



MINUTES

Citizens Advisory Committee

Via WebEx

June 9, 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	Brian Bartos	James Carter
Diana Coleman	Velma Corona	Melissa Carrillo Cox
Daniel Elias	KJ Feder	Gabriel Garcia
Kathleen Garcia	Luis Garcia	Rudy Garza
Geronimo Gonzalez	De Anna Hardwick	Julia Carrillo Haynes
Andrew Higgins	Chad Hoopingarner	Ann Kinnard
Rhonda Krisch	Cory Kuchinsky	Julie Johnson
Luis Labatt	John Leal	Eunice Lopez
Lisa Lopez	Kari Meyer	Robert Nathan
Karma Nilsson	Unity Puente	Christine Patmon
Jose Reyes	Ricci Schooler	Prabha Somawardana
Melissa Sorola	Marie Stoner	Nancy Tabares

CALL MEETING TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND SAFETY MESSAGE

The WebEx meeting was called to order at 11:31 by Chair Luisa Casso.

Invocation was made by Melissa Carrillo Cox.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the CAC meeting held on May 12, 2021 were approved as read.

Motion by Bill Day seconded by Allie Watters.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Cory Kuchinsky, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer and Shannon Albert, Vice President Accounting provided an update on CPS Energy's financial landscape. They discussed the proposed budget for FY 22 and process by which CPS Energy seeks budget approval. They then discussed the potential need for a rate increase, the items for which the additional funds would be used and pointed out that even before the impacts of the Pandemic and Winter Storm Uri the need for an increase in rates was building. Ultimately, a rate increase is not being recommended for approval at this time. CPS Energy will wait to see how the summer months and the legislature play out and whether some of the financial pressures will be eased.

RAC UPDATE

Rudy Garza, Chief Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Officer, provided an update on the Rate Advisory Committee (RAC). The RAC, which is Chaired by Reed Williams and Vice-Chaired by Eloisa Portillo Morales, held its first meeting on May 27 as a hybrid meeting at CPS headquarters. It was primarily an organizational meeting where members got a chance to meet each other and discuss the process for the meetings. All the meetings will be public and all meeting material can be found at www.cpsenergy.com/RAC. He reported that the Committee will meet every other week over the next three months and will be focused on how rates are developed and how CPS Energy recovers costs.

STAFF UPDATE

John Leal, Director of Local Government Relations gave the following update:

- The Board of Trustees meeting will be held on June 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
- The next RAC meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Next CAC meeting will be held on July 14, 2021 via WebEx.

John also provided an update on the Emergency Preparedness Committee. The members include Reed Williams and Councilwoman Ana Sandoval, who covered CPS Energy operations, Councilmen Perry and Pelaez who covered SAWS operations, and Councilwoman Adriana Rocha Garcia, Retired Air Force General Edward Rice and former Assistant District Attorney Lisa Tatum, who covered City of San Antonio Emergency Operations Center. The Committee has been meeting every Friday at 10am and will conclude their meetings June 15.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE

Chair Casso asked each member to make announcements or comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m. by unanimous consent.