

Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Councilors Present:

Voting	Present (designee)	Non-Voting	Present (designee)
James Colman	Nancy Seidman	Derek Buchler	X
Martha Coakley	Danielle Rathbun	James Carey	X
Penn Loh	X	Penni Conner	X
Philip Giudice	Frank Gorke	Alisha Frazee	
Debra Hall	X	Kevin Galligan	X
Charles Harak	X	George Gantz	X
Elliot Jacobson	X	John Ghiloni	
Jeremy McDiarmid	X	Paul Gromer	X
Rick Mattila	X	Andrew Newman	
Robert Rio	X	Richard Oswald	X
TBA [EE]		Michael Sommer	X
		Carol White	X

DOER: Steven Venezia

Consultants: Paul Horowitz, Jeff Schlegel, Eric Belliveau, John Livermore

Present:

Geoff Chapin	Lyn Huckabee	Monica Cohen
John Carlton-Foss	Kara Gray	Jack Habib
Thomas Josie	Sue Kaplan	Jeff Leupold
Erin Malone	Danah Tench	Cara Mottola
Matthew Nelson	Jeremy Newberger	Bob O'Brien
Adam Brzowski	Meera Reynolds	Lisa Shea
Ben Spruill	Tilak Subrahmanian	Christine Vaughan
Matt Zenni	Emmett Lyne	Adam Klauber
Marie Harb	Jane Sugarman	Trish Walker
Jim Behnke	Jodi Hanover	Karl Munzel
Scott Dupont	David Jacobson	Jerry Oppenheim

I. Introduction

Gorke convened the meeting at 2:11pm. He introduced Eric Belliveau, head of Optimal consulting team, and indicated that the two main items on the meeting agenda would be the Resolution and 2011 budget.

II. Public Comment

Two members of the public spoke about the new Mass Save program, the RFP development process, and the lead vendor model. Gorke noted that the program redesign has been an open and transparent process. Rathbun noted that the PAs and consultants have diligently addressed the concerns of stakeholders.

III. Mid-Term Modifications (MTMs), Resolution

Gorke explained that a resolution would be considered that reflected the Council's position on the PAs' Mid-Term Modifications (MTMs). He noted that the PAs' MTMs and the Consultants' report respectively represent their best efforts. He further noted the productive discussions and subsequent improvements since the last Council meeting, which are reflected in the report and resolution. McDiarmid motioned to consider the Resolution as circulated on Friday, December 10, 2010; Seidman seconded. Gorke distributed a set of proposed amendments intended to make Resolution language consistent with prior Council statements. Rathbun motioned to accept the proposed edits; McDiarmid seconded. Passed by unanimous vote. Lyne commented that there were many more areas of agreement than disagreement, and that the PAs were on board with the Councilors' edits. He indicated the only outstanding issue for the PAs was the endorsement of the Consultants' report. A discussion took place among the Councilors on the issue of whether or not the resolution should endorse the Consultants' report. McDiarmid noted that it was good to see that the Consultants do not always agree with the PAs, and that it was important that the report be endorsed by the Council. Schlegel noted the risk of the Council supporting the thousands of pages of the PAs' MTMs but not the Consultants' report.

Following further discussion among the Councilors about the relationship between the MTMs and Consultant report, additional resolution text was proposed. McDiarmid moved to accept the amendments; Rio seconded. The resolution was approved, with the AG voting no. Gorke noted that the amended resolution was on the table. A vote on the amended resolution was taken. The resolution was approved, with the AG voting no. Rathbun commented that the AG had to vote no, given its position regarding the PAs' interpretation of the DPU guidelines. She further noted that the AG's office could send a position letter to the DPU. Gorke concluded that the Council accepted and adopted the resolution as twice amended. He expressed appreciation for everyone's commitment to, work on, and thoughtful consideration of the resolution.

IV. Budget, resolution

Gorke distributed the Consultants' 2011 budget and work plan, and noted that the Budget Committee unanimously recommended this proposal to the Council for approval. He expressed his view that the consultants have done an excellent job, and were continuing in the right direction and improving their team's overall efficiency. Gorke noted that the proposal does ask that the PAs work in new ways with the Consultants. He explained that the budget is similar to 2010. The Consultants were asked to leave the room for the Council discussion. After discussion, Harak moved to consider the proposal; Hall seconded. Approved.

The Consultants returned to the meeting and Gorke asked Belliveau to expand on how the Consultants are proposing to work with the PAs in 2011. Belliveau thanked Gorke and clarified that the Consultants are asking to get the higher level decision makers together on a quarterly basis to strategically chart program direction. He noted the request that agendas and meeting minutes of working group meetings be filed. Gorke explained that

there was no intent to create any new reporting requirements, and suggested the possibility of establishing a working group to establish and define the evolving new relationship between the Consultants and the PAs.

Gorke commented that he was proud of the accomplishments of the Council to date. He asked everybody to look at 2011 as an opportunity to work together in new ways and go further. Gorke noted that the January 2011 meeting might be held at MIT to mark the progress the university has made working with NSTAR to meet their energy savings goals.

V. Gorke adjourned meeting at 1:58pm.