

Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council
 Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Councilors Present:

Voting	Present (designee)	Non-Voting	Present (designee)
Nancy Seidman	X	Elizabeth Cellucci	X
Martha Coakley	Matt Saunders	James Carey	Trish Walker
Penn Loh	X	Tilak Subrahmanian	Frank Gundal
Mark Sylvia	Tina Halfpenny	Michael Ferrante	
Debra Hall	X	Alisha Frazee	
Charles Harak	X	Maggie Downey	X
Elliot Jacobson	X	Cindy L. Carroll	X
Jeremy McDiarmid	X	John Ghiloni	
Rick Mattila	X	Paul Gromer	
Robert Rio	X	Andrew Newman	
Deirdre Manning	X	Michael Sommer	X
Brad Swing	Jacob Glickel	Carol White	X
Michael McDonagh	X	Eric Winkler	X

DOER: Steve Venezia

Consultants: Eric Belliveau, Jeff Schlegel, Sam Huntington, John Livermore

Present:

Beth Lonergan	Matt Nelson	Monica Cohen
Charlie Olsson	Christina Dietrich	Jack Habib
Emmett Lyne	Shaela Collins	Marie Abdou
Sue Kaplan	Lyn Huckabee	Loie Hayes
Dave Gibbon	JoAnn Bodemer	Cara Mottola
Jodi Hanover	Natalie Hildt	Matt Nelson
Amy Vavak	Jayden Wilson	Lynn Westerlind
Clayton Hale	Melanie Coen	Sam Nutter
Kim Dragoo		

Halfpenny called the meeting to order at 1:06pm and welcomed everybody.

Public comment

Natalie Hildt (NEEP) spoke on several issues related to NEEP's involvement with energy efficiency programs. Loie Hayes (Boston Climate Action Network) spoke in support of work to address residential barriers, data sharing, and the design of the Efficient Neighborhoods+ initiative.

General Updates

January Meeting Minutes

McDiarmid moved to approve the January 15th meeting minutes, Saunders seconded. The Council voted and unanimously approved.

Update on Consultant Report

Belliveau updated the Council on key items the Consultant team has been working on in January, including prioritizing team/sector efforts for 2013, summarizing DPU orders for Council, sector team planning with PAs to build structure for the 3 years, getting action plans going, and providing support to the PA implementers.

Executive Committee Report and Minutes

Halfpenny gave an update on the Priorities document and Council budget. She noted that a majority of the budget is the Optimal budget, and that the Executive Committee, at their February 5th meeting, made a recommendation on the Consultant team budget. Saunders motioned to approve the minutes from the January 30th EC meeting, McDiarmid seconded. The Council voted and unanimously approved.

Budget resolution

Halfpenny noted that the budget resolution was distributed last Tuesday, and that the Executive Committee recommends approving the \$1.45 million, down from \$1.54 million, consultant budget for Optimal. McDiarmid noted that the EC had multiple conversations, that the Consultant team has been serving Council incredibly well, and that the EC now feels comfortable with the amount of the 2013 budget and recommends to the Council to approve the budget. Halfpenny noted that the Regulatory and Planning work will be monitored. Seidman said that there might be a need to add budget, based on a need for additional Consultant services. Saunders noted that Optimal would have the ability to request additional funding based on any expanded scope of services. Seidman suggested adding the Consultant 2-page explanatory piece as an addendum to the resolution. Mattila motioned for a vote on the budget resolution; McDiarmid seconded. The Council voted and unanimously approved.

Halfpenny noted that last year the Council voted to approve an additional \$600k in budget. She proposed spending some of remaining balance to hire a contractor to work on establishing a Statewide database (pre-database design). She noted that the Executive Committee would need to go through a procurement process, and first bring a recommendation to the Council. She noted that it would take about 4-6 weeks to have an RFP issued.

Avoided Energy Supply Cost update

Schlegel explained that the RFP for the avoided cost study was released in late January, with responses due by February 18th, and a contractor selected by March 1st. He noted that the kick off meeting would be on March 7th, and encouraged anyone interested in DRIPE and other related issues to provide input. He noted that the intent is to have something done by late summer to be used in the planning process.

EM&V Summit

Halfpenny informed the Council about the PAs' and Consultants' EM&V planning summit February 25-27 at CMA-Westboro. She noted that the summit would address

C&I and Cross-cutting research, and would include a stakeholder session. She encouraged those with ideas to reach out to Lynn Westerlind and/or Ralph Prah.

CRE Working Group

Halfpenny explained that the GWSA implementation advisory committee is now in place, and that she is co-chairing the Buildings subcommittee. She noted that one suggested strategy is to focus on commercial real estate, and particularly on the tenant-landlord challenge. She noted she is co-facilitation with Frank Gundal, and encouraged anyone interested to participate in the group. McDonagh volunteered to participate. Halfpenny indicated she would look at schedules and send something out.

New Councilor Update

Halfpenny said that the Council should be hearing shortly from the non-profit network on the new EEAC Councilor. She noted that, for the Small Business representative, voting ended on February 8th and the votes need to be qualified. She noted that both are voting Councilors.

2012 Q4 Quarterly Report

Nelson and Abdou presented a set of quantitative and qualitative slides updating the Council on program performance in 2012 and how it compares with 2013 goals. Abdou noted that these are not final numbers, and some EM&V results need to be applied. She noted strong results for electric and gas in 2012 and for the 2010-2012 plan period:

	2010	2011	2012
Budget	88%	67%	76%
Annual MWh	98%	91%	91%
Lifetime	97%	101%	89%

	2010	2011	2012
Budget	81%	92%	102%
Annual therm	103%	84%	99%
Lifetime	97%	81%	97%

Abdou noted that the 2012 percentages reflect higher overall goals, thus equal or lower percentages do not necessary translate to equivalent or lower savings. Winkler pointed out some minor discrepancies in kW numbers between charts and tables. Abdou noted these will be corrected. There was a brief Council discussion on several topics, including the dollar amount of budget under spending, and on differences in capacity factors between PAs.

Halfpenny congratulated the PAs on this great achievement, and noted that Massachusetts is #1 in the country in energy efficiency. She noted that energy efficiency is one of the most successful strategies we have to reduce greenhouse gasses, and that the Commonwealth needs the programs to hit 100% of goal in 2013, 2014, and 2015. She further noted that we shouldn't be leaving money on the table. Several Councilors congratulated and thanked the PAs for the great accomplishment, while also pointing out

the desire not to leave money on the table, and the need for higher levels of achievement in C&I going forward. Winkler suggested increasing the focus on reducing demand. Jacobson noted that LEAN and the PAs have addressed over 100,000 homes in the last 3 years, and said we should all be very proud of this achievement. White noted that there are 3-4 MA programs that ACEEE will be highlighting, including HES, Low Income retrofit (SF & MF), and C&I direct install. Schlegel noted that there are resources to achieve many of the things the Council wants to accomplish in the next 3 years.

2013 Performance Metrics resolution

Halfpenny presented the Council with the draft 2013 performance metrics resolution for review and comment. She noted that there was a presentation on metrics at the January 15th meeting. Schlegel explained that the performance metrics mostly focus on deeper savings. Loh asked about quarterly reporting; Schlegel noted that this could be added to quarterly reports. White noted that metrics reporting is a very time intensive exercise, and that Q1 and Q2 data may not give you a good idea about where they'll end up at end of year. McDiarmid recommended keeping reporting frequency out of the resolution, but keep topic front and center to determine best frequency. Loh said he would like this to be more transparent; McDiarmid proposed to bring this up at the next EC meeting. McDiarmid motioned to approve the resolution; Halfpenny seconded. The Council voted and approved. Saunders opposed. Halfpenny noted that majority rules, and that DOER will send the resolution to DPU.

DPU Orders

Halfpenny noted that DPU reviewed plans and responded by January 31st with their 165 page order, and that the PAs and Consultants worked together to provide a summary. Lyne and Belliveau co-presented a set of slides. Lyne noted that the punch line is that the DPU approved the order and that this is a positive result. He noted the collective achievement for MA, and thanked everyone involved. He noted that the DPU gave a very strong approval to the Council, with each individual plan approved, and each program found to be cost-effective. Belliveau explained that DPU found the program savings goals to be reasonable. He noted that the role of the Council has changed significantly, with a stronger oversight role in annual changes. Schlegel noted the considerable increase (60%) in benefits between the 1st 3 -year plan (\$6 billion) and this 3-year plan (\$9 billion). Belliveau noted the DPU's endorsement of savings goals as consistent with the CECP. He also spoke on the Residential barriers working group, EM&V, database, and NEIs. Halfpenny asked for more information on NEIs; Cohen suggested talking with Lynn Westerlind or Lisa Shea.

Lyne noted appreciation for the Council resolution on PIs. He also spoke on program cost-effectiveness, funding sources and lowered costs, and bill impacts. Schlegel noted the other DPU order (11-120) that sets rules for EE programs: planning, reporting, etc. He explained the DPU objective to treat PAs' plans as one 3-year plan, as opposed to three 1-year plans, and noted that the Council will now review annual reports, per PA, instead of the DPU. He noted that this increases the responsibility of the Council, and that there is a working group process to look at streamlining reports. Collins spoke to Energy Efficiency Surcharges (EES), with the take-away being that the 2 thresholds would protect against over or under recovery. She noted the 2 MTM categories, with category 1

ideas needing only Council approval, and category 2 items needing DPU approval. Schlegel noted that there are now a better set of MTM triggers than we had originally, and gave kudos to the department for these improvements. He noted that these changes are expected to positively impact 3-year plan implementation by reducing regulatory burdens.

2013 Priorities

Halfpenny noted that the draft document was sent out the previous week, with only one edit. Lyne thanked the Council for the early drafts so the PAs could comment. Halfpenny noted that this is a modified set from 2012, and that they are still focused on cost efficiencies and deeper savings. Councilors provided edits to the document in real time. Seidman expressed an interest in having more detail on the Action Plans. White suggested that the PAs could do periodic presentations for the Council. She emphasized that the PAs support having greater transparency. Councilors expressed support for periodic updates to the Council, and a bullet was added requesting this. Halfpenny confirmed that the Council was satisfied with the edits. McDonagh motioned for a vote; McDiarmid seconded. The Council voted and approved the priorities document as amended. Note: David Strauss stepped in and voted for Rick Matilla.

Adjourn

Halfpenny adjourned the meeting at 4:10pm.