



FULL COUNCIL DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 17, 2025 | 3:00 – 5:00 PM

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

Members in Attendance:

Chris Kearns, Sue AnderBois, Carrie Gill, Priscilla De La Cruz, Harry Oakley, Dave Caldwell, Kurt Teichert, Brett Feldman, Tom Magliocchetti

Others in Attendance:

Steven Chybowski, Georgia Cheney, Jack Green, Katie Critelli, Toby Ast, Rachel Sholly, Craig Johnson, Emily Koo, Jordan Galuzzo, Spencer Lawrence, Brendan Dagher, Tina Munter, Mark Siegal, Leigh Edie, Michelle Eburn, Jessica Reno, Adrian Caesar (virtual), Jeremy Newberger (virtual), Emil Heagy (virtual), Atticus Makuch (virtual), Kate Felder (virtual), Margaret Hogan (virtual), Angela Li (virtual), Theo Smith (virtual)

1. Call to Order

Chair Oakley called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

2. Chair Report

Chair Oakley shared the meeting logistics and outlined the meeting's agenda which included program oversight and 2026 plan development updates. Council business will also be addressed with topics including the 2025 Annual Report, agenda items for the Learning, Education, and Advancement Discussion (LEAD) session, and potential items for the May Council meeting.

3. Executive Director Report

Acting Commissioner Kearns updated the Council on the Office of Energy Resources' (OER) federal funding programs, as well as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Allocation Plan. He spoke about the Home Show and shared that more legislative updates can be expected next month.

4. Meeting Minutes – March 31, 2025

Chair Oakley motioned to approve the March 31, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Council Member De La Cruz seconded. Council Members Caldwell, Teichert, and Magliocchetti voted in favor, Council Member AnderBois abstained, and no one opposed. The minutes were approved.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Program Oversight

a. *Rhode Island Energy Presentation on Efficiency Program Marketing*

Ms. Eburn presented on the updated Rhode Island Energy efficiency branding and "Let's make waves" campaign. Ms. Edie presented on the commercial program marketing. The presentation included many examples of ads, the media calendars, and marketing



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budget information. The Council engaged with questions and asked about targeted data to portray what is working and most successful. In response to a question, Mr. Siegal spoke about the role of account managers to promote and educate about efficiency programs.

b. Presentation of 2026 Energy Efficiency Program Plan Outline Memo

Mr. Ast presented on the 2026 energy efficiency program plan outline. He displayed the timeline for the memo, and shared both residential and income-eligible and commercial and industrial highlights.

c. Discussion and Potential Vote on Council Priorities for the 2026 Program Year

Mr. Johnson presented a red-lined version displaying the most recent changes to the Council's proposed 2026 priorities. Council Member Gill Case motioned to approve the priorities for the 2026 Energy Efficiency Annual Plan as presented by the Consultant team on April 17th, 2025. Council Member AnderBois seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, and the council priorities for 2026 were approved.

d. Presentation and Discussion of 2024 Year-End Connected Solutions Results

Ms. Reno of Rhode Island Energy presented on the Connected Solutions Program. She provided information on the structure of the Connected Solutions demand response program and a review of the summer 2024 results. Her presentation included graphs portraying event and non-event days, as well as the estimated costs in 2024 for both residential and C&I sectors.

7. Council Business

a. Discussion of the Council's 2025 Annual Report and Policy Recommendations

Ms. Sholly presented on the Council's annual report draft including the new, more streamlined approach for the report. She is looking for feedback by Friday, April 25th.

b. Planning Discussion for Spring 2025 LEAD Session

The spring LEAD session is scheduled for May 5th. Ms. Sholly reviewed possible topics for the meeting discussion. The Executive Committee shared its recommendations which included asking a representative from the PUC to join, to discuss the ACEEE's state rankings, and to have a contractor share their perspective on efficiency programming.

8. Adjournment

Chair Oakley adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.