



**REGULAR MEETING of the Citizens Advisory Committee
of the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (PCEA)
Thursday, January 12, 2023
MINUTES**

Video conference and teleconference
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present:

Daniel Baerwaldt, Los Banos
Diane Bailey, Belmont
Steven Booker, Half Moon Bay
Brandon Chan, South San Francisco
Michael Garvey, San Carlos
Kathleen Goforth, San Carlos
Katie Green, San Mateo
Margaret Li, South San Francisco
Edward Love, Half Moon Bay *arrived at 6:36*
Jason Mendelson, Redwood City, *Vice Chair*
Cheryl Schaff, Menlo Park, *Chair*
Desiree Thayer, Burlingame
Bryan Tran, South San Francisco

Absent:

Michael Closson, Menlo Park

A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eduardo Pelegri-Llopart requested information about Peninsula Clean Energy's FlexCharging and FlexAlert programs and asked how to contact members of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

ACTION TO SET THE AGENDA AND APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of the Minutes for December 12, 2022 Regular Meeting**

2. Adopt Findings Pursuant to AB 361 to Continue Fully Teleconferenced Committee Meetings Due to Health Risks Posed by In-Person Meetings

Motion Made / Seconded: Goforth / Garvey

Motion passed 13-0 (Absent: Closson)

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Chair Report (Discussion)

Cheryl Schaff, *CAC Chair*, encouraged Committee members to read Peninsula Clean Energy's newly published whitepaper *Achieving 24/7 Renewable Energy by 2025* and share it with their network.

4. Member Introductions (Discussion)

Cheryl Schaff and Jason Mendelson, *CAC Vice Chair*, introduced the Member Introductions, an activity intended to help Committee members learn more about each other's background and interests. Cheryl and Jason invited Committee members Brandon Chan and Desiree Thayer to answer icebreaker questions as part of the activity.

5. Case Study on Home Electrification (Discussion)

Kathleen Goforth, *Committee member*, provided an overview of her home electrification project, including appliance replacements and overall costs. Committee members asked about appliance availability due to supply chain issues, the rebate process, and challenges. Kathleen noted that it was difficult to find the correct person at PG&E to schedule the gas shutoff.

6. Proposed Rate Changes (Discussion)

Shayna Barnes, *Operations Specialist*, provided an overview of Peninsula Clean Energy's guiding principles and process for determining electricity rates in San Mateo County and the City of Los Banos. Shayna also explained the impact of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment on rates. Committee members asked whether these proposed rate changes impact how we discuss Peninsula Clean Energy savings and benefits as well as the Peninsula Clean Energy budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eduardo Pelegri-Llopart asked for clarification on how the 5% discount on electricity generation relates to the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment and Franchise Fee Surcharge.

7. Overview of Results of CAC Satisfaction Survey (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, *Senior Manager of Community Relations*, summarized the results of the 2022 CAC Satisfaction Survey. Cheryl Schaff suggested sharing the survey findings with the Peninsula Clean Energy Board of Directors. Kathleen Goforth expressed interest in receiving input from the Board on how CAC members can be most impactful in serving the agency.

8. Overview of Returning to In-Person CAC Meetings (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind reminded Committee members that CAC meetings will resume in person in March 2023. Committee members asked about hybrid meeting options and the policy for wearing masks.

9. Marketing and Community Liaison Update (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind highlighted the publication of Peninsula Clean Energy's second whitepaper on 24/7 renewable energy, and Cheryl Schaff expressed interest in receiving outreach resources for communicating the findings to a general audience. Kirsten announced that Peninsula Clean Energy is recruiting participants for an electric vehicle managed charging app, and she noted that many customers may be experiencing higher energy bills due to increased gas rates.

10. Working Group Reports (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind reminded Committee members of the Working Group deliverables due in April 2023. Brandon Chan, *Committee member*, reported that the Role of Citizens Advisory Committees Working Group developed a survey for gathering information and best practices from community advisory committees at other community choice aggregators.

11. Upcoming Topics for Discussion (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind previewed upcoming topics for the January meetings of the Peninsula Clean Energy Board of Directors. Jason Mendelson requested an update on the impact of the proposed rate changes on Peninsula Clean Energy's budget, and a discussion how Committee members should communicate these rate changes and other key messages. Cheryl Schaff suggested a follow-up discussion on the CAC survey results, and Daniel Baerwaldt, *Committee member*, recommended revisiting the survey feedback in the summer to evaluate progress and improvements.

12. Committee Members' Reports (Discussion)

No Committee Member Reports

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39