

## ***BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPLICATION***

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### ***Biography:***

Taylor leads Outshine Energy as it provides development services in the advancement of solar, storage and wind energy projects throughout the United States. Taylor currently serves as a Director and previous Chair of the COSSA Board of Directors, and as a recent member of the Board of Directors of the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) in the capacity of State Affiliates Chair. In this capacity he represented COSSA and the other recognized State Affiliates and their interests to the SEIA Board of Directors at-large.

Prior to establishing Outshine Energy, Taylor spent 15 years spearheading the launch of entrepreneurial cleantech start-ups focused domestically and internationally on commercial, industrial, utility, and residential-scale electricity generation for Dow Solar (The Dow Chemical Company), Broomfield-based RES Group (Renewable Energy Systems Americas), Soltage and Siemens Gamesa. Taylor holds a degree in mechanical engineering from Villanova University, is a graduate of the Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Denver program, and has lectured on clean energy development in three countries across two continents.

### ***Solar or Storage Experience:***

Over the past 17 years in the corporate, business, and project development facets of clean energy, I have worked to advance the commercial, industrial, and small utility-scale solar and energy storage sectors of the industry for Outshine Energy; Soltage, a commercial, industrial and small utility-scale energy provider; the residential solar sector during the launch of Dow Solar; the utility-scale solar, wind, and energy storage sectors for RES Group; and the utility-scale wind energy for Siemens Gamesa.



### *My Priorities:*

I'm humbled to currently serve on the COSSA Board. If honored with the ability to continue to serve, I will lead and work alongside COSSA's existing and new board members, and staff, to execute on the organization's multi-year strategy to ensure that COSSA is optimized for 2022-2023, and the decade to follow. This strategy is advanced by:

1. Rebound strong from COVID. Legislatively, support the passage of a responsible Build Back Better federally, and find win-win ways to align with organizations/trades who want to grow into clean energy at a state-level (one example: labor).
2. Ensuring COSSA is a top tier, statewide trade association, capable of advancing solar and storage in the public domain, Colorado Public Utilities Commission and State's General Assembly. To do so, COSSA must compete and have resources to advance like-minded public servants and elected officials. Other peer trade associations have been working to this end for decades and as solar and storage continue to ascend, the maturation of support of elected officials must continue to grow.
3. Create new solar and energy storage business opportunities for member organizations. My COSSA leadership philosophy is that the more opportunities that come to our 450-500 Colorado clean energy companies, the better-off our members will be to provide for the 6,000 people/families working in our industry (down from 8,000 at the end of 2019), and subsequently the better equipped COSSA is to continue to make a substantive impact.

### *My Strengths:*

1. Appreciation for the small business owners within the COSSA ranks. Established Outshine Energy in 2018 and run day-to-day a company responsible for the development of approximately 500 MW of solar and storage, and 400 MW of wind across Adams, Arapahoe, Lincoln, Pueblo and Weld Counties.
2. Four years leading COSSA as Board Chair and Vice Chair; and two years contributing COSSA as a SEIA Board Member; resulting in the most fiscally sound and operationally capable COSSA organization in recent history. (Credit to staff and board members alike.)
3. Deep, unwavering drive to ensure COSSA is on the path to become the steadfast rival to trade associations representing the fossil fuel industry.
4. Ability to clearly articulate the clean energy industry's non-partisan benefits to stakeholders.
5. Breadth of existing national relationships with: commercial organizations spanning all solar and energy storage market segments, appointed and elected public officials, and current and prospective partner organizations.
6. History of facilitating lasting relationships with other statewide solar energy storage industry organizations so as harness best practices and optimize COSSA's efficacy.

7. 15 years of domestic and international solar, energy storage, and wind corporate, business, and project development.