



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020

The Resource Management Commission convened a meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas.

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

Staff in Attendance: Hayley Cunningham, Larry Graham and Jasmine King-Bush of Texas Gas Service; and Debbie Kimberly, Liz Jambor, Kurt Stogdill, Sarah Talkington, Jamie Mitchell and Toyce Goodson of Austin Energy.

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Paul Robbins spoke about his recommendations for revisions to Austin Energy Green Building’s residential and multifamily standards.

Consent Items:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting.
The motion to approve minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting was approved on Commissioner Harmon’s motion, Commissioner Blackburn’s second, on a 6-0 vote, with Chair Dielmann and Commissioners Brenneman, Chavarria and Smith absent.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with High Performance SmarteBuilding, LLC, D/B/A SmarteBuilding, to provide SmarteBuilding software subscription and support services, for a term of five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.
The motion to recommend approval of a contract with High Performance SmarteBuilding was approved on Commissioner Blackburn’s motion, Commissioner Johnson’s second, on a 6-0 vote, with Commissioners Brenneman, Fralin and Smith off the dais, and Commissioners Johnson and Kohan absent.

Non-Consent

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

3. Roofing technology update from Sarah Talkington and Kurt Stogdill, Austin Energy Green Building.
4. Quarterly energy efficiency program update from Hayley Cunningham and Larry Graham, Texas Gas Service. Speaker Paul Robbins questioned the cost effectiveness of Texas Gas Service’s residential conservation program and its proposed residential rate structure.

UPDATES FROM COMMISSIONERS, WORKING GROUP

5. Update from members of the Resource Management Commission Access to Solar Working Group (Commissioners Brenneman, Harmon and Johnson and Vice Chair White).
Vice Chair White said the Working Group intends to reconvene soon to discuss plans about an RFP to develop rooftop solar generation sites. She received consensus from members to receive an update from Austin Energy staff on the RFP at the next Commission meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. Discuss potential topics for future agendas.

The staff liaison listed items on next month's agenda including a quarterly update from Austin Water, a briefing on the update to the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, and changes to the meeting schedule.

Commissioners requested a discussion of Texas Gas Service's rate structure and energy efficiency program, and an update from Austin Energy staff on improving access to solar energy for underserved residential customers through the development of an RFP.

ADJOURN – Vice Chair White adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.