

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL**Present:**

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

Diane Bailey, Belmont
Michael Closson, Menlo Park
Kathleen Goforth, San Carlos
Mele Heimuli, East Palo Alto
Aurelio Huizar, Burlingame
Cheryl Schaff, Menlo Park, *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

Absent:

Steven Booker, Half Moon Bay
Gail Lee, San Bruno
Jason Mendelson, Redwood City, Vice 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 March 14, 2024, Regular Meeting**

Motion Made / Seconded: Whitehair / Closson

Motion passed 9-0 (Absent: Booker, Lee, Mendelson)

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Chair Report (Discussion)

Cheryl Schaff, *Chair*, announced that Margaret Li has resigned from the Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

3. Member Introductions (Discussion)

Cheryl Schaff invited each member of the Committee to introduce themselves and answer the following questions: *Tell us one way that climate change has affected your life, personally or professionally.*

4. Presentation on Reach Codes (Discussion)

Blake Herrschaft, *Programs Manager, Buildings*, explained the energy performance approach and air quality approach for encouraging building electrification. Blake compared the benefits of each approach and reviewed the model codes.

Committee members asked questions and discussed the merits of each approach. Diane Bailey, *Committee Member*, inquired about analysis comparing the relative emissions and health impacts between policies for new buildings and policies for existing buildings.

5. Working Group Reports (Discussion)

The Building Electrification, Managed Electric Vehicle Charging, Solar + Storage Programs, Education Initiatives, and the Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion working groups provided a summary of their progress and major accomplishments.

6. Ideas for 2024-25 Community Advisory Committee Working Groups (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, *Associate Director of Community Relations and Climate Equity*, shared working group ideas from Peninsula Clean Energy staff. Kirsten invited CAC members to share their suggestions for working group topics.

Michael Closson, *Committee Member*, proposed a working group to research how artificial intelligence can benefit Peninsula Clean Energy.

Kathleen Goforth, *Committee Member*, expressed interest in continuing to research distributed energy resources, including options for wind power.

Robert Whitehair, *Committee Member*, requested a working group focused on building electrification programs and policies.

7. Community Advisory Committee Recruitment Process Update (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind provided an update on the process of appointing new CAC members to fill current vacancies.

8. Marketing and Community Liaison Update (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind invited CAC members to support Earth Day and spring outreach events.

9. Upcoming Topics for Discussion (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind previewed topics for the upcoming meetings of the Peninsula Clean Energy Board of Directors.

Robert Whitehair and Diane Bailey requested that an action item on a building electrification recommendation be agendaized for the May CAC meeting.

Committee members requested updates on the direct install program and the launch of the GovBE program. Diane Bailey suggested an update on the Inflation Reduction Act and how various funds are being dispersed locally and statewide, when the timing is appropriate.

10. Committee Members' Reports (Discussion)

Robert Whitehair reported that 50 people participated in the April 2, 2024 San Mateo Home Electrification Workshop.

Cheryl Schaff announced the April 13, 2024 Love Our Earth Festival in East Palo Alto and invited the public to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.