



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY &
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 20, 2022 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Department of Administration Conference Room 2B, Providence, RI 02908 with additional audio/visual participation available through Zoom.

Members in Attendance: Harry Oakley, Peter Gill Case

Others in Attendance: Nathan Cleveland, Sam Ross, Marisa Desautel, Brett Feldman

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Oakley called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

2. Chair Announcements

Chairperson Oakley provided an overview of the meeting agenda and instructions for providing public comments at the meeting.

3. Executive Director Report

This item was held as interim commissioner Kearns was unavailable to join the meeting.

4. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – July 2022

Vice Chair Gill Case motioned to approve the July 2022 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Chairperson Oakley seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

5. Program Oversight (20 min 2:10 - 2:30)

a. Regulatory Updates on the Annual 2023 Energy Efficiency Plan and Discussion of Council Participation (20 min, 2:10 – 2:30 p.m.)

Mr. Ross of the Council's Consultant Team updated the Council on the procedural schedule for the 2023 Energy Efficiency Plan docket. This schedule includes a date for filing the Council's budget with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Committee Members discussed the Council's budget filings with Mr. Ross and Ms. Desautel. Vice Chair Gill Case noted that the budget filing conversation is to ensure that the Council is working in a coordinated effort with legal counsel so that everything is well-prepared for filing with the PUC. Committee Members discussed their options for potentially providing individual testimony during the docket proceedings. Council Members have been involved with the Consultant Team and legal counsel in the preliminary reviews of the Council's pre-filed testimony.

6. Council Business

a. Discuss future Executive Committee Meeting Agendas and Topics (10 min, 2:30 – 2:40 p.m.)

Chairperson Oakley requested that at a future meeting, the Executive Committee covers the logistics and outline of the three-year planning process. Committee Members and Mr. Ross discussed the current status and next steps with the market potential study data refresh. The Committee also expressed interest in debriefing on the Council's budget process and following up on filling the Council's current vacancies at future Executive Committee meetings. Mr. Cleveland provided an overview of the appointment process for filling the Council's vacant seats.

b. Review of Council Bylaws (10 min, 2:40 – 2:50 p.m.)

The Executive Committee discussed initial thoughts on the Council's bylaws in preparation for a more thorough discussion on the topic in January. Vice Chair Gill Case noted that there are topics described in the bylaws that could be covered in more detail by the Council moving forward.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Adjournment

Chairperson Oakley adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.