



## FULL COUNCIL DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 20, 2024 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Department of Administration Conference Room 2A, Providence, RI 02908

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### Members in Attendance:

Harry Oakley, Brett Feldman, Peter Gill Case, Sue AnderBois, Bob Izzo, Chris Kearns, Priscilla De La Cruz, Kurt Teichert, Tom Magliocchetti, Carrie Gill, Jordan Day

### Others in Attendance:

Steven Chybowski, Georgia Cheney, Eva Davet, Katie Critelli, Sam Ross, Craig Johnson, Toby Ast, Adrian Caesar, Rebecca Foster, Kaeley Skakalski, Jordan Galluzzo, Conor MacDonald (virtual), Justin Roshak (virtual), Daniel Tukey (virtual), Laurice Hajjar (virtual), William Owen (virtual), Ann Clark (virtual), Seth Gordon (virtual), Emily Koo (virtual), Seth Handy (virtual), Alison Donovan (virtual), Jeremy Newberger (virtual), Elizabeth M'Balu Oke (virtual)

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Oakley called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

#### 2. Chair Report

Chair Oakley provided an overview of the meeting agenda and explained that all meeting materials were available on the Council website. He announced that the new website [www.eec.ri.gov](http://www.eec.ri.gov) is now live and that the Council will be transitioning to this site going forward and feedback on site improvements is welcome.

#### 3. Executive Director Report

Acting Commissioner Kearns from the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) welcomed new Council Member Dr. Carrie Gill. He announced that an agenda item will be added to an upcoming meeting in the fall to discuss seats that need to be filled or re-appointed in 2025. OER can also add an agenda item to review legislative updates in energy from the 2024 session for a future meeting. He also provided federal funding updates from OER.

#### 4. Meeting Minutes

##### a. April 18, 2024

Chair Oakley motioned to approve the April 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Council Member Gill Case seconded. Council Members Oakley, Gill Case, AnderBois, Izzo, De La Cruz, Teichert, and Magliocchetti voted in favor, none opposed, and Council Member Day abstained. The minutes were approved.

##### b. LEAD Session – April 29, 2024

Chair Oakley made a motion to approve the April 29, 2024 LEAD Session Meeting Minutes. Council Member AnderBois seconded. Council Members Oakley, Gill Case,



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AnderBois, Izzo, De La Cruz, Teichert, and Magliocchetti voted in favor, none opposed, and Council Member Day abstained. The minutes were approved.

c. *May 16, 2024*

Chair Oakley made a motion to approve the May 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Council Member AnderBois seconded. Council Members Oakley, Gill Case, AnderBois, Izzo, De La Cruz, Teichert, and Magliocchetti voted in favor, none opposed, and Council Member Day abstained. The minutes were approved.

### 5. Public Comment

Council Member Gill announced that Rhode Island Energy's website currently has a request for proposal for non-wire solutions posted.

### 6. Council Business

a. *Council Discussion with PivotPath on Public Awareness Campaign*

Ms. M'Balu Oke from PivotPath shared a presentation outlining the public awareness campaign, including the executive summary, the project approach, the campaign strategy, and next steps. The Council raised points and comments including ensuring the key messages are in alignment and complimentary with Rhode Island Energy's messages, as well as measuring results.

b. *Review and Vote on the Draft 2024 EEC Annual Report*

The Council didn't have any comments or questions on the report as presented. Council Member AnderBois made a motion to approve the 2024 EEC Annual Report. Council Member Gill Case seconded. All in favor, none opposed, and the draft was approved.

c. *Council Discussion of 2025 Budget Proposal*

Mr. Johnson presented on the 2025 Council budget, including a planning timeline, and highlighting modifications from the 2024 budget. Slides showed the next steps and presented questions for the Council to consider and discuss. Suggestions were made such as reducing the printing costs (e.g., producing less annual report books and creating a leaflet that contains high-level information). The Council would like to view budget vs. actual for prior years and to add the budget tracker to briefing memo.



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### 7. Program Oversight

- a. *Rhode Island Energy Presentation on Transportation Demand Side Management Proposal*  
Council Member Gill provided an update on the Electric Transportation Initiative (ETI) Phase II. There are two proposed programs and an engagement timeline in development and the Company will plan to present more details at a future Council meeting.
- b. *Rhode Island Energy Updates on the 2025 Energy Efficiency Plan*  
Mr. Ast presented on the 2025 Draft Plan Initiative which included timeline updates. The presentation included identifying programs with costs higher than the cost of supply. He also outlined steps for workforce development and areas for addressing equitable program implementation. The residential and commercial/industrial sectors were discussed, including budget overviews and key topics for each sector.
- c. *Consultant Team Perspectives on the 2025 Draft Plan Narrative*  
Mr. Johnson and Mr. Caesar shared their initial reactions regarding the level of completeness of the plan draft to date. They commented that they are looking forward to digging in further once the numbers are added to the plan, in advance of the next Council meeting.
- d. *Council Discussion on the 2025 Draft Plan Narrative*  
Mr. Gill Case raised the idea of switching to a three-year planning cycle, as is done in states like Massachusetts, from Rhode Island's current annual plan process.

### 8. Adjournment

Chair Oakley adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.