



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 2, 2023
Virtual Meeting: Zoom

Executive Committee Members Present: Greg Abbe, Jo Ann Bodemer, Kyle Murray (for Amy Boyd), Emmett Lyne, Commissioner Mahony

Executive Committee Members Absent: Dennis Villanueva

Other Attendees: Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Elliott Jacobson, Bernetta Morton, Noah Vihinen, Bill Graham, Mary Downes, Brian Beote, Michael Hershberg, Paul Johnson, William Rose, Steve Menges, Kate Peters, Gretchen Calcagni, Rachel Evans, David Lyons, Degen Larkin, Brian Beote, Benjamin Silverman, Eric Belliveau, Jerrold Oppenheim, Jennifer Benson, Sam Nigro

1. Call to Order

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

2. Executive Committee Updates and Business

Jacobson requested an update on establishing the Low-income Energy Affordability Network (LEAN) as a standing member of the EEAC Executive Committee. Evans responded that this change would require an amendment to the Executive Committee Charter.

3. EEAC Management

EEAC Representative of the Environmental Community

Commissioner Mahony stated that the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) will accept nominations for the EEAC Representative of the Environmental Community through August 18. Bodemer indicated that she shared this opportunity with the Environmental Division of the Office of the Attorney General. Commissioner Mahony encouraged others to share the posting among their networks.

Commissioner Mahony announced that the two listening sessions would be hosted next week in advance of the 2025-2027 Plan workshops and suggested that public comment be removed from the August EEAC Meeting. Bodemer requested that DOER should direct members of the public to the listening sessions if they want to submit public comment during August. Commissioner Mahony added that public comment can be shared during the end of the August EEAC Meeting if there is sufficient time.

Johnson recommended that public comment be included at the beginning of the August meeting agenda. Commissioner Mahony said that the Council can listen to public comment at the end of the meeting.

Commissioner Mahony noted that a mid-term modification (MTM) from Unitil has been posted with the August EEAC Meeting materials and said that the program administrators (PAs) will likely file additional MTMs in September. Commissioner Mahony said that the Council will develop and vote on a resolution on the Unitil MTM.

4. August EEAC Meeting – Finalize Agenda

Commissioner Mahony announced that the August EEAC Meeting would cover MTMs, an overview of 2025-2027 Plan Workshops, review of custom C&I offerings, and an update from the Equity Working Group.

Johnson requested that the PAs provide updates on pricing for weatherization services and reactions from contractors. Peters responded that updated prices were launched on July 10, everything is working well, and the PAs are scheduling a meeting with home-performance contractors to solicit feedback on the contractor-bonus structure. Commissioner Mahony said that Peters can provide updates on contractor pricing to Johnson directly and discuss these updates with the Executive Committee or Council as needed.

5. September EEAC Meeting – Draft Agenda

Commissioner Mahony stated that the September EEAC Meeting agenda would include votes on MTMs, 2023 Second Quarter Report, and updates on Income-Eligible programs from LEAN.

Bodemer asked if the EEAC Consultants should describe the remaining 2025-2027 Plan Workshops during the August EEAC Meeting. Commissioner Mahony confirmed that the EEAC Consultants would provide an overview.

Jacobson said that LEAN, DOER, and the EEAC Consultants should determine expectations for the updates on Income-Eligible programs. Commissioner Mahony replied that Dasso and the EEAC Consultants would provide guidelines for this presentation.

Dasso shared the schedule for upcoming EEAC meetings, 2025-2027 Plan workshops, and listening sessions.

Johnson asked how DOER is promoting the listening sessions to encourage participation. Evans responded that each Councilor should reach out to their respective constituency. Commissioner Mahony said that DOER has shared the listening sessions on the EEAC website, among its network, via email, and through a DOER newsletter. Commissioner Mahony encouraged all Councilors to promote the listening sessions. Johnson said that the Boston Globe successfully covers environmental issues and proposed that DOER reach out. Commissioner Mahony said that DOER will consider this, but Councilors have the discretion to reach out to media outlets.

Murray asked how Councilors should characterize the listening sessions when sharing information. Commissioner Mahony noted that the intent of the listening sessions is to receive public feedback on the 2025-2027 Plan and the meeting notice for both the workshops and listening sessions include detailed descriptions. Johnson requested that DOER distribute the meeting notices to Councilors.

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Mahony, as Chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:33 AM.

Meeting Materials

- Official Meeting Notice
- Agenda