EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 6, 2024
Virtual Meeting: Zoom

Executive Committee Members Present: Kyle Murray, Jo Ann Bodemer (for Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony), Emmett Lyne, Brian Beote, William Rose, Greg Abbe

Executive Committee Members Absent: (None)

Other Attendees: Adrian Caesar, Jerrold Oppenheimer, Jhenny Saint-Surin, Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Eva Liu, Jordan Galluzzo, David Green, Rachel Evans, Griffith Keating, Benjamin Silverman

1. Call to Order

Bodemer, acting on behalf of the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

Virtual Meeting Procedure
Bodemer reviewed the virtual EEAC meeting procedure:

1. The Council meeting would be recorded for administrative purposes only.
2. All attendees except for Councilors and presenters would remain muted for the duration of the meeting.
3. Councilors would hold comments until the end of presentations, but Councilors and other participants should speak instead of using any chat function.
4. Councilors who disconnect from meetings need to announce when they rejoin.
5. All Council votes would be taken by roll call.

2. Executive Committee Updates and Business

Bodemer announced that the 2025-2027 Three-Year Plan was filed with the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) on Thursday, October 31st, and the Council should have received notice of the filings via email. Bodemer said that the DPU will hold public hearings on the Plan from December 3 to 5. Bodemer reminded Councilors that Dasso had circulated Council Priorities for 2025 and a survey regarding 2024 Council processes and any suggested improvements. Bodemer

also said that the DPU does not allow Program Administrators (PAs) to participate in the November and December meetings, so the agendas should avoid topics that require their input.

3. November EEAC Meeting – Finalize Agenda

Bodemer stated that the November EEAC Meeting will include a Final Review of the 2025-2027 Plan, a presentation of the DPU process to review the 2025-2027 Plan, a discussion of EEAC priorities for 2025, and a presentation of the 2013-2022 Residential Nonparticipant Study.

Bodemer suggested that each Councilor provide direct input on the 2025 EEAC priorities to ensure that everyone can be heard. Abbe agreed and suggested including this procedure in the email sent out before the meeting such that Councilors are prepared. Bodemer said that DOER has a duty to facilite a conversation that includes everyone.

Bodemer said that the Council survey also includes a vote for a Councilor meet-and-greet event to help everyone get to know each other.

Rose expressed concerns that he and other Councilors will be occupied with adjudicating the Plan, therefore unable to provide much feedback on the EEAC Priorities. Bodemer acknowledged the time constraint and said that any contributions to the Priorities will be valuable.

Beote supported the idea of Councilors sharing biographies and individually contributing to the EEAC Priorities. Bodemer added that getting to know each other as individuals would provide helpful context on each Councilors' perspective and facilitate better communication.

Rose suggested that the Council discuss how the new presidential administration may impact federal funding and programs. Beote said that the Weatherization Assistance Program, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and Head Start are all vulnerable Community Assistance Programs, but utility programs should be safe because they are legislatively mandated by the Commonwealth. Bodemer said that she hoped that the Home Energy Rebates and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates would remain, but DOER can keep the Council informed. Bodemer also said that reductions to the regional fund for heat-pumps would affect energy-efficiency programs.

4. December EEAC Meeting – Draft Agenda

Bodemer stated that the December EEAC meeting will include a presentation by the EEAC Consultants on the Mass Save 2024 Third Quarter Performance Report, a presentation of 2022-2024 Plan End-of-Term Projections, and a discussion of the EEAC Draft Priorities for 2025.

Bodemer said that the December meeting was supposed to include a presentation from Miller[3] Consulting on the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Study, but the PAs requested that this be rescheduled for January so the PAs can participate. Bodemer recommended keeping a short agenda to accommodate the holidays and the Councilors' increased workloads.

Emmet Lyne joined the virtual meeting at 10:19 AM.

Rose and Beote agreed that a shortened agenda for the December EEAC meeting makes sense.

Lyne thanked the Executive Committee for shortening the December agenda and the Council for its leadership in developing its Resolution on the 2025-2027 Plan. Lyne said that the PAs are zealous advocates of the filed Plan.

5. Adjournment

Bodemer, acting on behalf of the Chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:22 AM.

Meeting Materials

- Official Meeting Notice
- Meeting Link
- Agenda