

CLEAN ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 2022 (Monday)
1:00PM – 4:00PM

****Meeting was open to the Public ****

CEAB website hosted at energy.virginia.gov, direct link [here](#)

Call to Order

Hannah Coman (Chair) calls the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

Roll Call

Present in person: Katharine Bond, Will Cleveland, Toni Ostrowski, Hannah Coman, Bill Greenleaf, Janaka Casper, Sam Brumberg, Kendyl Crawley Crawford, Taylor Brown, Kirk Johnson, Susan Kruse, John Warren, Will Reisinger

Present virtually: KC Bleile

Not present: Sarah Nerette, Carmen Bingham

Virginia Energy Staff: Carrie Hearne, Devyn Keller, Andy Lowe, Austin Counts (virtual), Brook Vernon (virtual) Ryan Dorland (virtual)

Office of Attorney General: Mike Jagels (virtual)

Review Previous Meeting Minutes

S. Brumberg made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 18th and S. Kruse seconded. The minutes were approved.

Update on Member Appointments and Open Seats

Carrie Hearne confirmed that anyone whose appointment has not been renewed yet can continue serving until a replacement is confirmed. Members can also reapply if they want to continue serving and members of the public interested in serving can apply via a link on the Governor's office website. K. Bond and K. Johnson have been re-appointed by the House. J. Casper and W. Reisinger will be retiring and resigning from the Board after this meeting.

State Budget and Program Funding Discussion

Ms. Hearne explained that the new state budget does not have any money for LMI solar, but there are still federal funds for the case study project. The Board discussed the process for

obtaining funding through the state budget in the future. The Fund is available to accept different types of funding such as federal funding, philanthropic donations, grants, or state funding.

Discussion on other ideas for funding in the future included federal sources such as IIJA, and philanthropic options based on data resulting from the pilot program. The Board decided to expand the scope of the Program Development Committee to include funding initiatives.

Policy and Regulatory Committee Update

S. Brumberg reported that following engagement with utilities about the legality of solar leases, the Policy and Regulatory Committee had drafted a letter signed by the Chair to be sent to the Office of the Attorney General's office via Mr. Jagels to ask for an OAG advisory opinion on the topic.

Virginia Energy- Wise County Case Study and RFP

Austin Counts provided an update on the LMI Pilot Program in Wise County (presentation included in recording). He explained the RFP that was released on June 22nd and the timeline associated with it including a webinar on July 5th, comments due by July 7th, the RFP closing on August 21st, an addendum date of 10 days prior to close, and an intent to award by September.

He further discussed the purpose of the program, terms of service, evaluation, marketing, designing, financing, installing, and data collection, and evaluation of the program. An evaluation committee will include representatives from VA Energy, the CEAB, Solar United Neighbors of Virginia, Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), and People inc. and the evaluation will be done using a detailed scoring rubric.

Board members asked follow-up questions about the number of households the program will target, the number of rental verses owned households in Wise County, the data from the homeowners' feedback and satisfaction with the program being included in the evaluation of the program, and who is on the evaluation committee and how those members were chosen.

CEAB Workplan: Goals, Roles, Committees

Goals:

- Help keep the RFP moving forward
 - At least one installation by the end of the year
 - Stakeholder Engagement Committee involved in the marketing plan
- Look at different funding sources to help get more funding for LMI solar
- Legality of leases decision
- Getting bipartisan support for LMI solar in the General Assembly
- Hold a meeting in Wise County, potentially as part of the marketing process

Committees:

Policy and Regulatory- The Committee will have an additional role in shoring up political support from both sides of the aisle in the House and Senate of Virginia.

Board Election

W. Cleveland moved that Susan K. to be installed as the new Vice Chair of the Board and W. Reisinger seconded. The motion passed.

Program Development- S. Brumberg moved that the scope of the committee be expanded to include a search for funding initiatives, that T. Brown be installed as the new chair and that K. Crawley Crawford be installed as vice chair and S. Kruse seconded. The motion passed.

Stakeholder Engagement- K. Johnson moved and W. Cleveland seconded for C. Bingham to become the new chair of the Stakeholder Engagement Committee. The motion passed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Three Year Board Anniversary and Appreciation

Ms. Hearne expressed her appreciation of the Board members, especially those who have served for the last three years.

Discussion and Next Steps

S. Brumberg asked Virginia Energy for an update on the Virginia Energy Plan (VEP) and the HEDC report. Ms. Hearne explained that there will be public engagement opportunities that will be shared with the Board as soon as we have the information. The Policy and Regulatory Committee will work on a draft of the Board's comment for the VEP that they will bring to the Board for the August meeting.

Ms. Hearne also reminded the Board to keep the Annual Report in mind.

The Board decided to have the next meeting, August 22nd, in Richmond.

The meeting adjourned at 3:17pm.