



MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM

President's Dining Room, 2nd Floor Donovan Dining Center, Rhode Island College

Members in Attendance: Abigail Anthony, Bob Bacon, Roberta Fagan, Carol Grant, Anthony Hubbard, Tom Magliocchetti, Michael McAteer, Shigeru Osada, Chris Powell, Betsy Stubblefield Loucks, Karen Verrengia, Diane Williamson

Members Absent: Joe Cirillo, Jennifer Hutchinson

Others Present: Mike Guerard, Mark Kravatz, Courtney Lane, George Lawrence, Scudder Parker, Rachel Sholly, Nick Ucci

1. Call to Order

Chairman Chris Powell called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Shigeru Osada provided a clarification on the minutes, which will be corrected. Betsy Stubblefield Loucks made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Bacon seconded and all approved.

3. Executive Director Report

Commissioner Carol Grant of the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) reported that since the last meeting of the Council OER issued its first annual report on Lead by Example activities under the Governor's Executive Order. The report will be available on the OER website and will be presented to the Council at a future meeting.

Diane Williamson made a motion to move the voting items up before the Executive Committee report on the agenda. Abigail Anthony seconded and all approved.

4. Updates on Energy Efficiency Programs and System Reliability Procurement

a) Vote on Cost-Effectiveness Memo

Mr. Guerard presented the consultant team's final memo verifying the cost-effectiveness of the 2017 Energy Efficiency Program Plan and the 2017 System Reliability Plan (*see attached*). He reported that it is very similar to previous memos with updated numbers and the Council had seen a version of it at the last meeting. The Council's approval today would direct the consultant team to work with EERMC legal counsel to file the memo with the Public Utilities Commission.

Karen Verrengia made a motion to approve the cost-effectiveness memo as presented. Anthony Hubbard seconded and all approved.

5. Council Business

a) Vote on Dunsky Energy Consulting Contract Extension Proposal

The Council discussed the proposal to extend Dunsky's contract for finance expertise, which expires on October 31, 2016 (*see attached*). The Council decided not to vote on the proposal today because of

concerns over the 13% increase in costs. The consultant team will convey the Council's concerns to Dunsky and request a revised proposal for the November meeting. Chairman Powell asked the consultant team to look into potential impacts of the US-Canadian exchange rate. Ms. Anthony said that, other than the cost, the proposal content looks good.

6. Executive Committee Report

There was no report.

7. Policy and Planning Issues

a) Savings Targets Development and Standards Revision Update

Mr. Guerard presented the consultant team's initial recommendations on 2018-2020 savings targets and proposed revisions to the energy efficiency and system reliability standards (*see attached*). Mr. Osada asked to see the breakdown of where estimated savings come from and to see trends overtime. The consultant team will share the extensive Excel workbook from which these numbers were derived to any interested Council members. Chairman Powell requested to see the document a week in advance if possible.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Anthony made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Verrengia seconded and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM.