

Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council
 Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday January 13, 2015

Councilors Present:

Voting	Present (designee)	Non-Voting	Present (designee)
Austin Blackmon	Brad Swing	James Carey	X
Amy Boyd	X	Cindy Carrol	Thomas Palma
Larry Chretien	X	Elizabeth Cellucci	X
Martha Coakley	Donald Boecke	Maggie Downey	X
Betsy Glynn	X	Michael Ferrante	
Charles Harak		Paul Gromer	X
Elliott Jacobson	Jerrold Oppenheim	Andrew Newman	
Paul Johnson	X	Michael Sommer	X
Chrystal Kornegay		Tilak Subrahmanian	Frank Gundal
Meg Lusardi	Tina Halfpenny	Carol White	Marie Abdou
Richard Malmstrom	X	Eric Winkler	Eric Wilkinson
Deirdre Manning	X		
Michael McDonagh			
Robert Rio			
Martin Suuberg	Nancy Seidman		

Consultants: Eric Belliveau, Jeff Schlegel, Craig Johnson
 DOER: Ian Finlayson, Steve Venezia

Present:

JoAnn Bodemer	Natalie Hildt Treat	Alex Papali
Derek Buchler	Lyn Huckabee	Alex Pollard
Jessica Buno	Susan Kaplan	Aimee Powelka
Kim Drago	Emmett Lyne	Lisa Shea
Jonathan Goldberg	Maggie McCarey	Sharon Weber
Chris Gregory	Sam Milts	Jayden Wilson
Jodi Hanover	Cara Mottola	
Riley Hastings	Matthew Nelson	

Halfpenny called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm.

General Updates:

EEAC December Meeting Minutes

Malmstrom motioned to approve the minutes. Boyd seconded the motion. All were in favor, with no opposed. Manning abstained. **The minutes were approved.**

Executive Committee Minutes – November 5, 2014

Boyd motioned to approve the minutes. Halfpenny seconded the motion. All were in favor, with no opposed or abstaining. **The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee (EC).**

Executive Committee Minutes – November 19, 2014

Boyd motioned to approve the minutes. Halfpenny seconded the motion. All were in favor, with no opposed or abstaining. **The minutes were approved by the EC.**

Executive Committee Minutes – December 4, 2014

Boyd and Boecke requested minor edits to correct their names in the attendees list.

Boyd motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Boecke seconded the motion. All were in favor, with no opposed or abstaining. **The minutes were approved as amended by the EC.**

Executive Committee Minutes – December 18, 2014

Boyd motioned to approve the minutes. Boecke seconded the motion. All were in favor, with no opposed or abstaining. **The minutes were approved by the EC.**

Database

Finlayson updated the Council on database activities. He noted that in response to the May 13, 2014 Council resolution, the DPU issued an order on December 1, 2014 that asked the PAs to produce data in a report by February 23, 2015. He noted that in response to the order, Rich May and the PAs filed a motion to reconsider with the DPU on December 22, 2014 with a letter of support from Oppenheim and LEAN. Finlayson noted that DOER filed a letter in opposition to the motion to reconsider on January 13, 2015, citing that the order would make available information that would help inform the draft plans. He indicated that a decision from the DPU would be forthcoming.

Finlayson also noted that the Database subcommittee would be reconvening during the week of February 9th with a date to be determined.

RCS Regulations

Halfpenny updated the Council on changes to RCS Regulations, noting that DOER has gone through the stakeholder process and have received a lot of feedback. Finlayson noted that there would be a public hearing on the regulations on January 26, 2015 and that the regulations would be published on January 16, 2015.

Monthly Dashboard

Matthew Nelson of NSTAR updated the Council on the November dashboard. He noted that on the electric side, lifetime savings were at 162% for residential, 150% for low income, 52% for commercial and industrial (C&I), and 70% overall. He highlighted the fact that these results are markedly ahead of where the PAs were at this time last year. He also noted that spending was ahead of last year. On the gas side, Nelson reported similar results, noting that at 88% of goal, the portfolio-wide lifetime savings are well ahead of last year.

Nelson then turned it over to representatives from each of the PAs to give a preview of their year-end projections. Emmett Lyne noted that these projections are preliminary. These projections are captured in the table below.

Year End Projections Highlighted by Individual PAs

PA	Sector	Notes
Cape Light Compact	Electric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forecasting to be well over 100% on annual and lifetime goals Main driver of savings is the completion of the street lighting project
National Grid	Electric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forecasting to be at 90-100% of portfolio lifetime goals Residential projected to come in at ~200% and C&I at 70-78% of lifetime goals Strong performance on residential side driven by significant uptake in LEDs and market increase for C&I compared to 2013
	Gas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forecasting to be over 100% of portfolio lifetime goals Driven by strong performance on the residential side and market increase for C&I compared to 2013
Columbia Gas	Gas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forecasting annual savings to be at 99-100% of goal Forecasting lifetime savings to be at 106-110% of goal Budget at 100-101% of goal
Northeast Utilities	Electric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forecasting annual savings to be at 100% for NSTAR Forecasting annual savings to be at 114% for WMECO
	Gas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forecasting annual savings to be at 115% for NSTAR
Berkshire Gas	Gas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forecasting annual savings to be well over 100% Forecasting lifetime savings to be at ~120% Forecasting spending to be at ~113% of budget
Liberty Utilities	Gas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forecasting lifetime savings to be at 102% of goal Forecasting spending to be at ~75-80% of budget Likely to meet residential goals but will fall short on C&I goals
Unitil	Electric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently projected at 86% for lifetime savings Expected to make 100% of goal
	Gas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently projected at 76% for lifetime savings Expected to make 100% of goal

Consultant Report

Belliveau noted that the consultant team (C-Team) recently wrapped up the year-end report, marking the completion of all deliverables for the year. He also noted that they finished the year under budget. He highlighted many of the tasks that the C-Team worked on over the past year which included the DPU processes, analysis and contribution to the AESC study, assessment of the implementation update, database, plan year reports, and various presentations on HES, multifamily, lighting deeper dives, small business, and sector segmentation. He also noted the success of the new website, citing that since September it has received 17,000 page views from 1,900 unique users. Belliveau concluded by noting that the Council is in a good position and has many resources to work from going into the next planning process given the 50 EM&V studies that took place over the past year.

Executive Committee/Governance

Halfpenny noted that the Council decided in December to add a C&I seat to the EC and that the Council needed to vote on whether or not to take the PAs suggestion to split the residential seat into two separate seats – one for low-income and the other for the rest of residential.

Boyd reminded the Council of the original intent of the EC, which is to have a small group to inform the agenda for the full Council meetings. Seidman and Glynn supported the idea of keeping the EC on the smaller side to manage its workability. Halfpenny expressed concern that having more voting members on the EC would present the risk of having a quorum, which in turn could make it so EC meetings would have to be cancelled. Seidman added that splitting the residential seat into two spots could allow C&I members to argue for separate seats for small and large C&I.

Johnson expressed support for having the residential seat split up, noting that adding the additional seat should not make a huge difference in the ECs ability to complete its work. Oppenheim agreed and further noted that low-income representatives are likely not comfortable representing residential views, and vice versa.

Lyne thanked the Council for allowing the PAs to have an ex officio seat on the EC and expressed the PAs support for splitting the residential seat into two seats. He noted that there are unique provisions under the Massachusetts Green Communities Act with respect to low-income delivery and budgets. He asked Councilors to consider this when voting whether or not to split up the residential seat.

Vote to Split Residential Seat

Halfpenny motioned to break the seat on the EC representing the residential sector into two different seats on the EC. Johnson seconded the motion. Chretien, Johnson, and Oppenheim voted in favor of the motion. Boyd, Glynn, Halfpenny, Malmstrom, Manning, Seidman, and Swing voted in opposition of the motion. Boecke abstained. **The motion did not pass.**

Vote for Seat Representing the C&I Sector

Halfpenny noted that Richard Malmstrom was the only nominee for the C&I seat. She motioned to appoint Malmstrom as the EC member representing C&I. All were in favor with no opposed or abstaining. **The motion passed.**

Voting for Seat Representing the Residential Sector

Halfpenny noted that there were three nominations for the residential seat – Betsy Glynn, Elliot Jacobson, and Paul Johnson. Chretien made a motion for the votes to be casted in a secret ballot. Malmstrom seconded the motion. At the recommendation of Venezia, Halfpenny requested that the votes be made publicly. She then requested votes for each of the nominees which are captured below.

- **In favor of Betsy Glynn:** Boyd, Chretien, Glynn, Malmstrom, Seidman, Swing
- **In favor of Elliot Jacobson:** Boecke, Jacobson, Manning
- **In favor of Paul Johnson:** Johnson
- Halfpenny abstained

With six votes, **Betsy Glynn won the nomination** for EC seat representing the residential sector.

Updates to the Executive Committee Charter

As a result of the motion to split the residential seat into two seats not passing, section IV.1.d. was edited to read “Councilor representing the residential including the low-income sector” as opposed to “Councilor representing the residential and low-income sectors.”

Johnson noted that he was concerned about the wording of the last paragraph in section IV.1.d. He noted that leaving the opportunity for Council members who are not part of the EC to express their views at the EC to the discretion of the chair would limit said Councilors ability to inform the agenda. He recommended that the language be edited to provide for time-limited comments by non-EC Council members. Boyd noted that she also had concern about giving that much power to the chair and recommended that a time limit could be at the discretion of the chair. As a result of this concern, the provision for comments to be at the discretion of the Chair was removed from the language.

Malmstrom motioned to approve the Executive Committee Charter as amended. Seidman seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposed or abstaining. **The Executive Committee Charter was approved as amended.**

Ground Rules Review and Vote #3

Halfpenny reviewed the purpose of the ground rules document and asked if the Councilors had any input on it. Johnson noted that with respect to Section II.5, he was uncomfortable with leaving the ability of the C-Team to sit at the table at the discretion of the Chair. He recommended that it be revised to indicate that it would be at the discretion of the Chair, with

support from the Council. Halfpenny noted that this provision was included so that the C-Team is not at the table in instances where their input is not required. Swing noted that he was comfortable leaving the language as is.

Malmstrom motioned to approve the Council Ground Rules. Glynn seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposed or abstaining. **The Council Ground Rules were approved.**

2015 Council Priorities Review and Vote #4

Halfpenny noted that the priorities were briefly discussed in December and that there were some minor changes. Schlegel highlighted some of the changes that were made to the language.

Oppenheim noted that the language with respect to priority number four was possibly misleading. He noted that there are two separate multi-family efforts and that he had some concern that low-income multi-family could get lost in the wording.

Chretien noted that with respect to the other priorities the same could be done to be more specific. He further noted that the point of these priorities should be to be specific enough without being too specific. Malmstrom seconded this point, noting that the Council Priorities document is to guide the Council and does not restrict or exclude what the Council can work on.

Halfpenny recommended to change the title of priority number four to indicate that the Council should explore the consultant recommendation, not the Council's recommendation.

Glynn motioned to approve the Council Priorities as amended. Malmstrom seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposed or abstaining. **The Council Priorities were approved.**

Q1 Council Schedule

Schedule and Overview of Workshops

Halfpenny reviewed a tentative schedule of dates for additional EEAC meetings and workshops. Johnson noted that for the public comment council meeting that commenters should be encouraged to submit their comments in writing.

Facilitation Scope and Budget Vote #5

Halfpenny reviewed Jonathan Raab's proposed budget to facilitate the workshops. Malmstrom noted that he thought the budget was appropriate. Johnson noted that he was comfortable with the budget but would have liked to see more detail with respect to the "design and preparation" component of the budget.

Finlayson and Belliveau highlighted a preliminary format for the workshops noting that there would be briefing materials made available to Councilors prior to workshops. Halfpenny noted that Raab would determine how to facilitate the workshops based on who and how many people sign up for them.

Swing motioned to approve the facilitation budget. Malmstrom seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposed or abstaining. **The facilitation budget was approved.**

Consultant Work Plan and Budget

Belliveau noted that the upcoming planning period would mean that a fair amount of the C-Team's work would be front loaded and that it was not completely clear what deliverables might come out of stakeholder meetings. As a result, he asked the Council to vote on an interim budget of \$265,000.

Manning motioned to approve an interim budget of \$265,000 for the C-Team. Malmstrom seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposed or abstaining. **The C-Team budget was approved.**

Council Roles and Responsibilities

GCA and Council By-Laws

Halfpenny noted that Raab suggested the Council come together as a group to discuss what it thinks its roles and responsibilities are. She noted that Boecke, Boyd, Gromer, and Rio would review the statutory language in the Green Communities Act and the By Laws of the EEAC to determine if anything in the By Laws needed to be clarified or changed. She noted that they would come back at the February Council meeting to facilitate a discussion based on their findings.

Other Topics

Boyd inquired whether or not a decision had been made on if and when the Council would provide orientation to new Councilors. Halfpenny noted that DOER and the C-Team agreed to provide the orientation but had not yet scheduled them. She also noted that the orientation would likely be about the regulatory process.

Adjournment:

Halfpenny congratulated the PAs on their job well done and adjourned the meeting at 3:03 pm.