

MCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 20, 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
Barbara Coler, Town of Fairfax
Cindy Darling, City of Walnut Creek
David Fong, Town of Danville
C. William Kircher, Town of Ross
Kevin Haroff, City of Larkspur
Janelle Kellman, City of Sausalito
Maika Llorens Gulati, City of San Rafael
Tim McGallian, Alternate, City of Concord
Aaron Meadows, City of Oakley
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
Katie Rice, County of Marin
Matt Rinn, City of Pleasant Hill
Shanelle Scales-Preston, City of Pittsburg
Brad Wagenknecht, County of Napa
Sally Wilkinson, City of Belvedere and City of Mill Valley
Brianne Zorn, City of Martinez

Absent: Tom Campbell, City of Benicia
Gina Dawson, City of Lafayette
John Gioia, Contra Costa County
Ford Greene, Town of San Anselmo
Holli Thier, Town of Tiburon
John Vasquez, County of Solano

Staff

& Others: Jessica Brooks, Assistant Board Clerk
Sarah Dillemoth, Marketing & Communications Coordinator
Melissa Giles, Manager of Strategic Marketing and Communications
Mariela Herrick, Community Development Manager
Leanne Hoadley, Manager of Community and Customer

Engagement

Darlene Jackson, Board Clerk
Vicken Kasarjian, Chief Operating Officer
Alexandra McGee, Strategic Initiatives Manager
Lindsay Meehan, Human Resources Manager
Sol Phua, Administrative Services Assistant II
Garth Salisbury, Director of Finance and Treasurer
Evelyn Reyes, Administrative Services Assistant
Dawn Weisz, Chief Executive Officer

1. Roll Call

Chair Butt called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 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 no comments.

4. Report from Chief Executive Officer (Discussion)

CEO, Dawn Weisz, reported the following:

- MCE continues to work with Community Choice Power JPA on a joint procurement effort for long duration storage. Close to a shortlisting process which will lead to negotiation with several different counterparties for long duration storage.
- The CPUC voted out the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) proposed decision without incorporating many of our suggested changes. We continue to promote SB612 which would address the PCIA issues we and other CCAs have raised. A floor vote on SB612 is expected between June 1-4.
- Pleasant Hill and Vallejo enrollment in April increased MCE customer base, and we now serve more than 540,000 electricity accounts.

- Over 22,000 residential customers are now enrolled in the MCE Cares Credit for cost relief. There were 1,000 applicants within the first 6 business days of initial marketing.
- Power Hour was held on Thursday, May 13th during the lunch hour with a focus on Innovation in Agriculture.
- Next month MCE will present on a panel to Power Association California (PANC) with a focus on Reliability activities of CCAs.
- The Governor's proposed budget includes funding for emerging technologies including long duration storage and Green Hydrogen.

5. Consent Calendar (Discussion/Action)

- C.1 Approval of 4.15.21 Meeting Minutes
- C.2 Approved Contracts for Energy Update

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

Action: It was M/S/C (Wagenknecht/Coler) to **approve Consent Calendar items C.1 and C.2**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Campbell, Dawson, Gioia, Greene, Murphy, Thier, and

6. Addition of Board Members to Committees (Discussion/Action)

CEO, Weisz, 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/Quinto) to **approve addition of Board Members to Committees**. Directors Perkins and Thier to Ad Hoc Bonding, and Director Wagenknecht to Executive Committee. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Campbell, Dawson, Gioia, Greene, Thier, and Vasquez).

7. Resolution No. 2021-04 Committing to Advance Racial Equity (Discussion/Action)

Alexandra McGee, Strategic Initiatives Manager, 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 (Scales-Preston/Athas) to **adopt MCE Resolution**

2021-04 Committing to Advance Racial Equity. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Campbell, Dawson, Gioia, Greene, Meadows, Thier, and Vasquez).

8. Proposed Updates to MCE Policy 015: Energy Risk Management Policy (Discussion/Action)

Garth Salisbury, Director of Finance, 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 (Wagenknecht/Quinto) to **approve the proposed updates to MCE Policy 015: Energy Risk Management Policy.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Campbell, Dawson, Gioia, Greene, Meadows, Thier, and Vasquez).

9. MCE Youth Engagement and Workforce Development (Discussion)

Mariela Herrick, Community Development Manager, Sarah Dillemoth, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, and Lindsay Meehan, Human Resources Manager, 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.

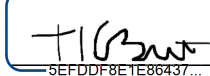
10. Board Matters & Staff Matters (Discussion)

Comments were made by Board members Butt, Murphy, Zorn, and Onoda.

11. Adjournment

Chair Butt adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m. to the next scheduled Board Meeting on June 17, 2021.

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Tom Butt, Chair

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Dawn Weisz

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Dawn Weisz, Secretary