



**AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 17, 2019**

The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Kathie Tovo called the committee meeting to order at 1:32 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
Council Member Ann Kitchen
Council Member Sabino “Pio” Renteria
Cary Ferchill, Electric Utility Commission Chair

Committee Members absent:

Mayor Steve Adler
Council Member Jimmy Flannigan
Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza
Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approve the minutes of the March 27, 2019 Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meetings.**

The minutes of the March 27, 2019 meeting were approved on Vice Chair Pool’s motion, and Council Member Alter’s second, on a 7-0 vote. Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Garza, and Council Members Flannigan and Harper-Madison 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 two speakers:

- Danny Fetonte said that the Fayette coal plant produces money and coal ash which affects the surrounding communities and its children. He said Austin should help close down the Fayette plant in addition to giving up its share of ownership.

- Gilbert Starkey stated 350 Austin wants to work with Austin and LCRA to shut down Fayette as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

3. Discussion of energy efficiency programs, including low income weatherization.

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Debbie Kimberly, Vice President of Customer Energy Solutions and Corporate Communications, provided an update and responded to questions. Discussion included criteria to participate in the low income weatherization program, outreach efforts to target certain properties, role of the third-party implementer, the report analyzing if rebates had an effect on multifamily rental rates, and ensuring properties with lower income residents receive the benefits of rebates.

BRIEFINGS

4. General Manager's report:

- **Upcoming recommendations for Council action: telephone operating system support services, valve repair and replacement, meter data management system upgrade.**
- **Recent awards.**

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Jackie Sargent, General Manager, provided the report. Discussion included the schedule of when smart meters would be capable of offsite switching.

5. Decker decommissioning update.

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Charles Dickerson, Deputy General Manager and Chief Operations Officer, provided the update. Discussion included skill sets for plant employees, transferability to other positions, possibility of job placement due to the reduction in force, pay grades of affected employees, retirement eligibility, and job training for employees.

6. Austin SHINES (Sustainable and Holistic Integration of Energy Storage and Solar Photovoltaics) project update.

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Lisa Martin, Program Manager, Advanced Technology, provided the update.

FUTURE ITEMS

7. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.

This item was not addressed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (ADDENDUM)

- 8. 2019 Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting schedule.**
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Discussion included possibly shifting committee meeting dates or times if necessary.

ADJOURN

Chair Tovo adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m. without objection.

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