



## Energy Efficiency Board Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 1:00 – 3:30 PM

United Illuminating, 180 Marsh Hill Road, Orange, CT

### MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

#### In Attendance

Voting Board Members: Amanda Fargo-Johnson (Acting EEB Chair), Jack Traver, Amy McLean Salls, Taren O'Connor, Adrienne Houel, Bruce McDermott, Neil Beup, Mary Sotos, Eric Brown (phone)

Utility Board Members: Jane Lano, Andy Brydges, Ron Araujo, Will Riddle

Board Members Not in Attendance: John Wright, Scott Whittier

Board Consultants: Glenn Reed, George Lawrence, Dan Mellinger, Craig Diamond, Richard Faesy (phone)

Others: Steve Bruno, John Kibbee, Enoch Lenge, Ryan Esthus, Michael Doucette, Liz Murphy, Jordan Schellens, Donna Wells, Linda Foreman, Julia Dumaine, Anthony Clark, Guy West, Diane Duva, Jamie Perna, Peter Stothard, Mark Thompson (phone), Gayathri Vijayakumar (phone)

#### Process

##### Minutes

The Board considered whether to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2019 Board meeting. Ms. McLean Salls moved to approve, Mr. McDermott 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote: all Board members present voted to approve, except for Ms. Sotos who abstained. **Minutes approved.**

##### Public Comments

None.

##### EEB Chair nomination and election

Ms. Fargo-Johnson nominated Mr. Beup to be EEB Chair. Mr. Traver moved to approve, Ms. Houel 2<sup>nd</sup>. **All Board members present voted to elect Mr. Beup Chair.** It was clarified that Mr. Beup would be Chair for one year only, because he was taking over as Chair in the middle of Bill Dornbos's two-year term. It was also noted that Ms. Fargo-Johnson had one year remaining as Vice-Chair.

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<sup>1</sup> Meeting materials available in Box.com: <https://app.box.com/s/ia0gexfs8v4abky02tbhfkzh2248zc46>

### EEB committee membership

Ms. Fargo-Johnson said that the Evaluation and Consultant Committees still needed additional Board members to participate on them.

### EEB Technical Consultant and Evaluation RFPs

Mr. Diamond said that the EEB Consultant Committee had received three proposals for Technical Consultants, and two proposals for Evaluation Administrator. He said that the Committee would be conducting interview in July and August, and would make a selection decision for the Technical Consultants and the Evaluation Administrator by the end of August.

### EEB Rules/Roadmap changes

Mr. Diamond noted that he had distributed proposed Rules/Roadmap revisions to the Board along with the agenda for today's meeting. He said that the Board would discuss and vote on the revisions at the Board's July meeting.

### CT legislative update

Ms. Sotos noted that the energy efficiency standards bill had failed to pass in the CT General Assembly, but she said that DEEP still intended to take steps on energy efficiency standards, with lighting in particular.

### Board member service recognitions

Ms. Fargo-Johnson and Ms. Sotos presented a certificate of recognition to Ms. Duva, and expressed appreciation for Ms. Duva's many years of service to the Board. Ms. Duva expressed her appreciation for the Board members and the Board consultants. She also thanked DEEP staff for supporting the Board and implementation of the C&LM Plan.

### **Planning for 2020 Update to 2019-2021 C&LM Plan**

#### 2020 Update priorities/considerations and schedule

Mr. Reed presented on the 2020 Plan Update priorities and schedule. He noted that electric revenue for 2019 and 2020 would be almost the same (just a little higher for 2020). Mr. Reed then went through the seven priorities in the 2019-2021 C&LM Plan. He asked for feedback from Board members on each priority. Ms. Fargo-Johnson said the Watson tour should remind the Board of the importance of tailored solutions in C&I (priority #2). Mr. Reed asked the Board if the current seven priorities should continue in the 2020 Plan Update. No Board members said that the seven priorities should not continue. Mr. Beup asked about how the Plan addresses under-served populations, and the various ways in which under-served is defined (income, geographic, etc.). Mr. Reed suggested that the topic of under-served populations could be discussed at a future Board meeting. Ms. Fargo-Johnson noted this related to questions about low/moderate income populations, which was being discussed in the Residential Committee. Mr. Traver asked if the SBEA financing model could be a possible model for medium-sized businesses, and if C&LM funds should be used to buy down interest rates on loans for the Energy Opportunities and other C&I programs. Ms. Fargo-Johnson noted that the Board appeared to be in consensus

that the seven priorities should be continued in the 2020 Plan update. She asked about how the Plan budget would ramp back up to previous levels. Mr. Riddle said that UI was exploring ways to help vendors. He noted that there was not much ramp up for 2019. Mr. Reed and Mr. Lawrence provided a presentation on Residential and C&I 2020 Update items. Mr. Reed asked for any feedback from Board on potential Residential 2020 update items. He noted that he might add multi-family to the list of potential Residential items. It was clarified that there was no action required by the Board at this time regarding the HES co-pay.

Educational topic: Multi-family case study - Charter Oak Communities

Mr. Enoch provided an overview of Eversource's multi-family program. He noted that the multi-family program had evolved from offering mostly incentives to working with customers to identify comprehensive approaches. Ms. Perna and Mr. Stothard, both from Charter Oak Communities, provided a presentation on their energy efficiency efforts. Mr. Stothard thanked Eversource for their assistance with their programs. He said that Eversource had contributed over \$1 million in incentives to their programs. Ms. Houel asked if there was a way for Charter Oak Communities to provide incentives or rent rebate to tenants. They said they were not able to provide rent rebates or financial incentives to tenants.

Educational topic: The Future of Intelligent C&I Lighting

Mr. Mellinger provided an overview of the topic of intelligent lighting. Then Mr. Doucette and Mr. Esthus provided a presentation on the Companies' approach to intelligent lighting.

**Closing Public Comments**

None.

Mr. Clark announced that he would be leaving the CT Green Bank in July, and that he would be moving to Atlanta with this family.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.