



MINUTES

Joint Committee of the CT Energy Efficiency Board and the Connecticut Green Bank Board of Directors

Wednesday, September 16, 2020
1:30-3:30 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, all participants joined via the conference call.

In Attendance

Voting Members: Eric Brown, John Harrity, Michael Li, Brenda Watson

Non-Voting Members: Stephen Bruno, Bryan Garcia, Linda King, Donna Wells

Members Absent: Bert Hunter, John Viglione

Others: Lonnie Reed, Ron Araujo, Emily Basham, Sergio Carrillo, Gentiana Darragjati, Mackey Dykes, Brian Farnen, Joel Kopylec, Liz Murphy, Glenn Reed, Lawrence Rush, Cheryl Samuels, Ariel Schneider

Unnamed Callers: 01, 02, 05, 06, 07, "Ashley"

1. Call to Order

Eric Brown called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

2. Public Comments

No public comments.

Eric Brown introduced the new member to the Joint Committee: John Viglione.

3. Review and approval of Meeting Minutes from the June 17, 2020 meeting.

Resolution #1

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for June 17, 2020.

Upon a motion made by John Harrity and seconded by Brenda Watson, the Joint Committee voted to approve Resolution 1. None abstained or opposed. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Energy Jobs Report – Report Out and Next Steps

- Bryan Garcia summarized the CT Clean Energy Industry Report process of development leading up to present which is the finalization of the report. Next steps ideas include a press release, webinar, and the continued collaboration to support the report.
 - Stephen Bruno and Lonnie Reed supported the idea of a press release. The group discussed both in-person and online ideas.
 - John Harrity noted the urgency of releasing the report.
 - Bryan Garcia asked if the Committee would want to continue collaborating in FY21 to continue to track the data. Lonnie Reed and Brenda Watson supported the idea. John Harrity asked if Bryan Garcia could ask BW Research if they expect there to be many changes over the coming year. Bryan Garcia answered that he could arrange a meeting with BW Research to discuss the potential scope of work.

5. 2021 Conservation & Load Management Plan Update

- Glenn Reed summarized the 2019-2021 Plan status in progressing into the third year.
- Stephen Bruno summarized the Plan priorities and key items which includes an overview of the response to COVID-19. He continued to review the 2021 Revenue, Budget, and Lifetime Savings. 2021 budgets are pretty consistent with the 3/1/20 filing; However, the savings are reduced based on higher incentive level assumptions into 2021 combined with program changes to retail lighting products. Changes to the Program Savings Document were incorporated.
- Stephen Bruno stated progress should have the Plan presented for Board approval for filing in November 2020.
- Bryan Garcia reviewed the Green Bank's support of the Plan through its various programs.
 - Stephen Bruno noted for Medium to Large business program is similar to the Small Business program but should allow for more businesses to participate. Due to COVID-19 the volume has decreased but hopes it will bounce back with more offerings.
 - Glenn Reed had previously asked if there has been a reduced need for financing within programs due to COVID-19. Bryan Garcia answered that within the programs there is not a reduction for demand. Stephen Bruno also noted that the volumes within the programs are pretty consistent to 2019 since the offerings resumed.
- Michael Li summarized the plan to host a workshop on how to address health and safety barriers to sustainability, possibly within the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative.

6. Debrief on Legislative (e.g., LCO No. 3920) and Regulatory (e.g., Docket No. 17-12-03) Matters

- Michael Li summarized the changes to LCO No. 3920. This includes provisions on a spoiled food initiative, wholesale market, resilience program, independent consumer advocate board, third party administration.
 - John Harrity asked if how much of the proposed language changes are due to reaction to the perceived failed adequacy to storms versus climate change. Bryan Garcia clarified it was a special session bill specifically for storm response and rate increases.
- Bryan Garcia summarized the reopeners to Docket 17-12-03.
 - Bryan Garcia provided an overview of the Green Bank Solarize Storage proposal submission into Docket No. 17-12-03RE03. He emphasized the

role of the Joint Committee and partners in the proposal, including Eversource and UI administering an active demand response program for ongoing incentives through the C&LM Plan, with the Green Bank administering an upfront incentive program.

- Stephen Bruno asked if there was any update as to timing as to review the reopeners. Bryan Garcia stated he did not know.
- John Harrity asked what 50,000 households with solar PV represented. Bryan Garcia answered that it would be approximately 5-10% of potential homes based on prior Geostellar report on market potential for the Green Bank.

7. Other Business

- Bryan Garcia summarized the framework of the E⁴ Architecture and the focus on equity instead of equality.
- Bryan Garcia reviewed the work done to better two equity metrics: income and race. Work is being done with the Department of Banking to establish income classifications around the Community Reinvestment Act. For race, working with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.
 - Brenda Watson noted the benefit of the data collected.
 - John Harrity asked for clarification as to progress made to those who rent as a response to the low homeowner numbers. Brenda Watson answered that there are Shared Solar programs and other means for renters to participate, but there are opportunities to increase outreach. Emily Basham also expanded on the programs present.

8. Adjourn

Upon a motion made by Brenda Watson and seconded by John Harrity, the Joint Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Brown, Chairperson