



**AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2019**

The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2018 at 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Kathie Tovo called the committee meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

Committee Members in attendance:

Council Member Kathie Tovo, Chair
Council Member Leslie Pool, Vice Chair
Council Member Alison Alter
Council Member Gregorio Casar
Council Member Paige Ellis
Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza
Council Member Sabino “Pio” Renteria

Committee Members absent:

Mayor Steve Adler
Council Member Jimmy Flannigan
Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison
Council Member Ann Kitchen
Cary Ferchill, Electric Utility Commission Chair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approve the minutes of the December 6, 2018 Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meetings.**

The minutes of the December 6, 2018 meeting were approved on Vice Chair Pool’s motion, and Council Member Alter’s second, on a 6-0 vote. Mayor Adler and Council Members Casar, Flannigan, Harper-Madison, 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 three minutes to speak.**

There were six speakers:

- Alyssa Lacy stated she manages a property in south Austin that has had issues qualifying for the low income weatherization program.
- Gus Pena said he is seeing additional utility disconnections, and it is hurting people out in the community.

- Scott Johnson described the option on utility bills that allows customers to make voluntary donations to certain programs.
- Moore McDonough said the property in south Austin has been going through the weatherization program process for five months, and he described the budget and expenditures of the weatherization programs.
- Kaiba White spoke about expanding access to on-site solar to more in the community, and new programming should be developed such as on-bill financing or utility-owned options
- Rachel Stone spoke about Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation's project, and how she wants to see these programs available to all low income customers, not only those in income-restricted housing.

BRIEFINGS

3. General Manager's report:

- **Upcoming items to be brought to Council for approval: purchase power agreement for wind energy; procurements for janitorial services, commercial and industrial demand response services, chiller maintenance, and substation control system equipment.**
- **Innovation: Austin Energy All-Stars educational outreach program.**
- **Employee recognition.**

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Jackie Sargent, General Manager, provided the report. Discussion included Science Festival and the janitorial services contract.

4. First quarter Fiscal Year 2019 operations report.

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Charles Dickerson, Deputy General Manager and Chief Operations Officer, provided the report. Discussion included causes of the increases in accidents, injuries and total hours worked; Decker unit retirement timing and effect on staff; small cell deployment issues; generation resource availability; and coordination with Austin Water on automated meters.

5. Fourth quarter Fiscal Year 2018 financial report.

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Mark Dombroski, Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial and Risk Officer, provided the report. Discussion included operating margin percentage, ensuring populations that need it are enrolled in the Customer Assistance Program, Customer Benefit Charge program funds, and addressing surpluses or deficits in those funds.

6. Low income weatherization and solar programs.

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Debbie Kimberly, Vice President of Customer Energy Solutions and Corporate Communications, provided the briefing. Discussion included flexibility in providing services to low income customers, weatherizing as much affordable housing as possible, expanding eligibility for weatherization, and analyzing additional solar programs.

FUTURE ITEMS

7. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.

Future agenda item requests included continued discussion on low income weatherization and solar programs.

ADJOURN

Chair Tovo adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m. without objection.

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