

**REGULAR MEETING of the Citizens Advisory Committee  
of the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (PCEA)  
Thursday, July 13, 2023  
MINUTES**

In-Person, Video Conference, and Teleconference  
6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

*PCEA Lobby, 2075 Woodside Road, Redwood City, CA 94061*

Brandon Chan, South San Francisco  
Michael Closson, Menlo Park  
Kathleen Goforth, San Carlos  
Mele Heimuli, East Palo Alto  
Aurelio Huizar, Burlingame  
Gail Lee, San Bruno  
Margaret Li, South San Francisco *arrived at 6:44 p.m.*  
Jason Mendelson, Redwood City, *Vice Chair*  
Desiree Thayer, Burlingame  
Robert Whitehair, San Mateo

*UC Merced, Sustainability Research and Engineering (SRE) 458, 5200 North Lake Rd.,  
Merced, CA 95340*

Daniel Baerwaldt, Los Banos

*Participated remotely under AB 2446*

Shreyas Sudhakar, Menlo Park

**Absent:**

Diane Bailey, Belmont  
Steven Booker, Half Moon Bay  
Cheryl Schaff, Menlo Park, *Chair*

**An in-person quorum was established.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

## **ACTION TO SET THE AGENDA AND APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

### **1. Approval of the Minutes for the June 8, 2023, Regular Meeting**

Motion Made / Seconded: Thayer / Closson

**Motion passed 11-0 (Absent: Bailey, Booker, Li, Schaff)**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **2. Swearing in of New Members (Action)**

Jennifer Stalzer, *Deputy County Counsel*, swore in new Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) members and members who have been reappointed to the Committee.

### **3. Chair Report (Discussion)**

Jason Mendelson, *Vice Chair*, welcomed new and reappointed CAC members.

### **4. Member Introductions (Discussion)**

Jason Mendelson invited each member of the Committee to introduce themselves, describe their background, and share their interest in Peninsula Clean Energy.

### **5. Programs Overview (Discussion)**

Rafael Reyes, *Director of Energy Programs*, provided an overview of Peninsula Clean Energy's programs strategy and portfolio. He discussed how these programs advance Peninsula Clean Energy's goal to transition its communities to 100% greenhouse gas-free by 2035. Committee members asked questions and offered comments on the following topics.

#### *Residential Electrification*

Robert Whitehair, *Committee Member*, inquired about how Peninsula Clean Energy's new residential electrification framework will interact with federal funding from the Inflation Reduction Act funds.

Brandon Chan, *Committee Member*, asked for clarification on the scope of the proposed "one-stop shop" website for home electrification.

Aurelio Huizar, *Committee Member*, asked how the proposed building electrification framework can benefit renters. Rafael Reyes highlighted how local and regional policies will support electrification of rental units and require electrification upgrades by property owners. He also explained that, compared to building electrification, transportation electrification (e.g., personal adoption of an electric vehicle) yields more reliable economic benefits for customers seeking lower bills.

Noting that heat pump water heater installations may be difficult and complex for some customers, Kathleen Goforth, *Committee Member*, shared her positive experience with having a heat pump water heater installed in her home.

*Transportation Electrification*

Gail Lee, *Committee Member*, inquired whether car companies have approached Peninsula Clean Energy to partner on electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

*Local Power*

Michael Closson, *Committee Member*, asked for an explanation of progress towards Peninsula Clean Energy's goal to create a minimum of 20 Megawatts (MWs) of new local power.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Eduardo Pelegri-Llopart noted that some jurisdictions within Peninsula Clean Energy's service territory have individual programs related to building electrification. Eduardo asked how these residential programs specific to municipalities interact with Peninsula Clean Energy's programs.

**6. Surplus Funds Ad Hoc Committee CAC Alternate Selection (Action)**

Jason Mendelson provided background information about the Peninsula Clean Energy staff-led Surplus Funds Ad Hoc Committee. At its July 2023 meeting, the CAC recommended Steven Booker, *Committee Member*, as its representative for the Surplus Funds Ad Hoc Committee.

Jason made a motion to recommend Desiree Thayer, *Committee Member*, as the alternate representative of CAC for the Surplus Funds Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion Made / Seconded: Mendelson / Li

**Motion passed 12-0 (Absent: Bailey, Booker, Schaff)**

**7. Brown Act Training (Discussion)**

Jennifer Stalzer reviewed the requirements of the Brown Act as it relates to public meetings and service on the CAC. Jason Mendelson explained hypothetical examples of Brown Act violations in the context of CAC working groups and communication through email and social media.

**8. Marketing and Community Liaison Update (Discussion)**

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, *Senior Manager of Community Relations*, inquired about planned absences during the August CAC meeting and confirmed that a quorum of Committee members is expected. Vanessa Shin, *Community Outreach Specialist*, announced that Peninsula Clean Energy met its goal for enrollment in the E-Bikes for Everyone program.

**9. Upcoming Topics for Discussion (Discussion)**

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind previewed topics for the upcoming meetings of the Peninsula Clean Energy Board of Directors, including the 2022 CAC Work Plan deliverables and 2023 Work Plan, educational initiatives and partnerships, and a study session on grid regionalization.

For the August CAC meeting, Kirsten suggested including time for CAC members to sign up for Working Groups and elect the next CAC Chair. Jason Mendelson nominated Cheryl Schaff, *CAC Chair*, to continue her tenure as Chair.

Jason Mendelson suggested the following topics for future meetings: Regulatory and Legislative Update, Report from Ad Hoc Budget Surplus Committee, and Update on Peninsula Clean Energy's 24/7 Renewable Energy Goal.

#### **10. Committee Members' Reports (Discussion)**

No Committee Member Reports.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.