

AGENDA

COUNCIL LEAD SESSION



Monday, June 8, 2026 | 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: Registration Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/gW0rYSLhSBKtuKI4j-IB8w>

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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12:45 – 1:00 PM	15 min	Arrival & Refreshments
1:00 – 1:05 PM	5 min	Public Comment
1:05 – 1:20 PM	15 min	Introduction & Ice Breaker
1:20 – 2:30 PM	70 min	Least Cost Procurement Standards
1:20 – 1:30 PM	10 min	- Presentation on PUC's Proposed Standards Updates
1:30 – 2:30 PM	60 min	- Council Discussion
2:30 – 2:45 PM	15 min	Break
2:45 – 3:55 PM	70 min	Opportunities for Council Process Improvements
2:45 – 2:55 PM	10 min	- Discussion Framing by Chair & Vice Chair
2:55 – 3:55 PM	60 min	- Council Discussion
3:55 – 4:00 PM	5 min	Wrap Up

OBJECTIVES

Least Cost Procurement Standards – PUC Proposed Updates

This discussion will provide an overview of the Public Utilities Commission’s proposed updates to the Least Cost Procurement Standards, which guide Rhode Island Energy’s energy efficiency planning process. The session will cover key proposed changes, review the comments and feedback the Council’s consultant team plans to submit to the PUC, and create space for Council members to share additional perspectives and considerations ahead of the June 12 comment deadline. The discussion will also provide context on the role the Standards play in shaping Rhode Island’s long-standing least-cost approach to energy efficiency planning and procurement.

Opportunities for Council Process Improvements

As the energy landscape becomes more complex and consequential, the Council’s role continues to evolve. This discussion will explore how Council meetings and processes can best support meaningful deliberation, deeper engagement, and informed decision-making among Council members.

Topics may include balancing meeting presentations with discussion, opportunities for strategic dialogue, capacity and expectations around preparation and participation, and identifying ways Councilors can most effectively contribute their expertise between and during meetings. The session will also provide space to reflect on what is working well today and where there may be opportunities to strengthen collaboration, learning, and Council impact moving forward.

This discussion is intended to be exploratory and participatory, with the goal of surfacing ideas and perspectives rather than reaching immediate conclusions.

DISCUSSION PROMPTS

Least Cost Procurement Standards – PUC Proposed Updates

- Do the proposed updates preserve the core intent of Rhode Island’s least-cost procurement framework?
- Do the proposed revisions provide sufficient guidance for Rhode Island Energy’s future 3-Year Plans?
- Are there aspects of the proposed revisions that could create implementation challenges or unintended consequences?
- How should the Standards evolve to reflect changes in the energy landscape?
- What elements of Rhode Island’s current least-cost approach are most important to preserve moving forward?

Opportunities for Council Process Improvements

- How can we create the conditions for stronger engagement and strategic dialogue?
- What makes a Council meeting feel productive and valuable?
- Are there opportunities to create more space for discussion and deliberation during meetings?
- What information is most helpful for Councilors to receive in advance?
- What level of preparation is realistic and appropriate to expect from Council members?
- How can the Council best leverage the expertise and perspectives of its members?

- How can the Council ensure it is able to meaningfully engage in relevant PUC dockets that it is not legislatively required to participate in?
- Are there topics or decisions that would benefit from more informal or strategic discussion outside regular meeting structures?

RESOURCES

Least Cost Procurement Standards – PUC Proposed Updates

- 2026 LCP Standards Review
 - [2026 LCP Standards Review Docket](#)
 - [PUC Draft Least Cost Procurement Standards revisions](#)
- 2023 LCP Standards Review
 - [2023 LCP Standards Review Docket](#)
 - [Currently Approved LCP Standards – Adopted July 2023](#)
 - [PUC Order Adopting Currently Approved LCP Standards](#)
 - [Comments provided by the EEC Consultant Team](#)
 - [Comments provided by the Office of Energy Resources](#)
 - [Comments provided by Rhode Island Energy](#)
- [Least Cost Procurement Legislation](#)

Opportunities for Council Process Improvements

- [EERMC Enabling Legislation](#)
- [Council By-Laws](#)