EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 10, 2018
100 Cambridge St, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Executive Committee Members Present: Don Boecke, Amy Boyd, Elliott Jacobson, Judith Judson, Emmett Lyne, Rick Malmstrom

Other Attendees: Marie Abdou, Eric Belliveau, Rachel Evans, Joe Dorfler, Ian Finlayson, Jonathan Goldberg, Craig Johnson, Maggie McCarey, Jerrold Oppenheim, Alex Pollard, Emily Powers

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Judson, as Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:54 PM.

2. General Updates

Commissioner Judson began by noting that the 2019-2021 Energy Efficiency Plan (“the Plan”) would need to be filed by October 31, 2018 and that the Council’s October meeting schedule may be adjusted accordingly. She added that it is the collective goal of all the parties involved to have a Plan that meets and maintains national leading programs, takes energy efficiency to the next level, and has support of the Council, the Attorney General, and DOER.


Lyne, on behalf of the Program Administrators (PAs), gave a recap of the planning process to-date. He began by noting that the PAs delivered the initial draft of the Plan in April and have subsequently distributed a revised version in mid-September. He noted that a tremendous amount of work has been undertaken since the September draft, and added that the PAs have heard Council and public comment and met with various stakeholders to work towards a consensus on savings, budgets, and the performance incentive (PI). Lyne added that the PAs expected to provide updated data tables and a memo on program enhancements by October 19th. He indicated that they were not sure if they would have the term sheets ready at that time, but that if they did,
they would share them with the Council. Lastly, Lyne noted that the PAs were committed to and on track to meet the DPU’s October 31st filing date.

Jacobson noted that LEAN had been in constant contact with the PAs and that they were feeling close to being comfortable with the Plan.

Boyd noted that the current schedule included an extraordinary meeting on October 17th for the Council to discuss its resolution on the Plan. She added that the Council was then planning to vote on the resolution at its regular meeting on October 24th. Boyd indicated that she was concerned about the existing schedule in that it would not make much sense for the Council to work on its resolution at the October 17th meeting if the PAs were not going to deliver updated numbers until October 19th. McCarey noted that they were working on rescheduling the extraordinary meeting on October 17th to October 25th and the October 24th meeting to October 30th.

Belliveau noted that the consultant team (C-Team) had convened with Councilors Harak, Boyd, Wambui, and Boecke to come up with a simple metric for tracking participation by renters, moderate-income, and non-english speaking customers. He added that the metric would require that the PAs, over the three-year period, provide services that provide savings to a certain number of rental units. Boyd added that the number that they were trying to come up with is trying to approach parity. She also noted that the PAs had suggested that they were at parity and that they just wanted a way to measure that.

Jacobson noted that he understood why they would want to get to a number, but that he did not understand how they would measure the validity of that number. Belliveau acknowledged that that would be tough but noted that every new tracking metric that has been explored faces the same thing. He added that that is the reason it would be a bonus for the PAs and not part of the base incentive.

Lyne indicated that he did not have an immediate comment on behalf of the PAs. He added that the PAs are on record noting the DPU’s findings on performance metrics being well documented. He indicated that he would bring the proposal back to the PAs.

3. Upcoming Meeting Agendas

Commissioner Judson noted that the upcoming meetings were in the process of being rescheduled. She added that an announcement would be sent out once the new meeting details were finalized. Lastly, she noted that both the extraordinary and regular Council meetings would be focused on the Plan.

4. Adjournment

Commissioner as Judson, as Chair, adjourned the Executive Committee at 4:05 PM.