



Energy Efficiency Board Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Webinar Only

MINUTES¹

In Attendance

Voting Board Members: Neil Beup (EEB Chair), Amanda Fargo-Johnson (EEB Vice-Chair), Mike Li, Bruce McDermott, John Wright, John Viglione, Brenda Watson, Eric Brown, Jack Traver, Amy McLean

Utility Board Members: Will Riddle, Steve Bruno, Liz Murphy, Ron Araujo

Board Members Not in Attendance: Scott Whittier

Board Consultants: Glenn Reed, George Lawrence, Richard Faesy, Craig Diamond

Others: Donna Wells, Patrice Gillespie, Tasha Perreault, Larry Rush, Diane Del Rosso, Edgardo Mejias, Russell King, Tiffany Cunningham, Sheri Borrelli, Adam Tardif, Brian Malarky, Jane Bourdeau, John Greeno, Charlie O'Neill, Dan Robertson, Joe Roy, Pat Lacey, Tom Phillips, Kim Peters, Jerry Giusti, William Wesson, Guy West, Rebecca Baez Castro, Christopher Jobson, Sonia Cruz, Samantha Caputo, Ida Churchill, Joanne Balaschak, Dennis Robb, Art St. Armand, Matthew Trager, Nicole Mastroiano, Tim Fabuien

Process

Minutes

The Board considered whether to approve the minutes from the 4/8/20 and 4/16/20 Board meetings. Ms. Fargo-Johnson moved to approve both sets of minutes. Mr. Brown 2nd. All present voted to approve the minutes. **4/8/20 and 4/16/20 minutes approved.**

Public Comments

None.

Update on Executive Secretary RFP

Ms. Fargo-Johnson said that the Consultant Committee had received three proposals in response to the RFP. She said that interviews would be conducted over the next week, and that the Consultant Committee's recommendation would be brought to the full Board for approval. Ms. Fargo-Johnson thanked Mr. Diamond for his several years of service to the Board.

¹ Meeting materials available in Box.com: <https://app.box.com/s/6gt491eui0dpcxivp7n15au9s2ez7hr6>

Bi-annual June election of EEB Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Beup reminded the Board that the EEB Chair and Vice-Chair are elected on every even year in June; therefore, the Board would be voting to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair at the June meeting. Mr. Beup asked any Board member with interest in either Chair or Vice-Chair to let him know.

June 24 EEB Planning meeting

It was noted that the next EEB meeting would be on June 24, and not next week. The meeting, which will be webinar only, will consist of a planning component and regular business component, and would go from about 10:00 - 2:30.

Programs and Planning

Debrief from EEB Public Input session

Mr. Reed noted that most of the comments at the Public Input Session earlier in the day were from C&I vendors. The comments were about the impact of Covid-19 on their businesses. The suspension of on-premises work for the small business program had left many vendors in a very difficult situation, and they were asking the EEB and the DEEP to take actions to help them. Several vendors had submitted comments to DEEP and the EEB, and asked for an immediate response to the requests in the comments.

Following the debrief, Ms. McLean suggested that a special EEB meeting was needed to discuss the C&I vendors' concerns.

Q1 program report, including preliminary April/May results

Mr. Bruno provided a presentation for Eversource. In summary, for Eversource Electric through April, revenue was above target, while spending, and annual and lifetime savings were below budget due to the timing of project completions and COVID-19 impacts. For Eversource Gas through April, revenue collections from the CAM were above target, while spending and annual and lifetime savings were below budget due to the timing of project completions and COVID-19 impacts. Mr. Riddle provided a presentation for Avangrid (UI, SCG, and CNG) showing Q1 results. In summary, spending and savings for the three companies were below target, primarily due to Covid-19 impacts but also due to other factors.

Updates on COVID-19 contingency planning

Mr. Araujo provided an update for the Companies. He provided an update on training, payment of administrative fees, virtual pre-assessments, loan deferrals, self-installation kits, health & safety protocols, and actions related to the SBEA program. Ms. Wells provided an update for DEEP. She noted that a C&I CTAC meeting was held on May 6. She said that DEEP was working on potential actions regarding C&I incentives. She also noted that the Commercial Contractors Consortium (CCC) was looking for an 18 month loan repayment. Mr. Beup suggested that the Board hold a special meeting on May 18 to address the C&I vendors' concerns. He asked that DEEP, the Companies and the Consultants develop recommendations for Board consideration at the May 18 meeting. It

was agreed that Board members would let Mr. Diamond know of any schedule constraints on May 18.

Focus Area: Residential programs deep dive

Mr. Faesy provided a presentation. It was agreed that the Residential Committee should address many of the topics raised in the presentation. Ms. McLean suggested that the Residential Committee should better understand the status of the activities of PURA and the Governor’s Council on Climate Change (GC3), and that efforts should be made to reach out to PURA and the GC3. Ms. Watson suggested that a plan be developed to address the topics in Mr. Faesy’s presentation. Mr. Edgardo said weatherization barriers needed to be addressed. Ms. McLean said that the C&LM programs needed to leverage funding from other organizations.

Closing Public Comments

None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.