



## EEAC MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, October 30, 2018**  
1 Ashburton Place  
Ashburton Café Function Room  
Boston, MA 02108

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**Councilors Present:** Sam Alpert (for Elizabeth Cellucci), Cindy Arcate, Eric Beaton (for Janelle Chan), JoAnn Bodemer (for Maggie Downey), Jenifer Bosco (for Charlie Harak), Amy Boyd, Cindy Carroll, Justin Davidson, Joseph Dorfler (for Maura Healey), Paul Gromer, Frank Gundal (for Tilak Subrahmanian), Elliott Jacobson, Paul Johnson, Judith Judson, Richard Malmstrom, Deirdre Manning, Weezie Nuara (for Victoria Rojo), Laurie Pereira, Cammy Peterson (for Rebecca Davis), Chris Porter, Robert Rio, Michael Sommer, Mary Wambui, Sharon Weber (for Martin Suuberg)

**Councilors Absent:** Michael Ferrante, Andrew Newman

**Consultants Present:** Eric Belliveau, Craig Johnson, Margie Lynch

**DOER Staff Present:** Rachel Evans, Ian Finlayson, Emily Powers, Maggie McCarey, Alex Pollard, Lyn Huckabee

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### 1. Call to Order

Commissioner Judson, as Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:38 AM.

### 2. Public Comment

#### ***Rick Taglienti – Rogers Insulation***

Taglienti noted that he had sent a letter of public comment to the Council and that the overriding message was that participating vendors in the home energy savings program need stability. He added that changes make it difficult for the vendors to plan what ends up being implemented in the field. Taglienti concluded by noting that he was not in favor of new or dramatically different program designs.

***Steve Cowell – E4TheFuture***

Cowell noted that he had worked with Councilor Gromer to add some language to the Council’s resolution on the 2019-2021 Plan to reflect new opportunities that are now available due to recent legislation.

***Caitlin Peale Sloan – Conservation Law Foundation***

Peale Sloan thanked the Council for its efforts during the development of the 2019-2021 Plan. She noted her appreciation on specific efforts including the renter metric, non-English speaking and moderate-income customers, increased data transparency, active demand management programs, and ensuring that fuel switching was moving away from fossil fuels.

***Susan Almono – Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light***

Almono referenced the recent natural gas disaster in the Merrimack Valley and asked the Council to consider including language in its resolution that would hold the PAs to conduct focused efforts in that area. Specifically, she asked that those efforts include replacement of gas equipment with high efficiency equipment for those that were affected. Almono noted that the burden of going through the rebate process for efficient equipment upgrades should not be put on the residents, but instead on the PAs in the affected territory.

**3. Council Updates and Business**

***August 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting Minutes***

Jacobson asked that his name be moved from “Others Present” to “Executive Committee Members” to reflect that he is a member of the Executive Committee.

Malmstrom motioned to approve the minutes as amended. All were in favor, with none opposed. Dorfler abstained. The meeting minutes were approved, as amended, by the Executive Committee.

***August 29<sup>th</sup> EEAC Meeting Minutes***

Beaton noted that the seat which he occupies as a designee was no longer held by Chrystal Kornegay, but instead was held by Janelle Chan. He asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that.

Malmstrom motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Beaton seconded. All were in favor, with none opposed. Davidson and Dorfler abstained. The minutes were approved, as amended, by the Council.

***September 21<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee Meeting Minutes***

Malmstrom motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Boyd seconded. All were in favor with none opposed. Dorfler abstained. The minutes were approved, as submitted, by the Executive Committee.

***General Updates***

Commissioner Judson noted that the October data dashboard was posted to the Council website as meeting materials for the meeting but would not be reviewed as part of the agenda.

Commissioner Judson also noted that some stakeholders had expressed interest in cancelling the November meetings. She asked Councilors who objected to that idea to reach out to DOER. Lastly, the Commissioner noted that the December meeting would include a year- and term-end review and update from the PAs.

#### **4. Council Resolution on the 2019-2021 Three Year Plan**

McCarey thanked all Councilors for their engagement and for getting feedback during the drafting process of the resolution. She also thanked Councilor Boyd for drafting the resolution itself. McCarey then walked the Council through the layout of the resolution before opening it up for comments.

##### ***Overall Plan Comments***

Gromer proposed additional language at the end of the second bullet in this section to acknowledge that the Act to Advance Clean Energy was established late in the planning process but that the Council would urge the PAs to explore efforts to introduce new approaches and clean energy sources into the programs.

##### ***Council Priority 1 – Underserved Populations and Geographies***

Dorfler, on behalf of the Attorney General’s office, proposed additional language within the first bullet to clarify that it was not confusing the issue of trying to use the renter metric to target specifically non-English speakers and moderate-income customers. Bosco recommended changing a piece of the proposed language from “other underserved populations” to “these underserved populations.” Wambui noted that the proposed language as stated recognized that there could be other groups that did not specifically fit into non-English and moderate-income customers and that she would not be in favor of Bosco’s recommendation. Ultimately, the original language as proposed by Dorfler was accepted into the resolution.

Arcate proposed an additional bullet which discussed the PA’s commitment to develop and launch a statewide municipal and community partnership strategy. Arcate’s proposal also included some language about what the Council’s expectations were regarding the new strategy.

Peterson proposed language at the end of the bullet about participation reporting to clarify that it would cover all sectors. Lyne noted that the PAs might run into privacy standards set by the DPU and asked for some additional language to reflect that. Additional language was included at the end of this bullet accordingly.

The Council collectively worked on, and included, an additional bullet that set expectations for the PAs to commit to a targeted effort to support the installation of high efficiency equipment in homes and businesses impacted by the Merrimack Valley gas incidents.

##### ***Council Priority 2 – Active Demand Management***

Rio proposed an additional bullet to clarify that the offerings described under this priority would compliment and coordinate with other state policies and programs.

#### ***Council Priority 4 – Integrated Residential Program Design***

Johnson noted that he did not feel that the language was specific enough. He recommended being more specific about the period in which it expects updates from the PAs by asking for regular updates in the quarterly reports. Johnson also recommended language at the end of the first paragraph to include updates on the level and type of resources that would be dedicated to the program enhancements.

Lyne, on behalf of the PAs, stated that they are excited about the residential designs as they were laid out in their Plans. He added that they also believe that they will be successful and that they are looking forward to implementing the program enhancements.

#### ***Council Priority 5 – C&I Sector Savings Measures***

McCarey noted that language was added to this priority to address the Council's concerns of over-budgeting and underspending in the C&I sector. The proposed language noted that the Council would not recommend cutting the planned budget, but that it would like any underspend amounts to be returned to customers at the next yearly true-up. Gundal, on behalf of the PAs, noted that the proposed language was not different from what the PAs already do in terms of returning unspent funds to customers. The Council discussed at length about the proposed language and eventually decided to leave it out.

#### ***Priority 9 – Data Management***

McCarey noted that language was added to reflect the PA's responsibility of ensuring customer privacy and security.

#### ***Council Vote***

Boyd motioned to approve the Council's Resolution Regarding the 2019-2021 Massachusetts Joint Statewide Three-Year Electric and Gas Energy Efficiency Investment Plans as amended. Weber seconded. All were in favor, with none opposed or abstaining. The Council's Resolution passed unanimously.

### **5. Adjournment**

Commissioner Judson, as Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:20 PM.