



LEPA DIRECTOR ELECTED TO APPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 9, 2026

At the American Public Power Association (APPA) Annual Business Meeting, which was held during this year's National Conference in Boston, MA, LEPA Board Member Jeffrey Stewart, Lafayette Utilities System ("LUS") Director, was elected to serve a three-year term on the APPA Board of Directors. Stewart serves as one of three board members representing Region 4, which encompasses Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.

- **Advocacy & Policy:** Establishing national policies and legislative agendas to protect the interests of public power systems.
- **Strategic Direction:** Developing and approving strategic initiatives that address critical industry issues, including energy reliability, cybersecurity, and grid resiliency.
- **Governance & Fiduciary Oversight:** Managing organizational assets, determining dues schedules, overseeing grant and scholarship policies, and evaluating APPA leadership.
- **Member Engagement:** Ensuring utilities of all sizes and their business partners have a voice within APPA.

LEPA General Manager Kevin Bihm stated, "Jeff has served on the LEPA Board of Directors for more than a decade and was Chairman of the Joint Action Agency in 2024. His strategic vision and commitment to community-owned utilities will be a tremendous benefit to APPA at the national level. I have no doubt he will bring the same level of excellence

and dedication to the APPA Board that we have benefited from here in Louisiana.”



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