



**AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
January 29, 2020**

**The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Kathie Tovo called the committee meeting to order at 1:43 p.m.**

**Committee Members in attendance:**

Council Member Kathie Tovo, Chair  
Council Member Leslie Pool, Vice Chair  
Mayor Steve Adler  
Council Member Alison Alter  
Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria  
Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza  
Cary Ferchill, Electric Utility Commission Chair

**Committee Members absent:**

Council Member Gregorio Casar  
Council Member Jimmy Flannigan  
Council Member Ann Kitchen  
Council Member Paige Ellis  
Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

There were three speakers:

- Paul Robbins spoke in reference to income and energy use.
- Kaiba White spoke in reference to the Austin Energy generation resource plan and the climate plan update.
- Shane Johnson spoke in reference to the Austin Energy resource plan.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Approve the minutes of the November 20, 2019 Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting.**

The minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting were approved on Council Member Alter's motion, and Mayor Adler's second, on a 6-0 vote. Council Members Casar, Flannigan, Kitchen, Ellis and Harper-Madison were off the dais.

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **2. Revise the 2020 Committee meeting schedule.**

Chair Tovo advised that the schedule would not be revised at this time, but she would still like to meet on February 26, 2020. She also suggested to move to a bi-monthly schedule and will provide suggested dates at the next meeting.

## **BRIEFINGS**

### **3. General Manager's report:**

- **Upcoming recommendations for Council action: IT-related procurements including High Performance SmarteBuilding; PowerPlan; Dell Marketing and Sirius Computer Solutions; Dell Marketing amendment with the Communications and Technology Management Department; and Siemens Industry.**
- **Innovations, events, and awards: Launch of Energy Management Module for Residential Customers; Austin Energy's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Austin Energy Regional Science Festival – February 19-22, 2020; and a Best Practices Award for Austin Energy's Multifamily Program.**

**(Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, CO 1: Council Member Leslie Pool, CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler)**

Jackie Sargent, General Manager, provided the report, and showed the documentary trailer for Austin Energy's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **4. Decker Creek Power Station workforce planning.**

**(Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, CO 1: Council Member Leslie Pool, CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler)**

Charles Dickerson, Deputy General Manager, Chief Operating Officer provided the update. Discussion included connecting employees to open positions, training offered to employees, and the upcoming increased communication plan to employees about training for job transitions and the partnership with the Electric Power Research Institute to provide technical training for existing employees.

## **FUTURE ITEMS**

### **5. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.**

No items were requested.

## **ADJOURN**

Chair Tovo adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m. without objection.

These minutes were approved at the February 26, 2020 on Vice-Chair Pool's motion, and Council Member Alter's second, on a 6-0 vote. Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Garza, and Council Members Casar, Flannigan, and Renteria were off the dais.