



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019
100 Cambridge St, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Executive Committee Members Present: Don Boecke, Amy Boyd, Elliott Jacobson, Emmett Lyne, Rick Malmstrom, Maggie McCarey (for Judith Judson)

Other Attendees: Maggie Downey, Audrey Eidelman, Rachel Evans, Frank Gundal, Jodi Hanover, Craig Johnson, Margie Lynch, Jerrold Oppenheim, Alex Pollard, Emily Powers

1. Call to Order

McCarey, as Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM.

2. General Updates

McCarey gave an update to the Executive Committee (ExCom) on the procurement status for the technical consultant to the EEAC. She noted that DOER was in the process of working on getting the final legal and fiscal signoff before it would be released. Boecke asked when the ExCom would be expected to review bids. McCarey said that review period would likely be in late August.

Powers noted that DOER had an intern working on the legislative report. She added that the intern had reviewed the quarterly reports and pulled out several topics. Powers indicated that the next step would be to draft topics by year and then identify case studies that related to them. Powers added that DOER would send a draft to the Program Administrators (PAs) and the ExCom for review. McCarey noted that the legislative report would cover the years of 2016-2018 and that the timing for release would be late summer.

McCarey asked if the PAs could give an update on the RGGI letter to the DPU. Hanover indicated that the DPU asked the PAs to estimate RGGI funds. She added that DOER and the PAs held a few meetings to discuss the topic and that they filed a letter to the DPU on July 1, 2019. She indicated that she would not anticipate hearing back from the DPU.

Evans noted that Greg Abbe had been appointed as the new designee for DHCD's seat on the Council.

McCarey noted that future ExCom meetings were being moved to the first Wednesday of the month from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

3. Cape Light Compact and Eversource Active Demand Update

Downey noted that Eversource presented the Cape Light Compact (CLC) with a revised memorandum of agreement (MOA) on June 28, 2019. She indicated that the revised MOA included most of CLC's mitigation measures and that the CLC provided comments on July 2, 2019 that identified a few areas that needed clarification. Downey noted that the next step would be for Eversource to respond to those items and then to finalize the document. Lastly, Downey and Gundal asked that the two parties not give a detailed update in July and instead give one in August once the MOA is finalized.

McCarey asked if any of the clarifying questions would present any major issues. Downey and Gundal indicated that they did not believe so.

McCarey asked what the filing deadline was for the MOA. Downey indicated that the deadline was on or before September 30, 2019. Boyd suggested that the agreement would need to be signed before the August Council meeting so that the Council would have time to discuss solutions if the agreement were to fall through.

4. Upcoming Meeting Agendas

July Council Meeting

McCarey reviewed the draft agenda for the July EEAC meeting. The proposed agenda included a brief discussion of the EEAC survey results, an update from Eversource and CLC on their negotiations, and presentations on small business program delivery and various commercial and industrial (C&I) program enhancements.

Given prior comments from Eversource and CLC, McCarey suggested removing their negotiations update and reallocating the time reserved for that to topics already on the agenda. Malmstrom recommended moving it to the section on C&I program enhancements. McCarey agreed.

August Council Meeting

McCarey reviewed a list of potential topics for the August Council meeting which included the customer profile study, energy optimization updates, CLC and Eversource active demand negotiations, quarterly update on energy efficiency efforts in the Greater Lawrence area, second quarter and key performance indicators report, and evaluated 2016-2018 term results.

Pollard noted that DNV GL was exploring ways to put the C&I customer profile study online. He added that it would give users the ability to access the data in different ways and that it represented a step forward. McCarey indicated that August was recommended earlier in the year

as a good time to demonstrate the database. She added that it was not an urgent topic and that it could be moved to later in the year if needed. Lyne suggested that September or later would work better for the PAs.

McCarey noted that the Council recently received an update on energy optimization for the residential sector and her understanding was that a fair amount of progress had been made on the C&I sector. Lyne asked for specific ideas on what areas of energy optimization Councilors wanted to talk about. McCarey suggested progress on the logic model as a discrete area to focus on. Boyd suggested training as another area. Lyne indicated that those were helpful suggestions.

McCarey suggested that they would probably want to spend a fair amount of time at the August meeting discussing 2016-2018 term results and the second quarter update. Lyne agreed, especially since there would be new content in the quarterly report.

Hanover suggested that more time be allocated to the second quarter results in August since those results become less timely the further out they go. McCarey agreed and suggested that some of the 2016-2018 term results could be presented in September.

Boyd noted that the results of the winter benefit study was on the original schedule for August. She asked when it would be ready to be presented on. McCarey indicated that they were thinking November.

McCarey asked if anyone had suggestions for future meetings. Boyd suggested an update on the non-participant study. Lynch indicated that the final report was scheduled to be completed in December and that she was not sure what outputs might be available for Council review prior to that. Lyne noted that the PAs might request to present on active demand results in November instead of October depending on how the calling of events goes during the summer.

5. Adjournment

McCarey, as Chair, adjourned the Executive Committee at 3:20 PM.