesslike manner.

Implementation

Utilizing CLEER's resources, work with The Energy Council®, providing input on energy policy issues impacting the member states, international affiliates and nations.

1. Support The Energy Council® conferences and dialogues.
2. Support International Dialogues in conjunction with the 2026-2027 Chairman's Strategic Plan for The Energy Council®.
3. Provide opportunities for The Energy Council® Executive Committee members in conjunction with the 2026-2027 Chairman's Strategic Plan for the Council.

Utilizing the PAB, assist The Energy Council® in developing conference agendas.

1. Hold PAB meetings prior to each Energy Council conference.
2. Solicit PAB recommendations as to topics, speakers and field trips supportive of the Council's themes and objectives for each conference. Such input shall be sought at PAB meetings as indicated:
 - a. The PAB meeting to provide input on The Energy Council®'s 2026 Global Energy and Environmental Issues Conference is scheduled to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as part of the Council's 2026 Annual Meeting.
 - b. The PAB meeting to provide input on The Energy Council®'s 2027 Federal Energy and Environmental Matters Conference is scheduled to be held in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, as part of the 2026 Global Energy and Environmental Issues Conference.
 - c. The PAB meeting to provide input on The Energy Council®'s 2027 Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C., as part of the 2027 Federal Energy and Environmental Matters Conference.

Utilizing the CLEER Board of Directors, work with other organizations to co-host forums on energy concerns.

Utilizing CLEER's resources, work to implement The Energy Council® objectives relative to:

1. Energy and Environmental Innovations, Security, and Economic Growth
2. Reliable, Resilient and Affordable Energy Systems
3. Powering the Digital and Industrial Economy

Utilizing The Energy Council® staff, communicate the work of The Energy Council® and CLEER to members, other policymakers and the public by:

1. Maintaining consistent communication through the website and newsletter;
2. Providing information upon request to state legislators, PAB members and governmental officials; and
3. Publishing an annual Directory of CLEER's Legislative Board of Directors, PAB and UAB participants.

Utilizing the UAB, provide research and informational guidance to assist The Energy Council® in achieving its goals.

Hold UAB Roundtable Seminars at Energy Council Conferences to explore issues related to:

1. Building Public Trust in Energy Infrastructure Projects
2. Energy Infrastructure Resiliency
3. Digital Transformation in the Energy Sector

Utilizing the CLEER Board of Directors and The Energy Council® staff, raise revenues to support the work of CLEER and The Energy Council® in accordance with this Strategic Plan.

1. Maintain current private sector support by contacting each CLEER member to renew their contribution.
2. Promote CLEER membership with PAB prospects.
3. Diversify and expand CLEER's base of support to include other energy interests important in the Council's member states, international affiliates and nations.

Utilizing The Energy Council® staff, administer the work of CLEER in an efficient, accountable, and businesslike manner.

1. Maintain and develop CLEER research library.
2. Operate in accordance with accepted accounting practices, with an annual audit or financial review performed by an accounting firm specializing in non-profit organizations.
3. Operate according to the advice of legal counsel specializing in the laws pertaining to non-profit organizations.
4. Review the status of the budget at a meeting of the Board of Directors at each Energy Council conference.