



UNAPPROVED MINUTES – Special Meeting August 2, 2021

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Role	Name	Affiliation	Present
Hartford Business Representative, Outgoing Chair	Rich Shaw	Hartford Steam Company	Yes
Hartford Business Representative, Vice Chair	Sebastian Lombardi	Day Pitney	Yes
Hartford Elector, Secretary	Thomas Swarr	Resident	Yes
Hartford Elector	Kerrice Reynolds	Resident	Yes
Hartford Elector	[Empty Seat]		
Hartford Business Representative	[Empty Seat]		
Ex-Officio Member	Claudio Bazzano	Board of Education (Designee)	No
Ex-Officio Member	I Charles Matthews Paul Bengtson	Development Services (Designee)	--- Yes
Ex-Officio Member	Mike Looney	Public Works	No
Non-Voting Board Member	Frank Dellaripa	Public Works, City Engineer	Yes
Non-Voting Board Member	Maly Rosado David Grant	City Council President (Designee)	--- No
Non-Voting Board Member, Incoming Interim Chair	Shubhada Kambli	Mayor’s Office (Designee)	Yes
Non-Voting Board Member	[Empty Seat]	Eversource (Electric Utility)	
City Staff	James Del Visco	Corporation Counsel	Yes
City Staff	Grace Yi	Office of Sustainability	Yes

- I. **Roll Call** – Meeting called to order at 10:06 AM.
 - A. **Other Attendees**- Alycia Jenkins (Sierra Club); Angela Harris (Philips Health); Lee Suarez (DEEP); Mickey Toro, Brandon Pizzoferrato, & Mike Morrison (CTEC Solar)
- II. **Administrative Matters**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes** – T. Swarr moved to approve the May meeting minutes. S. Lombardi seconded. There was no discussion, and the meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
 - B. **Election of Interim Chair** – R. Shaw made a motion to nominate S. Kambli as interim chair. T. Swarr seconded. There were no other nominations and S. Kambli was elected unanimously.

R. Shaw will continue to serve on the board as the Hartford business representative and S. Kambli would continue as a non-voting member while serving as chair.

III. Meeting Topics

A. Solar Project Status

CTEC provided an update on the project. The CT legislature did not provide any additional funding to extend the VNM cap, and the project was not selected in the LREC / ZREC auction. Selected projects have until August 5 to verify. If projects drop out, there may be an opportunity to be selected in a subsequent round.

Even with potential LREC awards, financing the project may be a challenge. CTEC continues to address arising issues, by considering a surety bond to estimate costs as accurately as possible and by working with financial companies to assess feasibility.

A potential contingency plan would be participating in the tariff program, expected to be announced in January 2022. CTEC intends to be prepared to take the project to the Siting Council. S. Lombardi asked if CTEC could provide a short summary of the work completed and next steps / open issues as an aid to the EID board. CTEC agreed to provide the summary.

B. Request for information

R. Shaw made a motion to approve the draft RFI, subject to extending the closing date to the end of September. T. Swarr seconded. There was some discussion of a rolling process for the responses, but it was agreed to preserve some sense of urgency to simply extend the deadline to the end of September. There were no substantive changes to the content. Board members endorsed the open-ended approach and diversity of projects for consideration. The RFI was approved unanimously

IV. Other / New Business

A. City Staff Updates

There were no updates from the Office of Sustainability. F. Dellaripa noted the installation of variable drive pumps to improve the energy efficiency of the steam system in City Hall. P. Bengston noted the potential fuel cell project at 441 Homestead was going to the Siting Council.

B. Public Comment

A. Jenkins and A. Harris shared comments that the EID board should do more effective outreach to expand board diversity. S. Kambli agreed to provide information on how to nominate new board members.

A. Jenkins and A. Harris also noted the daytime meetings were not conducive for resident engagement. It was noted that this particular meeting was a special meeting; however, it was recognized that the regular meetings are similarly held during normal working hours.

V. Next Meeting: August 18, 2021

VI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.