

# AGENDA

## COUNCIL LEAD SESSION

Monday, May 5, 2025 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM

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

Members of the public may join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85496970055>  
or by Phone: 888 788 0099 Meeting ID: 854 9697 0055



### OVERVIEW

The Energy Efficiency Council's Learning, Education, and Advancement Discussion (LEAD) Sessions are held twice a year, in the spring and fall, as an extension of the Council's regular monthly meetings. These sessions provide space for deeper learning, open discussion, and stronger connection among Council members. LEAD Sessions are designed to be highly participatory, with topics shaped by Councilor input to reflect current priorities. Discussions typically focus on Council responsibilities, efficiency planning considerations, and deeper dives into the evolving energy efficiency landscape. All Council members are expected to attend, and sessions are open to the public.

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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	Welcome & Icebreaker
<b>1:25 – 2:20 PM</b>	<b>55 min</b>	<b>2025 ACEEE State Scorecard: Overview &amp; Results</b>
1:25 – 1:35 PM	10 min	- Presentation by Consultant Team
1:35 – 2:20 PM	45 min	- Council Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team
<b>2:20 – 2:45 PM</b>	<b>25 min</b>	<b>Group Photo &amp; Break</b>
<b>2:45 – 3:55 PM</b>	<b>70 min</b>	<b>PUC Discussion: Electricity Costs &amp; Performance Incentive Mechanism (PIM)</b>
2:45 – 2:50 PM	5 min	- Discussion Framing by Chair Oakley
2:50 – 3:25 PM	35 min	- Electricity Costs & Customer Affordability
3:25 – 3:55 PM	30 min	- Performance Incentive Mechanism
<b>3:55 – 4:00 PM</b>	<b>5 min</b>	<b>Wrap Up</b>

## OBJECTIVES

### *2025 ACEEE State Scorecard: New Methodology & Results*

The Consultant Team will provide an overview of the 2025 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard, published by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), including recent changes to the scoring methodology and the factors contributing to Rhode Island's lower ranking. Council members will have the opportunity to discuss areas for strengthening state programs and policies, as well as potential actions the Council may wish to consider in response. Rhode Island Energy and the Office of Energy Resources will also provide their perspectives on the State Energy Efficiency Scorecard.

### *PUC Discussion: Electricity Costs & Performance Incentive Mechanism*

This session continues the Council's dialogue with Public Utilities Commission (PUC) staff, building on the February Council meeting. Chairperson Harry Oakley and the Consultant Team will provide brief framing remarks, including a recap of the February discussion. The first part of the session will focus on electricity rates and bills, with PUC staff giving an overview about the costs and investments that go into utility bills, especially those outside of energy efficiency and system reliability procurement that the Council is accustomed to seeing. The second part will explore the Performance Incentive Mechanism (PIM), including an overview of its design and role in supporting cost-effective program implementation. Each session is designed to encourage open dialogue between Councilors and the PUC staff.

## DISCUSSION PROMPTS

### *2025 ACEEE State Scorecard: New Methodology & Results*

- What concerns or reactions do you have about Rhode Island's ranking and the factors that contributed to it?
- Where do you see opportunities for the Council to drive improvements based on the Scorecard findings?
- Are there specific recommendations for Rhode Island Energy that you would like to see reflected in the next Annual Plan or Three-Year Plan in response?
- What additional information or analysis would help the Council better understand the results of the Scorecard and the role that it can play in improving the Rhode Island's standing?

### *PUC Discussion: Electricity Costs & Performance Incentive Mechanism*

#### **Electricity Costs:**

- What questions do you have for the PUC and/or Rhode Island Energy on rates, bills, and affordability?
- What principles should guide how ratepayer affordability is balanced with other energy policy goals (e.g., energy savings, Act on Climate, reliability)?
- Is there a role for the Council in helping the public and policymakers better understand what drives energy costs and the role of energy efficiency in controlling bills?

#### **Performance Incentive Mechanism:**

- What questions do you have for the PUC and/or Rhode Island Energy on PIMs?

- Are there adjustments you would like to see considered to better align the PIM with evolving state priorities, such as equity or decarbonization?
- What role should the Council play in shaping future updates or refinements to the PIM?

## RESOURCES

### *2025 ACEEE State Scorecard: New Methodology & Results*

- [2025 ACEEE State Scorecard](#)
- [ACEEE Website – 2025 State Scorecard Page](#)

### *PUC Discussion: Electricity Costs*

- [Rhode Island Energy – Understanding the Components of Your Bill](#)
- [EEC Understanding Your Electric Bill and How to Lower It – Energy Explained RI Video](#)
- [Renewable Energy Growth Program](#)
- [Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program \(LIHEAP\)](#)

### *PUC Discussion: Performance Incentive Mechanism*

- [Public Utilities Commission’s Guidance on Principles for the Development and Review of Performance Incentive Mechanisms](#)
- [Docket No. 4943 - Guidance Document Regarding Principles to Guide the Development and Review of Performance Incentive Mechanisms \(4/11/2019\)](#)
- [2025 Energy Efficiency Annual Plan](#) (Performance Incentive Plan p.152)
- [Utility Performance Incentive Mechanisms – A Handbook for Regulators](#)
- [Climate-Forward Efficiency Performance Incentives: Rewarding What Matters](#)