MA ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 5, 2026
Virtual Meeting: Zoom

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

Executive Committee Members Absent:

Other Attendees: Jordan Galluzzo, Ina Dasso, Sophie Protano, Griff Keating, Margaret Song, Paul Carey, Katherine Straus, Rachele Marshall, Tarshia Green-Williams, Ben Silverman, Jerrold Oppenheim

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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 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.
6. Language Services are available upon request.

2. Executive Committee Business and Updates

DOER Updates
Bodemer announced that the next 2028-2030 Three-Year Planning workshop would take place on August 27, and it would cover the Commercial & Industrial (C&I) and Income Eligible sectors. Bodemer asked the Executive Committee for feedback on the first workshop.

Razzaq said that Abbe expressed concern that, despite robust discussion during the workshop, the range of views shared by Councilors may not have provided the PAs with clear and actionable direction. Bodemer said that this was a fair concern but noted that three additional workshops remain and are intended to help the Council refine priorities and develop more specific recommendations for the PAs.

Beote said that he was unable to attend the first workshop but spoke with his colleagues afterward and heard similar concerns regarding the lack of consensus, and he said that he would support an additional workshop if needed. Beote also said that the ongoing legislative discussions surrounding the affordability bill create significant uncertainty that could have major implications for Mass Save® and development of the next Three-Year Plan. Bodemer agreed that legislative changes could undermine much of the work currently underway.

Davenport said that he was pleased with the workshop facilitation and noted that participants were given a fair opportunity to share their perspectives.

Murray said that he agreed the workshop was well facilitated, noting that facilitators made an effort to engage participants who were less inclined to speak. Murray said that he agreed with Abbe's observation that there was not yet a clear consensus, but viewed that as appropriate during the workshop phase, which is intended to explore issues and tradeoffs before recommendations are developed.

Keating said that it is fair to observe that the workshops have not yet produced clear resolutions but explained that their purpose is to allow deeper exploration of tradeoffs the Council has been discussing for years. Keating said that, as the process moves from workshops to recommendation development, the discussions and outcomes from the workshops will help inform the Council's recommendations to the PAs.

Cohen said that she agreed with Murray's perspective, expressed confidence in the collaborative process, and noted that the PAs found the workshop valuable.

Bodemer said that the facilitators distributed an additional poll to Councilors to help inform the second workshop and noted that responses were due at the end of the day.

Bodemer said that beginning in September, DOER will use a new Zoom account and all EEAC and subcommittee meetings will be conducted in webinar format.

August EEAC Meeting – Finalize Agenda

Bodemer said that the August EEAC meeting would include updates on the 2028-2030 Three-Year Planning process, an update on the Mass Save Solutions Center from the PAs, C&I Sector updates, and a presentation from DOER on related utility system planning efforts.

Cohen said that the upcoming C&I presentation will also cover weatherization, provide an update on the Transforming Energy in Schools Initiative (TESI), and include discussion of greenhouse gas-only measures.

Murray said that the Climate Compliance Plans dockets are still being adjudicated and that, because no decisions have been issued, the presentation will likely focus on the general positions of intervenors in the dockets. Bodemer said that the presentation may instead provide a high-level overview of the dockets without discussing specific positions. Murray said that he could provide information on intervenor positions if DOER staff are unable to do so, noting that he believes it is important for the Council to be aware of those perspectives.

Keating asked whether the agenda included a presentation on bill impacts. Bodemer said that this topic would be addressed as part of the 2028-2030 planning updates.

3. September EEAC Meeting – Draft Agenda

Bodemer said that the September EEAC meeting would include updates on the 2028-2030 Three-Year Planning process, PA updates, a presentation on the Mass Save Q2 Performance report, a presentation on the Mass Save Q2 Budget Report, and Equity Working Group updates.

4. Adjournment

Bodemer, on behalf of the Chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:25 AM.

Meeting Materials

- Official Meeting Notice
- Meeting Link
- Agenda