

**REGULAR MEETING of the Citizens Advisory Committee
of the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (PCEA)
Thursday, January 11, 2024
MINUTES**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL**Present:**

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

Diane Bailey, Belmont
Steven Booker, Half Moon Bay
Mele Heimuli, East Palo Alto
Aurelio Huizar, Burlingame
Jason Mendelson, Redwood City, Vice Chair
Cheryl Schaff, Menlo Park, *Chair*
Desiree Thayer, Burlingame
Robert Whitehair, San Mateo

Absent:

Daniel Baerwaldt, Los Banos
Michael Closson, Menlo Park

Remote participation under Gov't Code § 54953(j)(2)(B) (illness):

Kathleen Goforth, San Carlos
Gail Lee, San Bruno
Margaret Li, South San Francisco

An in-person quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Whitehair, *Committee Member*, reported that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will not reconsider the decision to overturn Berkeley's ban on methane gas in new construction. Robert requested that the Community Advisory Committee discuss the impacts of this decision on reach codes at a future meeting.

ACTION TO SET THE AGENDA AND APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of the Minutes for the December 7, 2023, Regular Meeting**

Motion Made / Seconded: Thayer / Heimuli

Motion passed 11-0 (Absent: Baerwaldt, Closson)

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Chair Report (Discussion)

Cheryl Schaff, *Chair*, announced that Shreyas Sudhakar has resigned from the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Cheryl thanked Committee members for completing the CAC Satisfaction Survey.

3. Member Introductions (Discussion)

Cheryl Schaff invited each member of the Committee to introduce themselves and answer the following prompt: In one or two words, please share something you want more of in 2024.

4. Report Back from Staff Committee on Budget Surplus (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, *Senior Manager of Community Relations*, announced that the Peninsula Clean Energy Board of Directors approved the budget surplus recommendation that was presented to the CAC in December 2023.

Cheryl Schaff inquired about community feedback around the \$300 rebate to CARE/FERA customers.

5. Background on Regulation of California's Electricity Sector (Discussion)

Jeremy Waen, *Senior Director, Regulatory Policy*, introduced Peninsula Clean Energy's approach to policy, summarized key regulatory agencies in California, and described key concepts. During the discussion, Committee members asked about the composition of key regulatory agencies, decision-making process for setting rates, and interactions with Peninsula Clean Energy.

6. Review of Results of Community Advisory Committee Satisfaction Survey (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind reviewed responses and highlighted themes from the CAC Satisfaction Survey. Committee members discussed the results and feedback.

Diane Bailey, *Community Member*, expressed interest in additional opportunities for the CAC to support staff efforts and contribute through its advisory role.

Jason Mendelson, *Vice Chair*, appreciated the working groups as an opportunity for CAC members to advise programs earlier in the development process. Kathleen Goforth, *Committee Member*, shared that the Local Solar + Storage Working Group is a positive example of CAC collaboration with staff.

Robert Whitehair enjoyed the opportunity to support staff by reviewing applications for the single-family home electrification turnkey program.

Desiree Thayer, *Committee Member*, suggested that the CAC could support shorter-term needs from staff in addition to working groups. Desiree also expressed appreciation for attendance from Board members in the past.

Reflecting on community outreach ideas, Cheryl Schaff suggested the creation of a t-shirt that says, "Peninsula Clean Energy is saving you money. Ask me how."

7. Working Group Overview and Reports (Discussion)

Jason Mendelson reported that the Local Solar + Storage Programs Working Group will present research findings to staff. As the staff liaison for the Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion Working Group, Kirsten Andrews-Schwind requested support from the Working Group with researching language access policies at other organizations.

8. Marketing and Community Liaison Update (Discussion)

Vanessa Shin, *Senior Community Relations Specialist*, announced changes to Peninsula Clean Energy's Used Electric Vehicle Program. Vanessa also shared that Peninsula Clean Energy is hiring for a Community Outreach Specialist.

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind reported that Peninsula Clean Energy will not raising rates until at least March 2024. Committee members requested guidance from Peninsula Clean Energy on how to communicate this news.

9. Upcoming Topics for Discussion (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind previewed topics for the upcoming meeting of the Peninsula Clean Energy Board of Directors. Kirsten suggested discussions on Peninsula Clean Energy's turnkey building electrification program, rate updates, and CAC recruitment strategy.

Jason Mendelson requested staff include a presentation from the Solar + Storage Working Group.

10. Committee Members' Reports (Discussion)

Robert Whitehair announced that the San Mateo City Council will receive results from a survey focused on electrification on January 16, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04.