



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019

The Resource Management Commission convened a meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas.

Commissioners in Attendance: Leo Dielmann, Chair (District 7); Kaiba White, Vice Chair (District 2); James Babyak (District 6); Rebecca Brenneman (District 10); Lisa Chavarria (Mayor); Dana Harmon (District 9) and Shane Johnson (District 4). Jonathan Blackburn (District 8), Nakyshia Fralin (District 1), Scott Kohan (District 3) and Tom “Smitty” Smith (District 5) were absent.

Staff in Attendance: Jennifer Walls and Rick Harland, Fleet Services; Rob Borowski, Cap Metro; and Debbie Kimberly, Denise Kuehn, Manny Garza, Karl Popham, Jamie Mitchell and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy.

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Dielmann called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- J. Moore McDonough spoke in support of Item 2.
- Paul Robbins spoke regarding Texas Gas Service rates and recommended lowering the customer base fee and adding tiered rates.

Consent Items:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting.

The motion to approve minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting was approved on Commissioner Harmon’s motion, Commissioner Brenneman’s second, on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Blackburn, Fralin, Kohan and Smith absent.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Authorize issuance of energy efficiency program rebates during Fiscal Year 2019-20, in an amount not to exceed \$2,120,000 for multifamily energy efficiency rebates and \$2,335,000 for commercial energy efficiency rebates, for a total combined amount not to exceed \$4,455,000.

The motion to approve issuance of energy efficiency rebates by Austin Energy in FY 2019-20 was approved on Chair Dielmann’s motion, Vice Chair White’s second, on an 6-1 vote, with Commissioner Babyak voting against and Commissioners Blackburn, Fralin, Kohan and Smith absent.

Non-Consent

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

3. Transportation electrification update from Capital Metro, Fleet Services and Austin Energy – presented by Rob Borowski of Cap Metro; Jennifer Walls and Rick Harland of Fleet Services; and Karl Popham of Austin Energy.

ACCESS TO SOLAR WORKING GROUP REPORT

4. Update from members of the Resource Management Commission Access to Solar Working Group: Commissioners Brenneman, Harmon, Johnson and Kohan and Vice Chair White. (Related to Item 5.) Vice Chair White invited Tim Harvey, Austin Energy Customer Renewable Solutions Manager, to talk about efforts that began at the e-Lab Forge RMI event in September to develop an RFP for renewable energy. Potential characteristics include: ~15 MW capacity; serve underserved/income-qualified customers with no upfront costs that result in bill savings; utilize and develop the local workforce; increase visibility of solar on distribution grid; and potentially include resiliency for host sites. The group working on the RFP effort includes participants at the RMI event, local stakeholders, members of the RMC Working Group and Austin Energy staff; and their goal is to finalize the RFP before the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Discuss and recommend programs and policies designed to expand access to solar energy for low-income residents, renters, and tenants of multifamily housing. (Related to Item 4.)
There was no action on this item.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Approve a meeting schedule for calendar year 2020.
The motion to approve the meeting schedule as amended was approved on Chair Dielmann's motion, Commissioner Harmon's second, on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Blackburn, Fralin, Kohan and Smith absent. The amendment to the proposed schedule was to meet on March 10 instead of March 17.
The following meeting dates were approved:

January 21
February 18
March 10
April 21
May 19
June 16
July 21
August 18
September 15
October 20
November 17
December 15

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. Discuss potential topics for future agendas.
The staff liaison listed items on next month's agenda including: a quarterly update from Austin Water and an update on the DirectApps contract for energy efficiency data management and reporting services.

ADJOURN – Chair Dielmann adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.