



FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 16, 2025 | 3:00 – 5:00 PM

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

Members in Attendance:

Harry Oakley, Dr. Carrie Gill, Peter Gill Case, Tom Magliocchetti, Chris Kearns, Kurt Teichert, Joe Garlick (arrived at 3:25 p.m.)

Others in Attendance:

Steven Chybowsky, Georgia Cheney, Katie Critelli, Colleen McGrath, Jeanne Cherry, Rachel Sholly, Adrian Caesar, Craig Johnson, Theo Smith, Emily Koo, Toby Ast, William Owen, Alison Donovan (virtual), Brett Feldman (virtual), Atticus Makuch (virtual), Mark Siegal (virtual), Ann Clarke (virtual), Oliwia Krupinska (virtual), Jordan Sasa (virtual), Luke Meunier (virtual), Kevin O'Neill (virtual), Jordan Galluzzo (virtual), Jeremy Newberger (virtual)

1. Call to Order

Chair Oakley called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

2. Chair Report

Chair Oakley began by sharing the meeting logistics on making public comment. He stated that today's meeting will focus on the Council's engagement and communication regarding the proposed energy efficiency plan during docket proceedings. He noted that Council Member Gill Case has volunteered to provide testimony on behalf of the Council. Chair Oakley also shared that the Council's vendor services were discussed during the Executive Committee meeting resulting in a recommendation to go out to bid for services when the opportunity arises, as a way to help ensure the Council is also finding the least-cost service providers. The Council can expect to see drafted RFPs at upcoming meetings for Council review. He then previewed the agenda, including Program Oversight and Council Business.

3. Executive Director Report

Acting Commissioner Kearns shared updates on Revolution Wind, the HEAR program, the Heat Pump program, Efficient Buildings Fund, NEVI Phase 2, new EV fast charging stations, the Senate Resolution 1161 benchmarking report and the RGGI Allocation Plan.

4. Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2025

This item was held as there was not a quorum at the start of the meeting.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Program Oversight

a. *Regulatory Proceedings Update and Discussion*



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Mr. Johnson of the Council's consultant team and Mr. Owen from the Office of Energy Resources presented on ongoing regulatory dockets at the Public Utilities Commission including 22-01- NG (Future of Gas), 25-16-NG (Old Mill Lane), 25-19-EL (Green Button Connect), 25-25-EL (Integrated Clean and Renewable Energy) and 25-28-EL (Mitigating Winter Price Volatility).

Council Member Teichert motioned to accelerate agenda item 6.c. as the next agenda item, and to shift down item 6.b. Council Member Gill Case seconded. All in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed. Revised agenda item order reflected below.

b. Consultant Team Presentation and Vote on the Cost-Effectiveness Report for the 2026 Annual Energy Efficiency Plan

Mr. Caesar of the Council's consultant team began by reviewing the Council's responsibility to complete and submit a cost-effectiveness report. He outlined the steps for the final report and presented on the cost-effectiveness on the proposed electric and gas programs. According to the RI Cost test, all are cost-effective. Council Member Teichert moved to approve the cost-effectiveness report as currently written and to direct the consultant team and legal representatives to submit the report to the PUC by the due date. Vice Chair Gill Case seconded. All in favor; none opposed, and vote passed.

Chair Oakley motioned to revisit Agenda Item 4 – Meeting Minutes: September 25, 2025. Vice Chair Gill Case seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2025

Council Member Teichert had language corrections to the drafted meeting minutes. Vice Chair Gill Case requested that his opening remarks be included in the record and asked that the record reflect his question to Dr. Gill regarding Plan negotiations. Dr. Gill had amendments to the language as well. Due to several revisions, the Council decided to hold the vote on the minutes for the next meeting.

The Council then returned to Program Oversight and resumed with the remainder of the agenda.

c. Discussion of the Council's Comments and Approach for Engagement in the 2026 Energy Efficiency Plan Docket Proceedings



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Mr. Johnson presented the docket schedule, opportunities for Council input, and spoke about testimony topics and the process of testimony sponsorship.

Chair Oakley supports not endorsing the plan as the reduction interferes with reaching Act on Climate goals. Council Member Teichert asked for clarification of timing for the testimony. Vice Chair Gill Case shared that the Council learned a lot from the last time they didn't approve the Plan in 2022. At that time, EEC did not make alternative recommendations, and he feels that that was a lesson learned from the previous experience. The Council discussed extending the 11/3 deadline and Attorney Handy stated he would request an extension.

7. Council Business

a. Consultant Team Presentation and Council Discussion on Setting 2027-2029 Energy Efficiency Targets

Mr. Johnson explained that the Council has a responsibility to develop efficiency targets for 2027-2029 and will need a process to come up with targets, due next spring. The Council's Consultant Team will plan to provide the technical support to develop these targets. This topic will be discussed in more detail at future meetings.

b. Planning Discussion for the Council's Learning, Education, and Advancement Discussion (LEAD) Session

Ms. Sholly presented a draft agenda for the upcoming LEAD session. The Council discussed three ideas including having URI recap the Community of Practice, a boots-on-the-ground panel of weatherization contractors for a Q and A session, and the 2026 EE Plan docket and required testimony. The Council concurred that those three agenda items may be too much as they want to allow adequate discussion time and would be open to limiting the LEAD session to two topics.

8. Public Comment

Kevin O'Neill, *Citizen's Climate Lobby*

Mr. O'Neill asked if there could be a press release about the cost-benefit ratios and asked about incentives and integrating programs more effectively.

Emily Koo, *Acadia Center*

Ms. Koo emphasized the "call to action" to the EEC over the last few months and stated that she believes that the PUC would like to hear alternatives to the Company's proposal.

9. Adjournment



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Vice Chair Gill Case adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.