EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 4, 2024
Virtual Meeting: Zoom

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

Executive Committee Members Absent: (None)

Other Attendees: Griffith Keating, Gretchen Calcagni, Jordan Galluzzo, Brian Schaap, Rachel Evans, Jerrold Oppenheim, Saurabh Betawadkar

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 Department of Public Utilities (DPU) had been conducting public hearings on the 2025-2027 Three Year Plan. Bodemer said that several members of the public expressed support for the Plan, particularly offerings for renters, at the hearing on December 3. Bodemer stated there are three more upcoming public hearings:

- December 4, 2024: In-person hearing in New Bedford, MA
- December 5, 2024: Virtual hearing
- December 6, 2024: In-person heating in Boston, MA.

Bodemer said that Commissioner Mahony and the Mayor of Boston will be speaking at the virtual hearing on December 5 and reminded Councilors that the DPU continues to seek input on the Plan.

Bodemer announced that the following 2025 EEAC Executive Committee and EEAC meeting dates will differ from the standard cadence of meetings due to holidays:

- January EEAC Executive Committee Meeting – January 8, 2025
- January EEAC Meeting – January 22, 2025
- February EEAC Meeting – February 26, 2025
- July EEAC Executive Committee Meeting – July 9, 2025
- July EEAC Meeting – July 23, 2025
- October EEAC Meeting – October 22, 2025

Bodemer said that the September EEAC meeting has a scheduling overlap with a Grid Modernization Advisory Council (GMAC) meeting and proposed hosting the meeting on Microsoft Teams instead of Zoom. Abbe suggested holding the meeting in person. Bodemer said that the GMAC schedule is tentative so they may be willing to reschedule their meeting.

3. December EEAC Meeting – Finalize Agenda

Bodemer stated that the December EEAC Meeting will be a shortened, 2-hour meeting because the Program Administrators (PAs) will not be present. The December EEAC Meeting will include discussion of 2025 EEAC Meeting Topics and Dates, a presentation on the Mass Save 2024 Third Quarter Performance, discussion of the Draft EEAC Priorities for 2025, and a presentation from the Equity Working Group on their Draft Equity Targets and Priorities for 2025-2027.

Bodemer highlighted two additions to EEAC meetings in 2025 on alternating months: the Councilor Spotlight and the Councilor Expertise segment. Bodemer said that Commissioner Mahony volunteered to speak during January's Councilor Spotlight. The Councilor Spotlights will cover a highlighted Councilor's background and professional journey in the energy industry, while the Councilor Expertise segments will highlight a Councilor's area of expertise and how they represent their constituency on the Council. Bodemer said that she would ask for volunteers for both segments at the December EEAC Meeting. Beote volunteered for the March Councilor Spotlight.

4. January EEAC Meeting – Draft Agenda

Bodemer announced that the January EEAC Meeting will include a Councilor Spotlight for Commissioner Mahony, discussion and vote on the 2025 EEAC Priorities, discussion and vote on the EEAC Consultant 2025 Work Plan and Budget, discussion of 2025 EEAC Meeting topics,

a presentation by the PAs on the 2022-2024 Plan End-of-Term Projections, and a summary of the 2025-2027 Plan evidentiary proceedings.

Bodemer noted that several Councilors had requested increased discussion time, in response to the 2024 Year-End Councilor survey. Bodemer said that discussion of the DPU's evidentiary proceedings will be a great opportunity for interveners in the 2025-2027 Plan Docket to actively participate.

Bodemer added that Councilors also expressed preference for an organized, modular approach to meeting presentations and discussions, and that this consistent approach will help Councilors better prepare for meetings.

5. Adjournment

Bodemer, acting on behalf of the Chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:23 AM.

Meeting Materials

- Official Meeting Notice
- Meeting Link
- Agenda