



## FULL COUNCIL DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 20, 2025 | 3:00 – 5:00 PM  
Department of Administration Conference Room 2A, Providence, RI 02908

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### Members in Attendance:

Brett Feldman, Harry Oakley, Peter Gill Case, Priscilla De La Cruz, Kurt Teichert, Sue AnderBois (arrived at 3:30 p.m.)

### Others in Attendance:

Steven Chybowski, Georgia Cheney, Katie Critelli, Jeanne Cherry, Craig Johnson, Luke Meunier, Toby Ast, Theo Smith, Seth Handy, Atticus Makuch, Spencer Lawrence, Brendan Dagher, Oliwia Krupinska, Will Owen, Adrian Caesar (virtual), Stephanie Morse (virtual), Brian Kealoha (virtual), Emily Koo (virtual), Rebecca Foster (virtual), Sophia Gosselin-Smoske (virtual), Nicholas Zhu (virtual), Mark Siegal (virtual), Jordan Galluzzo (virtual), Tina Munter (virtual), Serena Russell (virtual)

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Oakley called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

#### 2. Chair Report

Chair Oakley began by sharing the meeting instructions for making public comment. He stated that today's meeting will include both program oversight and council business and previewed the agenda. He noted that the State's energy efficiency program administrator procurement was cancelled on the State Purchasing website and that the Council is waiting for additional information before making any statements on the subject.

#### 3. Executive Director Report

Mr. Chybowski with the Office of Energy Resources (OER) provided an update on the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR) program.

#### 4. Meeting Minutes

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

#### 5. Public Comment

*Emily Koo, Acadia Center*

Ms. Koo encouraged the Energy Efficiency Council (EEC) to seek out more information and provide transparency on the third-party program administrator process and flagged for the Council's awareness that energy efficiency was discussed during the winter pricing volatility hearing at the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) earlier this week.

#### 6. Program Oversight

- a. *Rhode Island Energy and Consultant Team Presentation on Q3 2025 Program Implementation*



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Mr. Johnson of the Council's consultant team and Mr. Makuch of Rhode Island Energy provided the presentation outline and key takeaways from the efficiency programming through the third quarter of the year. They provided bubble charts demonstrating the size of program and share of the portfolio savings goals. The presentation included data on the savings for both the electric and gas portfolios. Mr. Caesar of the Council's consultant team presented on the Electric C&I Savings and Mr. Makuch provided information on the C&I context. Council Member AnderBois asked about previous Opportunities Studies. Chair Oakley suggested having the commercial and industrial Council member representatives join in meetings with RIE to share perspectives and suggestions for improving program performance. He suggested that the Council could consider policies to require weatherization during a tenant transition, and that a weatherization audit would be mandated to obtain a certificate of occupancy. The Council discussed revisiting this idea when it discusses its recommendations to the General Assembly at the start of the new year.

*b. Regulatory Updates*

Mr. Johnson updated the Council on upcoming docket proceedings, including Vice Chair Gill Case's testimony and the Consultant Team's testimony in the efficiency docket. He summarized the comments and data requests that have been submitted to-date. Mr. Johnson explained the next steps with the docket schedule and shared how people can access the proceedings live or watch the recording afterwards. The Consultant Team will summarize key points of the proceedings, either in a memo or video with highlights for the Council afterwards. Mr. Feldman of RIE addressed a statement in Council Member Gill Case's testimony regarding RI Energy's Performance Incentive Mechanism (PIM), stating that the PIM is based on actual performance and is not impacted by the goals set.

### 7. Council Business

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

Mr. Johnson outlined the legislative requirement for the Council to set EE program targets and explained the purpose of the targets. He provided an overview of the resources that the Consultant Team can consult for developing these targets and the next steps in this process for the Council. The deadline for the targets is March 1<sup>st</sup>, but the Council can request an extension if necessary, as that date gets closer.

**Council Member Teichert motioned to revisit Agenda Item 4, Meeting Minutes. Council Member AnderBois seconded. All in favor, none opposed.**



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### 6. Meeting Minutes - Revisited

#### a. *September 25, 2025*

Chair Oakley motioned to approve the September 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Council Member Teichert seconded. Council Members Oakley, Teichert, Gill Case, and AnderBois voted in favor; Council Member De La Cruz abstained, and the minutes were approved.

#### b. *October 16, 2025*

Chair Oakley motioned to approve the October 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Council Member AnderBois seconded. Council Members Oakley, AnderBois, Gill Case and Teichert voted in favor, Council Member De La Cruz abstained, and the minutes were approved.

#### c. *November 3, 2025 LEAD Session*

Chair Oakley motioned to approve the November 3, 2025 LEAD Session Meeting Minutes. Council Member De La Cruz seconded. All in favor; none opposed, and the minutes were approved.

### 7. Council Business

#### b. *Discussion and Potential Vote to Issue a Request for Proposals for Legal Services*

Council Member AnderBois motioned to enter an Executive Session (also referred to as a closed meeting) pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-4(a) to discuss the Council's legal services as described in Agenda Item #7.b. The business to be discussed and the statutory purpose of entering into an Executive Session, is R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(7): "A matter related to the question of the investment of public funds where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest." Council Member Teichert seconded. All in favor, none opposed, and the Council entered Executive Session.

### 8. Public Comment

None.

### 9. Adjournment

Chair Oakley adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.