



## Learning, Education, and Advancement Discussion Session

### Meeting Minutes

**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 able to join via Zoom

**Members in Attendance:** Tom Magliocchetti, Sue AnderBois, Brett Feldman, Carrie Gill, Peter Gill Case, Priscilla De La Cruz, Kurt Teichert, Harry Oakley (1:37 PM)

**Others in Attendance:** Seth Handy, Steven Chybowski, Georgia Cheney, Rachel Sholly, Craig Johnson, Luke Meunier, Todd Bianco, Jack Green, John Harrington (virtual), Atticus Makuch (virtual), Emily Koo (virtual), Theo Smith (virtual), Joel Munoz (virtual), Chris Kearns (virtual)

#### 1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Gill Case called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Ms. Sholly then outlined the agenda topics.

#### 2. Public Comment

*Emily Koo, Acadia Center*

Ms. Koo asked whether the Council intends to comment on policies described by the ACEEE scorecard and what kind of conversation the Council has had in designing performance incentives.

#### 3. Welcome & Icebreaker

Council Member AnderBois introduced the ice breaker asking attendees to share the “best or weirdest advice you ever received.”

#### 4. 2025 ACEEE State Scorecard: Overview and Results

##### a. Presentation by Consultant Team

Mr. Meunier shared a presentation on the ACEEE state scorecard of energy efficiency and a summary of the results. He outlined how the scores are calculated. His presentation showed Rhode Island has fallen out of the top 10, but it was noted that the scorecard has a lag between data collection and publication and that Rhode Island would be eligible for additional points if updated to the present day. A specific area where more points could have been secured is with the updating of Rhode Island's building codes.

The Council discussed the scoring with specific examples and suggestions on how to improve scores. This included expressing an interest in examining how other high-



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ranking states are achieving their scores for ideas and inspiration of activities that could be pursued in Rhode Island. With certain categories, such as natural gas efficiency, Council Members suggested that they may need to be assessed critically as the types of measures being incentivized in that category could have the risk of being counterproductive to the State's climate goals.

#### **5. PUC Discussion: Electricity Costs and Performance Incentive Mechanism (PIM)**

Chair Oakley provided opening remarks, introducing Todd Bianco to the group for presentations some topics of interest.

##### **a. Electricity Costs and Customer Affordability**

Mr. Bianco spoke about the supply charge and delivery charge on customer bills and used an example bill to explain what each delivery fee encompasses. He also walked through all of the different retail delivery rates and customer classes as described in Tariff Sheet 2095.

##### **a. Performance Incentive Mechanism**

Mr. Bianco presented slides illustrating the performance incentive design through graphs and illustrations. He described that in Rhode Island, we try to keep the performance incentive two-dimensional, weighing the percent change in net benefits alongside the percent change in program spending. Through this design, the Public Utilities Commission is trying to encourage the Company to make the most "vertical" decision as possible in their program implementation to maximize benefits with the lowest cost to achieve as possible. The visual slides from this presentation are publicly available on the PUC website.

#### **6. Adjournment**

Chair Oakley adjourned the meeting at 4:19 PM.