



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 18, 2024 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM

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

With public participation available via Zoom.

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### Members in Attendance:

Sue AnderBois, Harry Oakley, Peter Gill Case

### Others in Attendance:

Katie Critelli, Georgia Cheney, William Owen, Brett Feldman, Rachel Sholly, Craig Johnson, Seth Handy, Conor MacDonald, Adrian Caesar (virtual), John Harrington (virtual)

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Oakley called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

#### 2. Chair Report

Chair Oakley previewed the meeting agenda. He also introduced Seth Handy and Conor MacDonald of Handy Law, the Committee's new legal representation.

#### 3. Executive Director Report

None.

#### 4. Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2024

Chair Oakley motioned to approve the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Council Member Gill Case seconded. All in favor, none opposed, and the meeting minutes were approved.

#### 5. Public Comment

None.

#### 6. Council Business

##### *a. Executive Committee Introductions to Handy Law*

Chair Oakley introduced Mr. Handy and Mr. MacDonald from Handy Law. Mr. Handy spoke about the firm's experience and perspective on working with the Council. Council Member Gill Case spoke to the relationship between OER and the Council, which while mostly aligned, have different approaches and goals at times. Council Member AnderBois talked about the 2006 origin of Energy Efficiency. Chair Oakley raised the idea of a "wish list." Chair Oakley suggested having Handy Law examine the steps needed to change to having a three-year budget cycle. Chair Oakley also raised the idea of having an additional subcommittee on policy. Mr. Handy spoke to the "Act on Climate" goals for legislative change, documenting the gaps between goals and capacity.

##### *b. Review of 2025 Council Budget Proposal*



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Chair Oakley suggested pushing the vote until the next meeting of the full council. Ms. Sholly talked about the budget planning timeline and why it may be a good idea to push the vote. The Committee discussed the URI Public Education budget.

*c. Review and Updates on Council Seat Tenure and 2025 Appointment Needs*

Chair Oakley discussed which Council Members' terms are coming to an end.

### 7. Adjournment

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