

**MCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, July 15, 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.

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**Present:** Tom Butt, City of Richmond, Board Chair  
Tom Campbell, City of Benicia  
Barbara Coler, Town of Fairfax  
Cindy Darling, City of Walnut Creek  
Gina Dawson, City of Lafayette  
David Fong, Town of Danville  
Ford Greene, Town of San Anselmo  
C. William Kircher, Town of Ross  
Kevin Haroff, City of Larkspur  
Janelle Kellman, City of Sausalito  
Aaron Meadows, City of Oakley  
Katy Miessner, City of Vallejo  
Devin Murphy, City of Pinole  
Patricia Ponce, City of San Pablo  
Lisa Motoyama, Alternate, City of El Cerrito  
Scott Perkins, City of San Ramon  
Katie Rice, County of Marin  
Matt Rinn, City of Pleasant Hill  
Holland B. White, Alternate, City of Pittsburg  
John Vasquez, County of Solano  
Brad Wagenknecht, County of Napa

**Absent:** Denise Athas, City of Novato  
Edi Birsan, City of Concord  
John Gioia, Contra Costa County  
Maika Llorens Gulati, City of San Rafael  
Leila Mongan, Town of Corte Madera  
Teresa Onoda, Town of Moraga  
Holli Thier, Town of Tiburon  
Sally Wilkinson, City of Belvedere and City of Mill Valley  
Brienne Zorn, City of Martinez

## **Staff**

**& Others:** Jessica Brooks, Assistant Board Clerk  
Nicole Busto, Marketing Manager  
Michael Callahan, Senior Policy Counsel  
Stephanie Chen, Senior Policy Counsel  
Melissa Giles, Manager of Strategic Marketing and Communications  
Leanne Hoadley, Manager of Community and Customer

## **Engagement**

Darlene Jackson, Board Clerk  
Vicken Kasarjian, Chief Operating Officer  
Catalina Murphy, Legal Counsel II  
Justine Parmelee, Manager of Administrative Services  
Sol Phua, Administrative Services Assistant II  
Garth Salisbury, Director of Finance and Treasurer  
Lindsay Saxby, Director of Power Resource  
Shalini Swaroop, General Counsel and Director of Policy  
Enyonam Senyo-Mensah, Administrative Services Associate  
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 no comments.

### **4. Report from Chief Executive Officer (Discussion)**

CEO, Dawn Weisz, reported the following:

- Special welcome to the alternates attending this evening.
- MCE received a complaint today about door-to-door activity that appears to be from a company called Greenwave Energy. We have been told this company has representatives in San Ramon and Vallejo soliciting customers for third-party gas services wearing MCE hats and shirts. Please let us know if you hear of any activity like this in your communities.
- Approximately 35% of customers eligible for MCE Cares Credit-COVID relief have been signed up and are now receiving monthly credits.

- The CPUC approved MCE's request for an additional \$4 million in funding for our commercial energy efficiency program.
- The FlexMarket Program which pays for load reduction during peak hours to support grid reliability and avoid peak energy prices, launched on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Over 200 customers are already participating and the first two demand reduction events were called on June 16 and 17 in response to the heat wave.
- MCE has coordinated a proposal to the CEC for a public-private partnership requesting \$3 million in grant funds to support the development of Richmond Green Hydrogen One as an extension of MCE's Solar One project on the Chevron refinery site. We received letters of support from Senator Nancy Skinner, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and our local workforce partner, RichmondBUILD. Awards that allow us to move to the next level of application will be announced next week. We also have several other renewable hydrogen pilot projects in early vetting stages.

**5. Consent Calendar (Discussion/Action)**

- C.1 Approval of 5.20.21 Meeting Minutes
- C.2 Approved Contracts for Energy Update
- C.3 Update MCE Voting Shares
- C.4 Resolution 2021-06 Amending MCE's Conflict of Interest Code
- C.5 Proposed Agreement with Questica LTD for Software Subscription Services

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

Action: It was M/S/C (Wagenknecht/Greene) to **approve Consent Calendar items C.1 – C.5**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.  
(Absent: Directors Athas, Birsan, Gioia, Gulati, Mongan, Onoda, Thier,

**6. Proposed Resolution 2021-05: Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Clean Energy Purchase Contract and Certain Other Documents in Connection with the Issuance of the California Community Choice Financing Authority Clean Energy Project Revenue Bonds, Series 2021A; and Certain Other Actions Required to Ensure the Reduction in the Costs of Renewable Energy Therewith (Discussion/Action)**

Garth Salisbury, Director of Finance & Treasurer, Lindsay Saxby, Director of Power Resources, Michael Callahan, Senior Policy Counsel, and Catalina Murphy, Legal Counsel II, jointly presented 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/Haroff) to **adopt Resolution 2021-05: Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Clean Energy Purchase Contract and Certain Other Documents in Connection with the Issuance of the California Community Choice Financing Authority Clean Energy Project Revenue Bonds, Series 2021A; and Certain Other Actions Required to Ensure the Reduction in the Costs of Renewable Energy Therewith.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Athas, Birsan, Gioia, Gulati, Mongan, Onoda, Thier, Wilkinson, and Zorn).

**7. Proposed Fiscal Year 2020/21 Deposit to MCE's Operating Reserve Fund (Discussion/Action)**

Garth Salisbury, Director of Finance & Treasurer, 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 (Coler/Miessner) to **approve a deferral of \$4,500,000 into the Operating Reserve Fund for fiscal year 2020/21.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Athas, Birsan, Gioia, Gulati, Mongan, Onoda, Thier, Wilkinson, and Zorn).

**8. MCECares Campaign Update (Discussion)**

Melissa Giles, Manager of Strategic Marketing, 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.

**9. Legislative Update (Discussion)**

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.

**10. Heat-related Seasonal Risks and MCE's Response (Discussion)**

Leanne Hoadley, Manager of Community and Customer Engagement, Justine Parmelee, Manager of Administrative Services, Nicole Busto, Marketing Manager, and Lindsay Saxby, Director of Power Resource jointly presented this item and addressed questions from Board members.

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

Action: No action required.

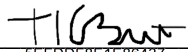
**11. Board Matters & Staff Matters (Discussion)**

Comments were made by Director Coler.

**12. Adjournment**

Chair Butt adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m. to the next scheduled Board Meeting on August 19, 2021.

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**Tom Butt, Chair**

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**Dawn Weisz, Secretary**