

MCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 15, 2022
7:30 P.M.

This Meeting was conducted pursuant to the requirements of [Assembly Bill No. 361](#) (September 16, 2021) which allows a public agency to use teleconferencing during a Governor-proclaimed state of emergency without meeting usual [Ralph M. Brown Act](#) teleconference requirements. Committee Members, staff and members of the public were able to participate in the Committee Meeting via teleconference.

- Present:**
- Mark Armstrong, Alternate, City of San Ramon
 - Eli Beckman, Town of Corte Madera
 - Edi Birsan, City of Concord
 - Tom Butt, City of Richmond, Chair
 - Tom Campbell, Alternate, City of Benicia
 - Barbara Coler, Town of Fairfax
 - Cindy Darling, City of Walnut Creek
 - Gina Dawson, City of Lafayette
 - David Fong, Town of Danville
 - Maika Llorens Gulati, City of San Rafael
 - Kevin Haroff, City of Larkspur
 - Janelle Kellman, City of Sausalito
 - C. William Kircher, Town of Ross
 - Jim Lynch, Alternate, City of Belvedere
 - Aaron Meadows, City of Oakley
 - Devin Murphy, City of Pinole
 - Doriss Panduro, City of Fairfield
 - Max Perrey, City of Mill Valley
 - Patricia Ponce, City of San Pablo
 - Gabriel Quinto, City of El Cerrito
 - Katie Rice, County of Marin
 - Matt Rinn, City of Pleasant Hill
 - Shanelle Scales-Preston, City of Pittsburg
 - Holli Thier, Town of Tiburon
 - John Vasquez, County of Solano
 - Brad Wagenknecht, County of Napa and All Five Napa Cities
 - Brianne Zorn, City of Martinez
- Absent:**
- John Gioia, Contra Costa County
 - Ford Greene, Town of San Anselmo
 - Katy Miessner, City of Vallejo
 - Mark Milberg, Alternate, City of Novato
 - Teresa Onoda, Town of Moraga

Staff

& Others:

JB Ackemann, Director of Public Affairs
Jessica Brooks, Assistant Board Clerk
Tyla Brown, Community Development Manager
John Dalessi, President & CEO, Pacific Energy Advisors
Vicken Kasarjian, Chief Operating Officer
Justin Kudo, Senior Strategic Analysis and Rates Manager
Catalina Murphy, Associate General Counsel
Evelyn Reyes, Internal Operations Coordinator
Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer
Lindsay Saxby, Director of Power Resources
Daniel Settlemyer, Internal Operations Coordinator
Jamie Tuckey, Chief of Staff
Dawn Weisz, CEO

1. Roll Call

Chair Butt called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with quorum established by roll call.

2. Board Announcements (Discussion)

There were no comments.

3. Public Open Time (Discussion)

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

4. Resolution No. 2022-16 Authorizing Continued Remote Teleconference Meetings for the Board of Directors and Every Committee of the Board of Directors Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) (Discussion/Action)

Catalina Murphy, Associate General Counsel, 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/Quinto) to adopt proposed Resolution No. 2022-16 Authorizing Continued Remote Teleconference Meetings for the Board of Directors and Every Committee of the Board of Directors Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) . Motion carried
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by roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Campbell, Gioia, Greene, Milberg, Miessner, Onoda, and Rice).

5. Consent Calendar (Discussion/Action)

- C.1 Approval of 11.17.22 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 (Dawson/Coler) **to approve Consent Calendar items C.1 and C.2.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Campbell, Gioia, Greene, Milberg, Miessner, Onoda, and Rice).

6. Western Systems Power Pool Confirmation with Geysers Power Company LLC (Discussion/Action)

Lindsay Saxby, Director 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: It was M/S/C (Perrey/Fong) **to authorize execution of the Western Systems Power Pool Confirmation with Geysers Power Company LLC for supply of bundled renewable energy and RA.** Motion carried by roll call vote. (Abstained: Director Thier) (Absent: Directors Gioia, Greene, Milberg, Miessner, Murphy, Onoda, Rice, and Wagenknecht).

7. Power Purchase Agreement with Geysers Power Company LLC (Discussion/Action)

Lindsay Saxby, Director 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: It was M/S/C (Perrey/Coler) **to authorize execution of the Power Purchase Agreement with Geysers Power Company LLC for supply of bundled renewable energy and RA.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (Abstained: Thier) (Absent: Directors Gioia, Greene, Milberg, Miessner, Onoda, Rice, and Wagenknecht).

8. Report from Chief Executive Officer (Discussion)

Dawn Weisz, CEO, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

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

9. MCE Rate Adjustment Effective January 1, 2023 (Discussion/Action)

Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer, and Justin Kudo, Strategic Analysis and Rates 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 (Haroff/Darling) **to implement updated rates as provided in Attachments A and B, effective January 1 2023.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Gioia, Greene, Milberg, Miessner, and Onoda).

10. Resolution No. 2022-17 Increasing Purchasing Agent's Authority (Discussion/Action)

Catalina Murphy, Associate General Counsel, 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 (Thier/Zorn) **to adopt proposed Resolution 2022-17 Increasing Purchasing Agent Authority to \$400,000 (Attachment A.1).** Motion carried by roll call vote. Yays-25 No-1 (Absent: Directors Gioia, Greene, Milberg, Miessner, Onoda, and Vasquez).

11. Review of Member Community Needs & Priorities (Discussion)

Tyla Brown, Community Development 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.

12. Resolution No. 2022-18 Honoring Chair Tom Butt (Discussion/Action)

Director Scales-Preston, introduced this item and there were comments from other Board members and staff. In addition, a video honoring Director Butt's service was played.

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

Action: It was M/S/C (Scales-Preston/Quinto) **to adopt Resolution No. 2022-18 Honoring Chair Tom Butt**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Gioia, Greene, Milberg, Miessner, Onoda, and Vasquez).

13. Resolution No. 2022-19 Honoring Director Denise Athas (Discussion/Action)

Director Coler, introduced this item and there were comments from other Board members and staff.

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

Action: It was M/S/C (Coler/Perrey) **to adopt Resolution No. 2022-19 Honoring Director Denise Athas**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Gioia, Greene, Milberg, Miessner, Onoda, and Vasquez).

14. Resolution No. 2022-20 Honoring Director Ford Greene (Discussion/Action)

Director Haroff, introduced this item and there were comments from other Board members and staff.

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

Action: It was M/S/C (Butt/Haroff) **to adopt Resolution No. 2022-20 Honoring Director Ford Greene**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Gioia, Greene, Kellman, Milberg, Miessner, Onoda, and Vasquez).

15. Resolution No. 2022-21 Honoring Director Brad Wagenknecht (Discussion/Action)

Chair Butt, introduced this item and there were comments from other Board members and staff.

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

Action: It was M/S/C (Rice/Coler) **to adopt Resolution No. 2022-21 Honoring Director Brad Wagenknecht**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Gioia, Greene, Kellman, Milberg, Miessner, Onoda, and Vasquez).

16. Election of Officers and Additions to Committee Membership
(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 1: It was M/S/C (Haroff/Quinto) **to elect Director Shanelle Scales-Preston as MCE Board Chair effective January 10, 2023**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Gioia, Greene, Kellman, Milberg, Miessner, Onoda, and Vasquez).

Action 2: A vote was conducted for the two nominees for MCE Vice Chair and the tally was reported as: 10 for Director Coler, and 11 for Director Quinto. (Absent: Directors Gioia, Greene, Kellman, Milberg, Miessner, Onoda, and Vasquez).

Action 3: It was M/S/C (Ponce/Fong) **to establish Devin Murphy as Chair to the Technical Committee**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Gioia, Greene, Milberg, Miessner, Onoda, and Vasquez).

Action 4: It was M/S/C (Thier/Darling) to **approve addition of Board Members to Committees. Directors: Dave Fong, and Eli Beckman to the Executive Committee, Directors: Kevin Haroff, and Barbara Coler to the 2023 Ad Hoc Contracts Committee, Directors: Max Perrey, and Eli Beckman to the 2023 Ad Hoc Committee for VPP, and Directors: Dave Fong, and Kevin Haroff to the 2023 Ad Hoc Audit Committee**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Gioia, Greene, Kellman, Milberg, Miessner, Onoda, Rice, and Vasquez).

Staff Correction: *Following adjournment staff determined that the correct vote tally for Vice Chair was (15) Coler, (11) Quinto because the vote of Director Wagenknecht counted for the County of Napa and all five Napa Cities. It was also determined that the MCE Operating Rules and Regulations require a majority vote of the full Board (not just those present) to elect any officer. Because neither candidate reached this threshold, a new vote for Vice Chair will need to be conducted.*

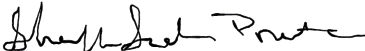
11. Board Matters & Staff Matters (Discussion)

There were comments made by Chair Butt.

12. Adjournment

Chair Butt adjourned the meeting at 10:18 p.m. to the next scheduled Board Meeting on January 19, 2023.

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Tom Butt, Chair

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Dawn Weisz, Secretary