



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 7, 2023
Virtual Meeting: Zoom

Executive Committee Members Present: Greg Abbe, Jo Ann Bodemer, Amy Boyd, Emmett Lyne, Ian Finlayson (for Commissioner Mahony), Dennis Villanueva

Executive Committee Members Absent: (None)

Other Attendees: Eric Belliveau, Adrian Caesar, Margie Lynch, Ian Finlayson, Rachel Evans, Ina Dasso, Emmett Lyne, Bill Graham, Elliott Jacobson, Aladdine Joroff, Alyssa Vargas, Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Bernetta Morton, David Lyons, Ikenna Ugbaja, Jerrold Oppenheim, John Lanzi, Kate Peters, Seth Federspiel, Steve Menges, William Rose, Paul Johnson

1. Call to Order

Finlayson, acting as Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

2. Executive Committee Updates and Business

Lyne announced that Ikenna Ugbaja, a rising Junior at Yale and prospective law-school student, joined Rich May as a summer intern. Ugbaja planned to shadow Lyne for the summer, and Evans commented that the experience will be valuable.

Boyd stated that she would be leaving Acadia Center at the end of June and would continue to fulfill her responsibilities until a new Councilor is appointed by the Department of Public Utilities. Evans said that the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) will seek candidates to represent the Environmental Community on the EEAC and make a recommendation to the DPU. Evans hoped that Boyd and her associate Kyle Murray could continue to support the Council until a new Councilor is appointed.

Jacobson asked if the Low-Income Energy Affordability Network (LEAN) could be appointed to the Executive Committee in advance of development of the 2025-2027 Three-Year Plan. Evans replied that making this change would require amending the EEAC Charter which forms the Executive Committee.

Bodemer asked if Acadia Center or Boyd represents the Environmental Community on the EEAC. Evans said that Boyd is the representative of the Environmental Community and not Acadia Center. Boyd confirmed that she would continue to work with the Council until a successor is appointed. Finlayson said that DOER would announce Boyd's departure at the June EEAC Meeting.

Villanueva joined the virtual meeting at 10:12 AM.

3. EEAC Management

Follow-Ups from May EEAC Meeting

Finlayson listed no follow-up items from the May EEAC Meeting.

Workshop Facilitator Procurement

Dasso described the timeline for workshops on development of the 2025-2027 Plan, in addition to the procurement schedule for a workshop facilitator. Dasso said that the Executive Committee would enter an executive session in order to discuss responses to the procurement. Finlayson asked if there are scheduling conflicts with the date proposed for the executive session on the 20th and Council Meeting on the 21st and the Executive Committee members indicated there were no conflicts.

4. June EEAC Meeting – Finalize Agenda

Finlayson announced that the June EEAC Meeting agenda would include a lunch-and-learn on the process for developing Three-Year Plans, updates on topics for the workshops, potential dates for public-listening sessions, review of the 2023 First Quarter (Q1) Report, and Commercial & Industrial (C&I) New Construction and Deep Energy Retrofit programs.

Lyne noted that the program administrators (PAs) have coordinated with the Consultant Team (C-Team) on C&I presentation materials and anticipate spending 40 minutes on C&I New Construction and 15 minutes on Deep Energy Retrofit programs. These time allocations include Council discussion.

Lyne stated that National Grid filed a midterm modification (MTM) related to refrigerants, which Menges could describe during the June EEAC Meeting. Finlayson responded that there may be time for brief updates on MTMs during Council Updates. Finlayson asked if the PAs would speak to additional MTMs and the procurement for Residential contractors. Peters confirmed that the PAs would provide updates on the contractor procurement. Finlayson also suggested that the PAs respond to stakeholder inquiries regarding the changing battery baselines. Lyne agreed.

Johnson asked how much time would be dedicated for review and discussion of the 2023 Q1 Report. Finlayson predicted 40-45 minutes, but said that exact timing will be included in the June Meeting Agenda.

Bodemer asked if the other MTMs would be filed before or after the June EEAC Meeting. Lyne replied that the PAs would have a better sense of timing for the MTMs after their next coordination call on June 12. Lyne said that the PAs want to file all MTMs before the June EEAC Meeting, but this is not guaranteed as the PAs are coordinating their filings. Bodemer emphasized that the Councilors need enough time to review MTMs since they have 60 days to act after the filing if they do not support the proposed modifications. Lyne indicated that the PAs cannot discuss substance of the unfiled MTMs but can discuss scheduling in advance. Bodemer agreed that Menges should provide a summary of the MTM on refrigerants during the June EEAC Meeting.

5. July EEAC Meeting – Draft Agenda

Finlayson stated that the July EEAC Meeting would include review of 2022 year-end results, mid-term modifications to the 2022-2024 Plan, heat pumps, and the lighting phaseout for the C&I and Income Eligible sectors.

Lyne anticipated that the PAs would file multiple MTMs in June, which should be discussed during the July EEAC Meeting. Finlayson asked if updates on MTMs would be grouped by program. Lyne replied that the PAs plan to file each of their 1-2 MTMs simultaneously. Finlayson asked if updates on MTMs would complement review of 2022 year-end results. Lyne believed that the topics would pair well. Finlayson recommended that the updates on MTMs reference 2022 year-end results.

Finlayson asked how heat-pump discussion would be separated by sector. Lyne said that the C&I Management Committee has already presented updates on C&I electrification, so Residential and Income-Eligible sectors would be the focus in July.

Lyne said that the PAs aim to provide updates on the phaseout of lighting incentives in July, but there is ongoing work and coordination with the C-Team.

Abbe suggested that DOER emphasize the importance of attending the June EEAC Meeting given that many people take vacations in July. Abbe also suggested that the amount of content warrants an extended EEAC Meeting in July. Lyne agreed and said that heat-pump discussion could be included during the August EEAC Meeting since year-end results and MTMs are critical for July. Lyne summarized 2022 year-end results across the entire Commonwealth

- Statewide Electric PA Lifetime Savings Achievement: 95%
- Statewide Gas PA Lifetime Savings Achievement: 86%
- Statewide Electric PA Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Achievement: 92%
- Statewide Gas PA Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Achievement: 90%

Dasso stated that the July Executive Committee Meeting would be held on July 12, the July EEAC Meeting on July 19, the August Executive Committee Meeting on August 2, and the August EEAC Meeting on August 16. Dasso said that the preliminary topics for the August EEAC Meeting include updates from the C&I Working Group and custom offerings in the C&I sector. Dasso added that the first workshop for development of the 2025-2027 Plan would likely

occur on August 21. Evans requested that members of the Executive Committee communicate any anticipated absences with DOER to ensure that each meeting achieves a quorum. Evans said that the EEAC bylaws allow Councilors to appoint designees to represent them if they are unable to attend a meeting.

6. Adjournment

Finlayson, as Chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:41 AM.

Meeting Materials

- Official Meeting Notice
- Meeting Agenda