



# MINUTES

## Citizens Advisory Committee

Via WebEx

August 11, 2021 | 11:30 a.m.

### ATTENDANCE

Member of CAC	Present	Absent
Diana Aguirre Martinez	✓	
Frank Gonzalez	✓	
Andy Castillo	✓	
Raquel Zapata		✓
John Kelly	✓	
Joe Yakubik		✓
Allie Watters	✓	
Adelita Cantu	✓	
David Walter	✓	
Mary Dennis	✓	
Bill Day	✓	
Luisa Casso- Chair		✓
MaryEllen Veliz	✓	

#### Also Present were:

Shannon Albert	Malvin Alexander	Velma Corona
Melissa Carrillo Cox	Daniel Elias	Gabriel Garcia
Sonia Garcia	Rudy Garza	Julia Carrillo Haynes
Kara Hill	Andrew Higgins	Loretta Kerner
Ann Kinnard	Rhonda Krisch	Clayton Kruse
Luis Labatt	John Leal	Eunice Lopez
Kari Meyer	Denae Myers	Saira Muniz
Robert Nathan	Robert Nelson	Robert Olivares
Christine Patmon	Shanna Ramirez	Gina Riak
David Rivela	Ricci Schooler	Melissa Sorola
Prabha Somawardana	Marie Stoner	Nancy Tabares

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND SAFETY MESSAGE

The WebEx meeting was called to order at 11:32 p.m. by Vice Chair Bill Day.

Invocation was made by David Walter.

Julia Carrillo Haynes provided a safety message and updated the group of CPS Energy's efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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The minutes of the CAC meeting held on July 15, 2021 were approved as read.

Motion by Mary Dennis seconded by Diana Martinez.

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## OPERATIONS & MAINTANANCE AND CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW

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Shannon Albert, Vice President of Accounting & Assistant Treasurer provided an update on CPS Energy's financial landscape & financial sustainability approach. She discussed the budget for FY2022 and projections for FY2023 and mentioned that the FY2022 budget was approved in July 26, 2021. This discussion over finances is an ongoing conversation ranging from continuing to help the customers thru the pandemic with bill assistance, payment plans, wavier of late fees and disconnects, to discussions on financial landscape and ongoing financial challenges faced by the utility. CPS Energy is straddled with operating the organization with aging infrastructure and supporting the growth of the community, while faced with the significant financial impacts from pandemic and Winter Storm Uri. CPS Energy is taking a financial sustainability approach, with a plan of continuing to control costs and adding a placeholder for a provisional rate increase included in the FY2022 plan, which is subject to approval by Board & City Council.

Ms. Albert covered revenue requirements of \$2,715 M, and the fact that uses of revenue must equal sources of revenue. She then discussed operating expenses, the capital plan, the financing plan, and concluded with a summary of metrics for the overall budget proposal for FY2022 and FY 2023. CPS Energy will continue to monitor FY2022 financial performance through monthly financial updates to the Board of Trustees. A specific rate increase has not been recommended for approval by the Board, however a preview of the rate request will likely be presented at the August Board meeting.

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## RAC UPDATE

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Rudy Garza, Chief Customer & Stakeholder Engagement Officer, provided an update on Rate Advisory Committee (RAC). The RAC has been meeting every other week to learn about the utility business and rate design. Through the use of an outside consultant, Brattle Group, they continue to discuss the different elements on how rates are developed and principles that are used in the industry. They will pivot towards creating working groups, and the Chair has proposed three different working groups, which he will Chair, starting in September: CPS Energy Current Rate Process, Alternative Rates, and Generation Planning. All the meeting and materials can be found at [www.cpsenergy.com/RAC](http://www.cpsenergy.com/RAC).

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## STAFF UPDATE

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Julia Carrillo Haynes, Manager of Local Government Relations provided the following update:

- A Tele-Town Hall event will take place on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6 p.m.
- A Board Information session regarding the upcoming board vacancy will be held on August 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
- The next RAC meeting will be on August 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
- The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on August 30, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
- Next CAC meeting will be held on September 8, 2021.

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## CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE

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Vice Chair Bill Day asked each member to make announcements or comments at this time.

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## ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Motion by Diana Martinez seconded by Allie Watters.