

MCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 18, 2021

7:00 P.M.

The Board of Directors' Meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's [Executive Order](#) N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Board Members, staff and members of the public were able to participate in the Board Meeting via teleconference.

Present: Denise Athas, City of Novato
Eli Beckman, Alternate, Town of Corte Madera
Tom Butt, City of Richmond, Board Chair
Tom Campbell, City of Benicia
Barbara Coler, Town of Fairfax
Cindy Darling, City of Walnut Creek
David Fong, Town of Danville
Ford Greene, Town of San Anselmo
Maika Llorens Gulati, City of San Rafael
Kevin Haroff, City of Larkspur
Janelle Kellman, City of Sausalito and City of Mill Valley
Tim McGallian, Alternate, City of Concord
Katy Miessner, City of Vallejo
Devin Murphy, City of Pinole
Teresa Onoda, Town of Moraga
Patricia Ponce, City of San Pablo
Gabriel Quinto, City of El Cerrito
Scott Perkins, City of San Ramon

Matt Rinn, City of Pleasant Hill
Shanelle Scales-Preston, City of Pittsburg
Holli Thier, Town of Tiburon
Brad Wagenknecht, County of Napa
Sally Wilkinson, City of Belvedere
Brianne Zorn, City of Martinez

Absent: Gina Dawson, City of Lafayette
John Gioia, Contra Costa County
Katie Rice, County of Marin
C. William Kircher, Town of Ross
Aaron Meadows, City of Oakley
John Vasquez, County of Solano

Staff

& Others: Michael Callahan, Senior Policy Counsel
Stephanie Chen, Senior Policy Counsel
Leanne Hoadley – Manager of Community and Customer Engagement
Darlene Jackson, Board Clerk
Vicken Kasarjian, Chief Operating Officer
Jana Kopyciok-Lande, Senior Policy Analyst
Justin Marquez, Community Equity Specialist
Zae Perrin, Manager of Customer Operations
Sol Phua, Administrative Services Assistant
Garth Salisbury, Director of Finance and Treasurer
Lindsay Saxby, Manager of Power Resources
Enyonam Senyo-Mensah, Administrative Services Associate
Heather Shepard, Director of Public Affairs
Maira Strauss, Finance Manager
Dawn Weisz, Chief Executive Officer

1. Roll Call

Chair Butt called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with quorum established by roll call.

2. Board Announcements (Discussion)

There were no announcements made.

3. Public Open Time (Discussion)

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were comments by Members of the Public Doug Wilson and Robert Chatham.

4. Report from Chief Executive Officer (Discussion)

CEO Dawn Weisz, reported the following:

- City of Concord and Chamber of Commerce will be honoring MCE at the virtual City Council meeting on Tuesday, March 23rd for innovation in the Renewable Energy sector.
- MCE received official notice of certification from the CPUC approving the City of Fairfield Addendum. MCE will begin serving Fairfield in 2022.
- On the MCE website we continue to have a COVID-19 relief resources page to help folks who are struggling to pay bills or facing other challenges. We are

adding to this page continually, so if you are aware of resources not showing up there, let us know.

- Over 100 income-qualified customers have received rebates of \$3,500 to help them with the purchase of an EV. Great progress!

5. Consent Calendar (Discussion/Action)

- C.1 Approval of 2.18.21 Meeting Minutes
- C.2 Approved Contracts for Energy Update
- C.3 Master Services Agreement with Association for Energy Affordability
- C.4 Base Resource Contract with United States Department of Energy Western Area Power Administration

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Wagenknecht/Quinto) to **approve Consent Calendar items C.1 – C.4.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Dawson, Gioia, Kircher, Meadows, Rice, and Vasquez).

6. Charles F. McGlashan Award Recognition (Discussion)

Justin Marquez, Community Equity Specialist, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were comments by Members of the Public Robert Chatham and Susan Rotchy.

Action: No action required.

7. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget (Discussion/Action)

Garth Salisbury, Director of Finance and Treasurer and Maira Strauss, Finance Manager, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were comments by Members of the Public Ken Strong, Robert Chatham and David Kunhardt.

Action: It was M/S/C (Haroff/Perkins) to **approve the proposed FY 2021/22 Operating Fund, Energy Efficiency Program Fund, Local Renewable Energy and Program Development Fund, and Resiliency Fund Budgets.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Dawson, Gioia, Kircher, Meadows, Rice, and Vasquez).

8. Targeted Customer Cost Relief (Discussion/Action)

Heather Shepard, Director of Public Affairs, introduced Zae Perrin, Manager of Customer Operations who presented this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were comments by Member of the Public Robert Chatham.

Action: It was M/S/C (Murphy/Athas) to **approve the Targeted Cost Relief Program Funding amount of \$10,000,000 as part of the fiscal year 2021-22 budget, and direct staff to provide an update on the Program to the Board 6 months after Program launch.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors: Dawson, Gioia, Kircher, Meadows, Rice, and Vasquez).

9. Resolution 2021-01 Supporting Electric Vehicles (Discussion/Action)

Jana Kopyciok-Lande, Senior Policy Analyst, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Perkins/Greene) to **adopt Resolution 2021-01 of Marin Clean Energy Supporting the Goal of Reaching 100% Zero Emission Vehicle Sales in California by 2030.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors: Dawson, Gioia, Kircher, Meadows, Rice, and Vasquez).

10. Resolution 2021-02 Appointing Director of Finance as Treasurer (Discussion/Action)

COO Vicken Kasarjian, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Haroff/Wagenknecht) to **adopt Resolution No. 2021-02 Appointing Director of Finance as Treasurer.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors: Dawson, Gioia, Kircher, Meadows, Rice, and Vasquez).

11. Power Resources Overview (Discussion)

Lindsay Saxby, Manager of Power Resources, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: No action required.

12. Customer Engagement Update (Discussion)

Zae Perrin, Manager of Customer Operations, and Leanne Hoadley, Manager of Community and Customer Engagement, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: No action required.

13. PCIA Overview and Update (Discussion)

Michael Callahan, and Stephanie Chen, Senior Policy Counsel, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: No action required.

14. Prepayment, Joint Procurement and Direct Debt (Discussion)

COO Kasarjian, Director of Finance and Treasurer, Garth Salisbury, and Senior Policy Counsel, Callahan, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: No action required.

15. Board Matters & Staff Matters (Discussion)

There were no announcements or additional matters.

Action: No action required.

16. Adjournment (Discussion)

Chair Butt adjourned the meeting at 10:13 p.m. to the next scheduled Board Meeting on April 15, 2021.

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Tom Butt, Chair

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Dawn Weisz, Secretary