



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY &  
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 4, 2015**

**2:00 - 3:00 PM**

Bureau of Audits Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Department of Administration  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

**In Attendance:** Abigail Anthony, Ryan Crowley, Marisa Desautel, Marion Gold, Mike Guerard, Jeremy Newberger, Chris Powell, Paul Ryan, Rachel Sholly

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Paul Ryan called the meeting to order at 2:08 PM.

**2. Approval of Executive Committee April and May Meeting Minutes**

Abigail Anthony made a motion to approve Executive Committee May meeting minutes. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion. All approved

**3. Review of Draft EERMC June Meeting Agenda**

The June agenda will include the following items: Approval of May Meeting Minutes, Executive Director Report, Executive Committee Report, Policy and Planning Issues (vote to move meeting from October 8<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>), General Updates on Energy Efficiency Programs and System Reliability Procurement (combined heat and power presentation), Other business (vote on consultant team budget supplement, vote on allowing EERMC legal counsel to advise consultant team, vote EERMC FAQ, Rhode Island Alliance for Healthy Homes presentation), and public comment.

**4. Executive Director Report**

Commissioner Marion Gold reported that the official press release from Governor Raimondo's Office was issued regarding the nomination of the EERMC's six new members and one reappointment. She noted that that Chris Powell will now fill the Energy Law and Regulation seat on the Council. She added that advice and consent by the Senate for new members is anticipated in the next two to three weeks. The selection of Chair and Vice Chair will be decided by Governor Raimondo after the nominees are approved by the Senate.

Commissioner Gold informed the Executive Committee that the State Energy plan is scheduled to move to the technical committee on Friday, June 5 and will likely be sent to the full planning council for next Thursday (June 11) and will then be scheduled for public hearing in July.

Commissioner Gold shared that Carole Cornelison has been hired a new Division Director for capital asset management and maintenance and will start on Monday, June 8. She had been the director in Massachusetts and is said to be a leader on energy efficiency and all things “lead by example”.

Commissioner Gold said OER has officially hired Becca Trietch. She has been reworking the wind guidelines, and is now working with Rachel Sholly on building labeling for commercial and residential properties and is lead on implementing the first energy efficiency programs on Block Island.

Commissioner Gold closed the executive director report by informing the Executive Committee that the Infrastructure Bank appears to be moving forward as planned. The budget is scheduled to be released by the House next Thursday. She noted that the Infrastructure Bank will be primarily focused on providing loans and opportunities and that OER will be charged with developing a pipeline of progress and tracking measurables.

## **5. New Member Orientation**

Mike Guerard suggested the Council plan a half-day retreat for new members with individualized follow-up meetings. He provided a draft agenda and requested that the Executive Committee review it and provide feedback. Commissioner Gold suggested that Ryan Crowley reach out to the new numbers directly to invite them to the next council meeting and to also determine their availability for a mid-late morning retreat. Jeremy Newberger expressed concern about having a scheduled retreat that consumes too much time and suggested that the retreat not be done on the same day as the next scheduled Council meeting. Commissioner Gold agreed with Mr. Newberger and also suggested that the retreat be off-site and not held at the Department of Administration.

Commissioner Gold expressed a concern with the inclusion of the Acadia Center’s logo on the frequently asked questions sheet that will be presented to the new Council members. Ms. Anthony offered to rework the FAQ sheet to include a footnote that credits the Acadia Center rather than including the logo on the document.

## **6. CHP Presentation Preview**

Jeremy Newberger briefed the Executive Council on what he plans to present to the full Council at the next meeting. He plans to highlight the background on CHP, why Least-Cost Procurement is important to CHP, what Grid sees as the potential and the barriers. He also hopes to talk about what National Grid is planning to do for 2016 including changes for how CHP is dealt with in terms of customer face engagement and marketing. Mr. Newberger also mentioned that in the process of hiring a programming manager to assist customers that may go through the process.

Chris Powell asked that National Grid address the societal benefits and environmental impacts locally. He also asked, if CHP is displacing a clean grid, what are the net environmental benefits? He wants to see grid emissions since clean emissions are being replaced with dirty emissions. He also suggested that Toray be used as a case study due to the measurables that can be compared. Mr. Newberger said he would make an effort to address the concerns raised by Mr. Powell.

## **7. EERMC Budget Update**

The Executive Committee reviewed the revised 2015 EERMC Approved Budget. The group discussed payments for Energy Expo interns and the expense of Becca Treitch's internship to determine what funds remain in the 2015 budget.

Mr. Guerard outlined the Consultant Team's request for additional funds from the Council. The request is based on an anticipated series of new activities the expanding of some current activities. The amount the Consultant team is requesting from the Council is \$40,000. He noted that the amount requested is approximately the same amount of the funding that was used by the consultant team each of the last two years. Mr. Guerard added that this allocation would prevent a cost overrun.

## **8. Other Business**

Rachel Sholly confirmed with the Executive Committee that it would be beneficial to have Betsy from the Rhode Island Alliance for Healthy Homes make her previously scheduled presentation to the Council.

## **9. Adjournment**

Ms. Anthony made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Powell. Chairman Ryan adjourned the meeting at 3:38.

**Full EERMC Meeting:** Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:00 PM; Conf. Room B

**Next Exec. Comm. Meeting:** Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:00-3:00 PM; Conf. Room B