



**AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 28, 2016**

**The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.**

**Vice Chair Leslie Pool called the committee meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.**

**Committee Members in attendance:**

Vice Chair Leslie Pool  
Mayor Steve Adler  
Council Member Gregorio Casar  
Council Member Ora Houston  
Council Member Ann Kitchen  
Council Member Sabino “Pio” Renteria  
Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo  
Council Member Ellen Troxclair  
Council Member Don Zimmerman

**Committee Members absent:**

Chair Sheri Gallo  
Council Member Delia Garza

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Approve the minutes of the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting of February 25, 2016.**

The minutes of the February 25, 2016 meeting were approved on Council Member Casar’s motion, and Mayor Pro Tem Tovo’s second, on an 8-0 vote. Chair Gallo and Council Members Garza and Kitchen were off the dais.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- 2. The first five speakers signed up before the meeting is called to order will each be allowed two minutes to speak.**

There were three speakers:

- Paul Robbins spoke about concerns with Customer Assistance Program automatic enrollment.
- Carol Biedrzycki spoke about concerns with the residential service pilot program.
- Kaiba White requested a public process for the Austin Energy general manager search.

## **BRIEFINGS**

- 3. General Manager's report (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Sheri Gallo, CO 1: Council Member Leslie Pool, CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler)**
  - **Quarterly financial report**
  - **System operations update**
  - **Market operations update**
  - **Rate review**
  - **Customer Assistance Program automatic enrollment process upgrade**
  - **Response to City Council resolutions regarding Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force recommendations**

Mark Dombroski, Austin Energy Interim General Manager; Mark Dreyfus, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Communications; Jawana "JJ" Gutierrez, Vice President, Customer Care Services; and Debbie Kimberly, Vice President, Customer Energy Solutions provided updates regarding the listed topics.

A memo was requested to provide additional detail regarding Customer Assistance Program automatic enrollment.

- 4. Briefing on the Austin SHINES (Sustainable and Holistic Integration of Energy Storage and Solar PV) project. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Sheri Gallo, CO 1: Council Member Leslie Pool, CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler)**

Dan Smith, Vice President, Electric Service Delivery provided the briefing.

- 5. Briefing on how an electric utility's cost of service is used in the ratemaking process. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Sheri Gallo, CO 1: Council Member Leslie Pool, CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler)**

Mark Beauchamp, Utility Financial Solutions provided the briefing. Mark Dreyfus and Khalil Shalabi, Vice President, Energy Market Operations and Resource Planning also responded to questions from Council members.

- 6. Update regarding the process to fill the position of Austin Energy General Manager. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Sheri Gallo, CO 1: Mayor Steve Adler, CO 2: Council Member Ellen Troxclair)**

Assistant City Manager Robert Goode provided an update on the search process and next steps.

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- 7. Amend the 2016 meeting schedule of the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Sheri Gallo, CO 1: Council Member Leslie Pool, CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler)**

A motion was made by Council Member Kitchen and seconded by Mayor Adler to approve the revised schedule moving the committee meetings to Monday. A friendly amendment was made by Mayor Pro Tem Tovo to change the December date to TBD. Discussion included concerns about the schedule, and keeping these committee meetings discrete from Council meetings.

The Mayor agreed that Council meetings would start no earlier than 1:00 PM, in the event that a committee meeting and Council meeting are scheduled for the same date. No action was taken on the motion.

#### **FUTURE ITEMS**

**8. Discussion of future agenda items.**

This item was not addressed.

#### **ADJOURN**

Vice Chair Pool adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. without objection.

**The minutes were approved on this the 28th day of April 2016 on Vice Chair Pool's motion, Council Member Kitchen's second on an 7-0 vote. Council Members Casar, Garza, Troxclair, and Zimmerman were off the dais.**