



**Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

7:00 pm

Cupertino Community Hall  
10350 Torre Avenue  
Cupertino, CA

Pursuant to State of California Gov't Code Section 54953 (e) the meeting was conducted via teleconference with an option for members of the Board of Directors and staff to participate in person.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Gibbons opened the meeting with a welcome and noted this was the first hybrid meeting of the SVCE Board of Directors.

**Call to Order:**

Chair Gibbons called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Liz Gibbons (Chair), Campbell  
Jon Robert Willey, Cupertino  
Zach Hilton, Gilroy  
Neysa Fligor, Los Altos  
Lisa Schmidt, Los Altos Hills  
Marico Sayoc, Los Gatos  
Bryan Mekechuk, Monte Sereno  
Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Morgan Hill (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)  
Lisa Matichak, Mountain View  
Tina Walia, Saratoga  
Larry Klein, Sunnyvale  
Otto Lee, Santa Clara County

**Absent:**

Evelyn Chua, Milpitas

Chair Gibbons, Director Klein, Alternate Director Mekechuk, and Director Willey attended in person; all other Directors attended via teleconference.

**Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda**

No speakers.

**Consent Calendar**

- 1a) Approve Minutes of the April 13, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting
- 1b) Receive March 2022 Treasurer Report
- 1c) Adopt Resolution Authorizing Public Meetings to Continue to Be Held Via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings

- 1d) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Amend Agreement with UtilityAPI, Inc. to Explore and Develop Innovative New Data Hive Features to Support More Seamless Customer Experience for Future Applications
- 1e) Receive Update on California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP) Program Launch and Status
- 1f) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Approve the Agreement with Strategic Energy Innovations to Host Two Climate Corps Fellows for the 2022-2023 Fellowship Cycle
- 1g) Executive Committee Report
- 1h) Finance and Administration Committee Report
- 1i) Audit Committee Report
- 1j) Legislative and Regulatory Response to Industry Transition 2022 Ad Hoc Committee Report
- 1k) California Community Power Report

There were no questions or comments from the Board; there were no requests from the public to speak on any matter on the Consent Calendar.

**MOTION: Alternate Director Mekechuk moved and Director Willey seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Items 1a through 1k.**

**The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote with Directors Chua and Martinez Beltran absent.**

### **Regular Calendar**

#### **2) CEO Report (Discussion)**

CEO Girish Balachandran addressed the following in his CEO report:

- Pamela Leonard, Communications Manager, thanked the Board of Directors for their support during the Cupertino Earth & Arbor Day and SVCE 5 Year Anniversary Celebration;
- Communications Manager Leonard announced she would be going out on maternity leave in mid-June and introduced Beth Trenchard who would be assisting in the interim. Interim Communications Manager Trenchard provided brief welcome comments; and
- CEO Balachandran introduced Demarie Weber, SVCE's new Regulatory and Compliance Manager, who provided brief welcome comments.

#### **3) Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer to Participate in PG&E's Voluntary Allocation Market Offer Renewable Energy Credit Solicitation and Transact for a Portion of SVCE's Load Ratio Share Allocation (Action)**

CEO Balachandran introduced the item, noting subsequent to posting the staff report for the agenda packet, staff had further discussions internally and requested to change the recommendation from taking a portion of what is offered by the proposed program to the maximum amount. Senior Manager of Power Resources Charles Grinstead provided a presentation on PG&E's Voluntary Allocation Market Offer, requesting board authorization for SVCE's full allocation if needed.

Senior Manager of Power Resources Grinstead responded to board member questions regarding clarification of SVCE's proposed participation in the program.

Chair Gibbons opened Public Comment.

Bruce Karney commented he felt the organization deserves to have the flexibility needed to respond to various challenges, or crises, and was highly supportive of staff's request to provide the flexibility to purchase up to 100% of the VAMO.

Chair Gibbons closed Public Comment.

**MOTION: Director Lee moved and Alternate Director Mekechuk seconded the motion to authorize SVCE's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to participate in Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) Voluntary Allocation Market Offer for SVCE's portion of its load ratio share and execute necessary agreements including the Voluntary Allocation Confirmation under PG&E and SVCE Master Power Purchase Sale Agreement, for SVCE's full VAMO allocation, equivalent to approximately a 25% RPS.**

**The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote with Director Chua absent.**

#### **4) New Construction Reach Code Update (Presentation)**

Zoe Elizabeth, Deputy Director of Decarbonization Programs & Policy, provided a presentation identifying next steps for the Board of Directors to adopt reach codes in their agencies for 2022.

Chair Gibbons opened Public Comment.

No speakers.

Chair Gibbons closed Public Comment.

Deputy Director of Decarbonization Programs & Policy Elizabeth responded to board member questions. Director Klein noted it would be helpful to show what other cities have done with respect to reach codes on the dedicated reach codes website.

#### **Board Member Announcements and Future Agenda Items**

Chair Gibbons announced she was a webinar speaker for the AIA New Jersey Green Build Conference and spoke directly to the relationship of city governments and the action they have taken to speak to climate change.

Alternate Director Mekechuk announced the City of Monte Sereno was featured in the San Jose Mercury News for their new Community Center, which will be all-electric and used as a showcase for energy and water conservation.

Chair Gibbons announced the Board of Directors would meet in Closed Session following public comment and provided the process for doing so.

#### **Public Comment on Closed Session**

No speakers.

#### **Convene to Closed Session**

Chair Gibbons announced the Board of Directors would convene to Closed Session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss the following:

Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Agency Representatives: Liz Gibbons, Chair, Board of Directors,  
George Tyson, Vice Chair, Board of Directors  
Unrepresented Employee: Chief Executive Officer

**Report from Closed Session**

The Board of Directors returned from Closed Session at 8:36 p.m.; Chair Gibbons noted there was nothing to report.

Prior to adjournment, Chair Gibbons announced the June Board of Directors meeting would be a hybrid meeting, with all other committee meetings remaining virtual. Chair Gibbons noted there may be legislative changes at the state level for public meetings by the August board meeting, and staff would keep the Board of Directors informed.

**Adjourn**

Chair Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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*Andrea Pizano*

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Andrea Pizano, Board Secretary