EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 1, 2025
Virtual Meeting: Zoom

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

Executive Committee Members Absent:

Other Attendees: Jordan Galluzzo, Ina Dasso, Audrey Kiernan, Benjamin Silverman, Bernette Morton, Gretchen Calcagni, Jerrold Oppenheim, Jim Leydon, Leah Cohen, Maggie Downey, Rachel Evans, Steve Menges

1. Call to Order

Bodemer, acting on behalf of the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Virtual Meeting Procedure
Bodemer reviewed the virtual EEAC meeting procedure:

1. The Council meeting is recorded, for administrative purposes only.
2. All attendees except for Councilors and presenters remain muted for the duration of the meeting.
3. Councilors should 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 are taken by roll call.

2. Executive Committee Business and Updates

DOER Updates
Bodemer thanked the Councilors who testified in support of the EEAC before the Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy committee the week prior. Bodemer announced that the State Auditor's Office (SAO) issued a report on Mass Save, and DOER can share the report and answer any questions.

Commissioner Mahony said that DOER is still digesting the report, but it was based on older data that had already been tracked and reported to the Equity Working Group (EWG). Commissioner Mahony said that this information drove the EEAC's conversations for the past several years and resulted in a much-improved Plan, in particular for underserved groups such as Income Eligible, Moderate Income, and renters. Commissioner Mahony said that the EEAC has taken the lead in driving change, and that change is already materializing on the ground. Commissioner Mahony said that Mass Save is nation leading and attempting to correct for the oversights and mistakes of the past, and she is proud of the EEAC, the Plan, and especially the work of the EWG. Commissioner Mahony said that what will be clear to the public is that the EEAC has already accomplished many of the recommendations that were outlined in the SAO report.

Murray agreed that many of the recommendations that were outlined in the report are things that the EEAC and Mass Save are already doing, with the exception of the recommendation for the utilities to no longer administer the programs. Murray asked about the timeline for the turnkey Designated Equity Communities (DECs) offering. Bodemer responded that the PAs have set the end of 2025 for this rollout, and they are working hard to do this as described in the Plan. Cohen said that the PAs are nearly finished with the rental electrification agreement.

Abbe asked if the data used in the SAO report is the same data set that the PAs presented to the EEAC in July, and further, how does it align or not align with the data that was presented. Lyne said that the PAs are verifying all of the statistical analyses in the SAO report, but it initially does appear to be spotlighting different things from the same data set. Lyne thanked Commissioner Mahony for her remarks regarding the SAO report and stated that the PAs are aligned with her sentiments. Lyne said that the PAs released a statement saying that they are committed to equity, and the report failed to analyze ongoing equity efforts which address the report's recommendations.

Commissioner Mahony said that this is the time for all EEAC members, and particularly the PAs, to be very vocal in their support for Mass Save programs. Commissioner Mahony encouraged the Councilors to spread the word about the Mass Save solutions center.

Bodemer stated that the EEAC will select the EEAC Consultant team for the next three years during an executive session at the November EEAC meeting. Bodemer said that responses are due October 20, and DOER will share the responses with the Executive Committee for review.

3. October EEAC Meeting – Finalize Agenda

Bodemer stated that the October EEAC meeting will include presentations from the PAs and the EEAC Consultants on the Mass Save Customer Journey, the Mass Save Customer Experience, and the 2022-2024 Three-Year Plan Term Report.

Beote said that he supported leaving lots of room for discussion in the agenda, particularly for the Three-Year Plan results.

Commissioner Mahony asked if there will be time for reactions and corrections to the SAO report during the Three-Year Plan Term Report given the PAs' current information. Lyne said

that this would be best handled by the EEAC Consultants, and a useful source of data is the presentation from July. Lyne added that the PAs were fully cooperative with the SAO inquiries, and the discrepancies lie in how the data was highlighted and the fact that ongoing efforts were not considered. Bodemer said that DOER is planning to mention the SAO report during DOER updates and asked if the Executive Committee had a preference of how it was presented. Commissioner Mahony said that it is wise to have something prepared, but it does not need to be its own agenda item.

Lyne said that the PAs are doing a deep dive in the data used in the SAO report, and they will provide corrections if any mistakes or inaccuracies are found.

Murray asked if some of the PAs' statements may not be accurate or if the data in the SAO report may have inaccuracies. Lyne clarified that the PAs are working on validating the data in the SAO report.

4. November EEAC Meeting – Draft Agenda

Bodemer stated that the November EEAC meeting will include presentations on the Active Demand Management Load Management study, Heat Loan Market Response, Commercial & Industrial Programs updates, and Third-Party Implementers.

Bodemer suggested that Abode could deliver the presentation on third-party implementers, as they had a well-received presentation at a Residential Working Group meeting.

Beote said that he was in favor of Abode presenting but was curious if there was a role for an installer-type implementer to present as well. Bodemer said that this would be a welcome addition.

Commissioner Mahony left the virtual meeting at 10:31 AM.

Bodemer said that DOER was planning to provide updates on the Commercial & Industrial working group, the Existing Building Commissioning study, and other relevant studies during the Commercial & Industrial program update.

Murray reiterated that now is the time to be vocal in defense of energy efficiency programs and their benefits to the state. Murray said that there may be legislation on the horizon to scale back the programs, and it is important to start protecting them at their current budgets now even though nothing definitive has occurred yet.

5. Adjournment

Bodemer, on behalf of the Chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:33 AM.

Meeting Materials

- Official Meeting Notice

- Meeting Link
- Agenda