

# AGENDA

## COUNCIL LEAD SESSION

Monday, October 28, 2024 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM

President's Dining Room, Donovan Dining Center  
Rhode Island College, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave, Providence, RI 02908

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<b>12:45 – 1:00 PM</b>	<b>15 min</b>	<b>Arrival, Refreshments &amp; Welcome</b>
1:00 – 1:05 PM	5 min	Public Comment
1:05 – 1:25 PM	20 min	Introductions & Icebreaker
<b>1:25 – 1:40 PM</b>	<b>15 min</b>	<b>Regulatory Updates</b>
<b>1:40 – 2:25 PM</b>	<b>45 min</b>	<b>Market Potential Study</b>
1:40 – 1:55 PM	15 min	- Update & Discussion Framing by Consultant Team
1:55 – 2:25 PM	30 min	- Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team
<b>2:25 – 2:40 PM</b>	<b>15 min</b>	<b>Break &amp; Refreshments</b>
<b>2:40 – 3:25 PM</b>	<b>45 min</b>	<b>Energy Efficiency Legislation: Current Challenges &amp; Opportunities</b>
2:40 – 2:45 PM	5 min	- Update & Discussion Framing by Councilor Sue AnderBois, Councilor Harry Oakley, Consultant Team & Legal Counsel
2:45 – 3:25 PM	40 min	- Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team & Legal Counsel
<b>3:25 – 3:55 PM</b>	<b>30 min</b>	<b>Legislator Education on Energy Efficiency</b>
3:25 – 3:40 PM	15 min	- Discussion Framing by Councilor Sue AnderBois
3:40 – 3:55 PM	15 min	- Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team
<b>3:55 – 4:00 PM</b>	<b>5 min</b>	<b>Wrap Up</b>

### OBJECTIVES

#### *Market Potential Study*

The Consultant Team will provide background on the purpose and history of Council-led market potential studies (MPS) as well as specifics for a proposed study including scope, timing, and next steps. Councilors will be asked to discuss interest in funding a new MPS and, if desired, what the goals of such a study should be.

#### *Energy Efficiency Legislation Challenges & Opportunities*

Councilor AnderBois will provide a brief update on recent conversations among key stakeholder groups regarding potential limitations of Rhode Island's existing energy efficiency legislation. Councilors will be asked to discuss anticipated challenges and opportunities associated with fulfilling the Council's legislated requirements. Topic areas for discussion may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Meeting the Council's legislative purposes in light of Act on Climate mandates
- Ability to move energy efficiency plans from binding annual to binding three-year plans
- Council meeting and voting requirements (e.g. proxy and/or virtual attendance and voting)

The Council's Legal Counsel will be available to respond to any questions that Councilors have regarding what the Council can and cannot do.

### *Legislator Education on Energy Efficiency*

Councilors will be asked to discuss a strategy for educating Rhode Island state legislators on important and timely energy efficiency topics relevant to the work of the Council. Councilor AnderBois will share a draft briefing presentation for feedback.

## **DISCUSSION FRAMING QUESTIONS**

### *Market Potential Study*

- Do you have any clarifying questions about the purpose, scope, or implications of a MPS?
- Does the Council have sufficient information to inform a decision about whether or not to conduct a new MPS?
- What potential drawbacks exist if the Council decides to not conduct a new MPS?

### *Energy Efficiency Legislation Challenges & Opportunities*

- What concerns do you have regarding Rhode Island's current energy efficiency policy landscape?
- Are there ways in which least cost procurement law or the Council's enabling legislation are incongruent with Act on Climate mandates?
- How can the state's energy efficiency policy be optimized to fully support the state's climate goals?
- Are there potential improvements to the energy efficiency planning process that would require legislative updates (e.g. annual vs. three-year plans, Council meeting proxies)
- What do you see as the Council's role in the state's policymaking process?

### *Legislator Education on Energy Efficiency*

- What key messages does the Council want to ensure legislators understand? What misconceptions or gaps in knowledge do you think exist among policymakers?
- What timing would be appropriate to hold a legislator briefing?
- Would you be interested in helping to present on behalf of the Council at a legislator briefing?

## RESOURCES – MORE RESOURCES WILL BE ADDED

### *Market Potential Study*

- [Final Market Potential Study Report – Slide Deck \(June 24, 2020\)](#)

### *Energy Efficiency Legislation Challenges & Opportunities*

- [EERMC Enabling Legislation](#)
- [Least Cost Procurement Legislation](#)

### *Legislator Education on Energy Efficiency*

- (Link to draft slides)

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