



Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 9, 2021
7:00 pm

Pursuant to State of California Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020, the meeting was conducted via teleconference.

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Abe-Koga called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Chair Margaret Abe-Koga, City of Mountain View
Vice Chair Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell
Director Jon Robert Willey, City of Cupertino
Director Zach Hilton, City of Gilroy
Director Neysa Fligor, City of Los Altos
Director George Tyson, Town of Los Altos Hills
Director Rob Rennie, Town of Los Gatos
Director Evelyn Chua, City of Milpitas
Alternate Director Bryan Mekechuk, City of Monte Sereno
Director Yvonne Martinez Beltran, City of Morgan Hill (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)
Director Tina Walia, City of Saratoga
Director Gustav Larsson, City of Sunnyvale
Director Susan Ellenberg, County of Santa Clara

Absent:

None.

All present Board members participated via teleconference.

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

Joanna Gardias, MenloSpark and the Fossil Free Buildings Silicon Valley campaign, commented the Fossil Free Buildings campaign launched their electric homes and ambassador program to connect people who have already electrified part or all of their homes with those looking to do so. Gardias requested SVCE support the Home Ambassador program and noted additional information could be found at fossilfreebuildings.org.

Chair Abe-Koga requested staff follow up with Gardias regarding the program.

Consent Calendar

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

No speakers.
Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

MOTION: Director Larsson moved, and Vice Chair Gibbons seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Items 1a through 1j.

The motion carried by verbal roll call vote.

- 1a) Approve Minutes of the May 12, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting**
- 1b) Receive April 2021 Treasurer Report**
- 1c) Adopt Resolution Approving Resumption of SVCE's Delinquent Payment Policy in July 2021**
- 1d) Adopt Resolution Endorsing the Efforts of the Beyond Gasoline Initiative to Reduce Gasoline Consumption by 50% by 2030 in Santa Clara County**
- 1e) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Negotiate and Execute Contracts up to \$200,000 and Offer Incentives up to 25% of Salary for Recruiting Purposes for 90 Days**
- 1f) Executive Committee Report**
- 1g) Finance and Administration Committee Report**
- 1h) Audit Committee Report**
- 1i) Legislative and Regulatory Responses to Industry Transition for 2021 Ad Hoc Committee Report**
- 1j) California Community Power Report**

Regular Calendar

2) CEO Report (Discussion)

CEO Girish Balachandran provided a CEO report which included information on a June 22, 2021 meeting, *Road to 2035*, hosted by SVCE which would include a discussion with key state leaders.

Director of Regulatory and Legislative Policy Melicia Charles provided updates on a CPUC decision regarding Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) and SB 612. Director of Regulatory and Legislative Policy Charles responded to board member questions.

Communications Manager Pamela Leonard presented a PowerPoint presentation on summer readiness communications in preparation for flex alerts, emergencies, and public safety power shutoff events during the summer months; staff responded to board member questions.

Vice Chair Gibbons inquired if City Clerks would also be receiving communications regarding summer energy events, as the City of Campbell's Public Information Officer position is vacant, and the City Clerk is the designated person for community interface; staff confirmed they would make note.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

3) Update to SVCE Annual Net Energy Metering Surplus Cashout Policy (Discussion)

Director of Account Services and Community Relations Don Bray presented a PowerPoint presentation with a request for direction from the SVCE Board of Directors on a tactical update to SVCE's solar net energy metering (NEM) annual cashout policy for surplus generation; staff recommended moving to a Net Surplus Compensation (NSC)/kWh-based payment. Director of Account Services and Community Relations Bray responded to board member questions.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

Bruce Karney commented on AB 1139 and noted there is a lot of passion around the issue. Karney requested SVCE work with the solar industry to make sure that once the decision is made to change the

compensation scheme, their software can be updated so that they won't be giving customers inaccurate estimates of the value that their newly installed solar system will produce.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

Directors shared their thoughts on staff's proposed recommendation.

MOTION: Director Tyson moved and Director Fligor seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendation to move to a net surplus compensation (NSC)/kWh-based payment as outlined in the staff presentation.

General Counsel Greg Stepanicich clarified the item was a discussion item to get direction from the Board of Directors for the development of the policy, and direction to staff was to come back with a policy for formal adoption at the August Board of Directors meeting.

The motion was rescinded given the item was not an action item.

Chair Abe-Koga provided a summary that most of the board members were in approval of staff's recommendation and the item could be placed on consent at the August Board of Directors meeting for a final vote.

4) SVCE Strategic Plan FY 22 Update (Discussion)

CEO Balachandran presented a PowerPoint presentation on the FY 22 Strategic Plan and responded to board member questions.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

Board members shared their thoughts on the proposed updates to the FY 22 Strategic Plan which including feedback on the five focus areas identified.

Director Fligor requested staff perform a deep dive into employee turnover, and noted she was interested in knowing the reasons why the turnover was high and if other CCAs were experiencing the same challenge. Director Fligor recommended looking at staff capacity and workload and revisiting the Work Plan and Strategic Plan to see if there were things that could be pushed out or put on hold.

Vice Chair Gibbons requested a deep dive into how other CCAs provide their CEOs with flexibility on staffing, supported looking at a five-year staffing plan, and encouraged an analysis of how SVCE can retain staff (for example, a longevity bonus). Vice Chair Gibbons provided a staffing example of the City of Campbell's Police Department.

CEO Balachandran thanked the Board of Directors for their input and noted staff would circle back on some of the questions and issues that were brought up when discussing the Strategic Plan at the August Board of Directors meeting.

Board Member Announcements and Direction on Future Agenda Items

Vice Chair Gibbons reported she attended the Silicon Valley Leadership Group's Climate Forum which included a dynamic discussion on equity and how much the jobs plan would help the people who were not doing well in the economy across the country. Vice Chair Gibbons shared Congresswoman Eshoo has a Student Advisory Board which picked the focus topic of Climate Change and had great ideas that coincide with the programs that Director of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs Aimee Bailey is working on.

Director Hilton announced green infrastructure was incorporated as a priority for the City of Gilroy's City Council and noted reach codes would be reintroduced to Gilroy's City Council after summer recess.

Chair Abe-Koga reported she participated in a Metropolitan Transportation Commission workshop where transit agencies shared how they were moving into recovery post COVID and noted one of the common challenges heard in transitioning to zero emissions vehicles was the charging aspect. Chair Abe-Koga noted she was looking forward to partnering more closely with transportation authorities to tackle some of these issues.

Chair Abe-Koga announced the CEO evaluation process was underway and requested the Board of Directors review and respond to emails related to the evaluation.

Chair Abe-Koga announced there would be no Board of Directors meeting in July, and the next meeting would occur in August.

Adjourn

Chair Abe-Koga adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

ATTEST:



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