

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE
BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF
CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY COOPERATIVE
AND
CONNECTICUT TRANSMISSION MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY COOPERATIVE

February 20, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Joint Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee of the Boards of Directors of Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (“CMEEC”) and Connecticut Transmission Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (“CTMEEC”) and (“Transco”) met at the CMEEC offices located at 30 Stott Avenue, Norwich, CT on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was legally noticed in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes and all proceedings and all actions hereafter recorded occurred during the publicly open portions of the meeting.

The following Committee Members participated:

Bozrah Light & Power: Ralph Winslow (via telephone)
Groton Utilities: Keith Hedrick
Jewett City Department of Public Utilities: Louis Demicco (via telephone)
Norwich Public Utilities: Robert Staley
South Norwalk Electric & Water: David Westmoreland

The following non-voting Members participated:

Groton Municipal Representative: Mark Oefinger

The following Staff participated:

David Meisinger, CMEEC CEO
Robin Kipnis, Esquire CMEEC General Counsel
Scott Whittier, CMEEC Director of Enabling Services

Other participants:

Timothy Shea, Brown Rudnick (via telephone)
David Silverstone, Esquire, Municipal Electric Consumer Advocate (via telephone)
Brian Forshaw, Energy Market Advisors, LLC

Ms. Kipnis recorded.

Interim Chair Louis Demicco called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He noted for the record that this meeting is being held at the CMEEC offices located at 30 Stott Avenue, Norwich, CT via telephone and in person. He asked those participating by telephone and those sitting in the room to identify themselves for the benefit of all to know who was present at today's meeting. Interim Chair Demicco confirmed a quorum was present.

Specific Action Item:

A Public Comment Period

No public comment was made.

B Selection of Joint Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee Chair

Interim Chair Demicco volunteered to be Chair with understanding that it would be difficult for him to attend in-person meetings during the day.

After brief discussion and there being no other nominations, a motion was made by Committee Member Robert Staley, seconded by Committee Member Keith Hedrick to appoint Interim Chair Demicco as Chair of the Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee.

Motion passed unanimously.

C Approve Minutes of the January 16, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Joint Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee

A motion was made by Committee Member Hedrick, seconded by Committee Member David Westmoreland to approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Joint Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee.

Motion passed unanimously.

D State Legislative Update: Timothy Shea, Brown Rudnick

Timothy Shea, CMEEC's government relations advisor, walked the Committee through his handout that highlighted proposed legislation that could be of interest to CMEEC, including climate change and green building standards legislation. He also provided the meeting agenda for the Energy and Technology Committee informing the Committee that this would be all of the bills raised by the Energy and Technology Committee this session. Questions from those present ensued including discussion about the shift away from favoring gas pipeline expansion at the legislature and state agencies. Mr. Shea also stated that it is likely that the State considers CMEEC to be subject to the Global Warming Solutions Act.

E APPA Legislative Rally: Review of Talking Points: Brian Forshaw, Energy Market Advisors, LLC

Brian Forshaw, Energy Market Advisors, LLC, provided the Committee with proposed talking points for the APPA Legislative Rally scheduled for February 24-26, 2020 in Washington, DC where members of CMEEC staff, along with Mr. Forshaw, would be meeting with staff members from the Congressional delegation. There was discussion and questions and answers relating to the talking points, especially with respect to the interaction between ISO-NE and Connecticut DEEP and recent correspondence from DEEP to ISO-NE.

There being no further business to come before this Committee, Chair Demicco entertained a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Committee Member Hedrick, seconded by Committee Member Westmoreland to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.