MA ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 2, 2026
Virtual Meeting: Zoom

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

Executive Committee Members Absent:

Other Attendees: Jordan Galluzzo, Ina Dasso, Sophie Protano, Gretchen Calcagni, Rachel Evans, Griff Keating, Hailey Droogan, Rachele Marshall, Benjamin Silverman

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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 said that the next 2028-2030 Three-Year Planning workshop would be held on September 17 and will focus on the Residential sector, including both Market-Rate and Moderate-Income customers. Bodemer said that the first two workshops generated robust discussion but often ran short on time and suggested reducing presentation time from the EEAC Consultants, with the expectation that Councilors review briefing materials in advance so more workshop time can be devoted to discussion.

Abbe said that he supports this approach provided it is clearly communicated beforehand that Councilors are expected to read the briefing materials in advance and that presentations will be limited.

Murray said that the workshops have included productive discussions but suggested that conversations can become repetitive and that there is value in moving discussions forward once key points have been raised.

Beote said that he supports reducing presentation time as long as briefing materials are distributed well in advance of the workshop.

Lyne said that the PAs support the change and noted that it makes timely distribution of briefing materials even more important so that the PAs can review them and provide feedback.

Bodemer asked for feedback on the previous planning workshop.

Murray said that the workshop went well but encouraged Councilors to follow the established procedures regarding questions and comments and to keep remarks concise so that all participants have an opportunity to contribute.

Beote agreed with Murray's comments regarding conciseness and ensuring all participants have an opportunity to speak within the established workshop structure. Beote said that he also appreciated the facilitators' efforts to keep discussions moving efficiently.

Davenport agreed that the facilitators did a good job managing the discussion.

Commissioner Mahony joined the virtual meeting at 10:12.

Bodemer said that DOER was considering moving the September EEAC meeting from September 16 to September 23. Murray and Commissioner Mahony confirmed their availability on September 23. Bodemer said that DOER would move the September EEAC meeting to September 23.

Murray suggested that if there are agenda items on which absent Councilors may wish to provide input, the Council should consider adjusting the agenda accordingly.

Bodemer said that the final workshop is currently scheduled for October 8 and suggested moving it to October 15 to allow additional time between workshops. Commissioner Mahony confirmed that she is available on October 15. Beote said that he opposed moving the date because he would be unavailable but noted that James Collins may be able to attend as his designee. Bodemer said that the workshop would likely be rescheduled to October 15.

Bodemer said that the October 21 EEAC meeting will be held in person at the Department of Transportation District 3 Headquarters in Worcester. Bodemer said that there will be limited capacity for in-person public attendance, and advance registration will be required.

Bodemer announced that public listening sessions on the draft EEAC Recommendations for the 2028-2030 Three-Year Plan will be held on November 10 and November 12.

3. September EEAC Meeting – Draft Agenda

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

4. October EEAC Meeting – Draft Agenda

Bodemer said that the October EEAC meeting would include updates on the 2028-2030 Three-Year Planning process, a summary of workshop outcomes and draft recommendations, and PA updates on marketing efforts.

Lyne said that he would confirm with the other PAs but believes they can provide an update on marketing efforts at the October EEAC meeting. Lyne said that, if there are specific aspects of marketing that the Council would like addressed, the PAs would welcome guidance on areas of focus for the presentation.

Commissioner Mahony said that she would like the presentation to include an update on marketing budget performance to date. Commissioner Mahony said that rising oil prices could lead to increased interest in Mass Save heading into the winter, and it would be helpful to understand how the PAs are preparing for potential increases in participation and how marketing resources are being deployed to support those efforts.

Abbe said that much of the Income Eligible program budget and pipeline has been committed for some time, and it would be useful to understand how marketing is being handled for Income Eligible customers, particularly if some customers may not be served before the winter season. Beote said that vendors can utilize Heating Emergency Assistance Retrofit Task Weatherization Assistance Program (HEARTWAP) funding for heating emergencies during the winter, as well as certain cleanings and assessments. Beote said that customers will continue to be served based on both application order and urgency of need.

Bodemer said that it may be worthwhile to include a separate discussion on winter preparedness, and the DOER staff would take the suggestion under advisement and discuss it further, noting that the Executive Committee will have another opportunity to consider the topic at its October meeting.

Abbe stated that he will leave for paternity leave around October 24, and he will work to set up a designee for the November meetings that he will miss.

5. Adjournment

Bodemer, on behalf of the Chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:36 AM.

Meeting Materials

- Official Meeting Notice
- Meeting Link
- Agenda