



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

100 Cambridge St, 2nd Floor
Conference Rooms C and D
Boston, MA 02114

Councilors Present: Donald Boecke (for Maura Healey), Amy Boyd, Cindy Carroll, Elizabeth Cellucci, Larry Chretien, Fran Cummings (for Paul Gromer), Maggie Downey, Betsy Glynn, Charles Harak, Paul Johnson, Judith Judson, Richard Malmstrom, Deirdre Manning, Michael McDonagh, Robert Rio, Nancy Seidman (for Martin Suuberg), Michael Sommer, Tilak Subrahmanian, Brad Swing (for Austin Blackmon), Patricia Walker (for James Carey), John Wells (for Elliott Jacobson), Carol White, Eric Winkler

Councilors Absent: Michael Ferrante, Alana Murphy, Andrew Newman

Consultants Present: Eric Belliveau, Craig Johnson, Jeff Schlegel

DOER Staff Present: Ian Finlayson, Lyn Huckabee, Susan Kaplan, Maggie McCarey, Alex Pollard, Steve Venezia

Others Present: Marie Abdou, JoAnn Bodemer, Grayson Bryant, Derek Buchler, Brian Butler, Brandy Chambers, Melanie Coen, David Gold, Jonathan Goldberg, Michael Goldman, Frank Gundal, Jodi Hanover, Riley Hastings, Jeff Leupold, Paul Lipke, Christopher Long, Lourdes Lopez, Emmett Lyne, Ezra McCarthy, Sam Milts, Cara Mottola, Mathew Nelson, Brenda Pike, Jonathan Raab, Matt Sanders, Nick Schwalbert, Natalie Treat, Jennifer Turnbull-Houde, Tabitha Vigliotti, Jayden Wilson

1. Call to Order

Judson called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

2. Public Comment

Paul Lipke (Healthcare Without Harm) voiced concern with the first draft of the 2016-2018 Three Year Plan (“the Plan”). He noted that despite the effort that went into it and its length, it

did not address a number of important areas and had unacceptably weak goals for the healthcare sector. He highlighted the following four points that he would like to see included in the Plan:

1. For each major C&I subsector, include high level strategy and specific benchmarks to reduce the cumulative C&I performance gap.
2. Increase the attention paid to energy efficiency at mid-sized and smaller C&I customers.
3. Launch a comprehensive, integrated, energy efficiency ‘Smart Lab’ demonstration project or proof of concept, with statewide expansion to follow.
4. In keeping with the Green Communities Act, Section 4e (c), PAs should explore the advantages of stressing health benefits in MassSave strategy and literature.

3. General Updates

Judson began by introducing herself as the new Chair of the Council and thanked Dan Burgess for his work in acting as chair. Council members introduced themselves to Judson.

Venezia gave a quick refresher on the open meeting laws. He noted that the EC needs to be able to do its job without concern that they are making a quorum of the full Council. He asked voting members not on the EC to refrain from attending EC meetings unless there is an issue of high importance to their constituents being discussed. He recommended Councilors call ahead if this is the case so that they can make sure that they are not in violation of any open meeting laws.

Venezia clarified that non-voting members do not count towards a quorum. He also noted that proxies for voting members of the Council should err on the side of caution and refrain from attending EC meetings.

EEAC Meeting Minutes – March 31, 2015

Malmstrom motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Glynn seconded. All were in favor, with no opposed. Harak and Judson abstained. The minutes were approved by the Council.

EEAC Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2015

Glynn requested an edit to the sixth bullet item under Councilor comments. The amendment was to add “for residential gas” to the part of the bullet point in quotation. Winkler submitted an edit to the first bullet item under Councilor comments. The amendment was to restate an incorrect point about CHP. Seidman noted that her name was spelt incorrectly on the eighth bullet item under Councilor comments. The minutes were amended to correctly spell her name.

Glynn motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Malmstrom seconded. All were in favor, with no opposed. Boecke, Judson, and Rio abstained. The minutes were approved as amended by the Council.

EEAC Executive Committee Minutes – May 14, 2015

Malmstrom motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Boecke seconded. All were in favor, with no opposed or abstaining. The minutes were approved as submitted by the Executive Committee (EC).

Schedule of Workshops

Judson noted that the June Council meeting would be moved to June 29th because of a conflict with an Eversource event. She noted that the location would be determined and distributed the following week. Subrahmanian later noted that the event is a C&I expo focused on medium and large customers.

Finlayson added that two EEAC webinars on EM&V had been added to the schedule and that they would take place on May 27th and June 1st.

Commercial Real Estate Working Group Update

Pollard noted that the work has been completed and that the final report has been posted to the EEAC website. He also noted that a formal presentation about the report and its findings would occur in either June or July.

Acadia Center Report on Winter Impact of Energy Efficiency

Boyd reviewed the high level findings of the Acadia Center's report, noting that without efficiency the Northeast would have incurred an additional \$1.5 billion in costs.

Quarter 1 Results

Riley Hastings (Eversource) and Melanie Coen (National Grid) gave a brief presentation on the PAs first quarter performance. They highlighted YTD participants, spending, annual, and lifetime savings at the portfolio level compared to the annual and three year goals. They also highlighted lifetime savings, annual savings, and spending compared to the annual goals at the sector level. Hastings also noted that the MassSave data is now available back to 2010.

4. Until Electric Mid-Term Modification

Carroll noted that the MTM proposal is for an increase in the budget for the electric whole house program and that the need for this is mainly being driven by the HES program. She also noted that this is a category 2 MTM, and that Unutil would file with the DPU should the Council approve it. Schlegel noted that the Consultant Team (C-Team) reviewed the MTM and recommended that the Council support the resolution regarding Unutil's MTM. Judson further noted that DOER shared the C-Team's support for the MTM.

Vote on Unutil's MTM Request

Swing motioned to approve the resolution regarding Unutil's MTM. Rio seconded. All were in favor, with no opposed or abstaining. The resolution was approved by the Council.

5. First Draft of the Three-Year Plan

Program Administrator Presentation

Matthew Nelson (Eversource) and Marie Abdou (National Grid) presented on behalf of the PAs, the first draft of the Plan. Their presentation covered several components of the Plan which included but were not limited to the following:

- The Plan in context with the Green Communities Act
- The Plan's themes, program designs, and innovations
- High level goals of the Plan
- PA and C-Team Recommendation Differences
- External and cost impacts incorporated for the goals
- Some program specific looks and areas for opportunity
- Next steps

In particular, Nelson and Abdou stressed that the lower level of goals does not reflect a lower level of effort and that the goals are still the highest in the nation.

C-Team Presentation

Belliveau and Schlegel presented the C-Team's findings from their review of the Plan. In particular, their presentation focused on the differences between the PAs first draft of the Plan and the C-Team's goal analysis. This included comparisons between portfolio level savings and budgets and sector level savings. The C-Team also discussed some of the key issues they noticed with the Plan as well as how the PAs incorporated EEAC priorities and recommendations in the draft Plan. They concluded by discussing some next steps.

6. Council Discussion on the First Draft of the Three-Year Plan

Judson noted that this part of the agenda was designated for Councilors to share general feedback on the plan and that more substantive questions could be addressed and answered at the upcoming workshops.

Judson noted that DOER was pleased to see some items in the Plan such as the transition to an online technical reference library, a renter and moderate income initiative in the residential sector, the establishment of a single point of contact for MF projects, and more granular reporting for more transparency in the C&I sector.

Judson noted disappointment with the draft Plan including decreasing goals and increasing budget. She noted that she hopes the PAs and C-Team will work together to resolve differences

between their draft Plan and goals, including residential opportunities in lighting, renter, and moderate income initiatives, and C&I opportunities including CHP, LED streetlights, and small business programs. She also noted appreciation for the PAs efforts on the draft Plan to date.

In general, Councilors acknowledged the hard work that went into delivering a full draft of the Plan in April, however expressed concern and disappointment over the low goals proposed by the PAs. Many Councilors also noted language in the plan that has good intent, but that they would like to see more detail going forward. For example, Harak noted the renter and moderate income initiatives represent good intention on the part of the PAs in addressing some major concerns, but that the lack of information surrounding detail and timing was disappointing. Chretien noted that he was disappointed with the high level goals and indicated that he would not vote in favor of the plan if the savings goals do not increase from the first draft. Boyd emphasized that the Green Communities Act (GCA) does not mention keeping the state as the number one state for energy efficiency, rather that it mandates the state go after all cost effective energy efficiency. She also expressed concern that the goals proposed in the first draft of the Plan are not compliant with the GCA. Harak recommended that the baseline assumption of where savings are starting from should be addressed as soon as possible to help reduce the gap between the PAs and C-Team's projections. Glynn added that it is worthwhile for the PAs to do as much as they can because of the benefits that efficiency provides.

Another key issue that several Councilors raised was some general disappointment with the PAs response to the Council's recommendation matrix. Johnson noted that he did not agree with the PAs' presentation where they noted they had incorporated 75% of Council recommendations in the plan. Glynn noted that she was curious as to how some of the primary recommendations in the matrix were responded to as "plan to be implemented and in the plan," while some of the sub-recommendations were responded to as "still under consideration" or "not in plan and not being implemented." Seidman also noted similar inconsistencies in the PAs' response the Council recommendation matrix. White noted that these issues could be addressed at the upcoming workshop.

Several Councilors also made comments regarding moving forward with the Plan. Swing noted that the draft Plan is a starting place for further discussion to increase the savings goals. Rio asked the PAs if there are any laws or regulations that are preventing them from going after higher goals. White noted that the PAs are still having discussions about certain programs, such as demand response, and that they did not included goals related to those efforts in the first draft of the Plan. Winkler added that from ISOs perspective, the efficiency efforts have made a significant impact on long-term planning and that as long as the FCM Commitments are achieved the system will benefit.

7. Adjournment

Judson thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 4:03 PM.