

# ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023

The Electric Utility Commission convened in a Regular meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 4815 Mueller Blvd in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Tuttle called the Electric Utility Commission Meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Dave Tuttle, Vice Chair; Cyrus Reed; Randy Chapman, Kay Trostle, Makenna Jonker

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Marshall Bowen; Karen Hadden; Kaiba White

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

There was 1 speaker.

1. Sara Black spoke about separating rent from electricity at her apartment complex and asked for a copy of her electricity bill.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING on March 20, 2023.

The minutes from the meeting of 03/20/2023 were approved as amended on Commissioner Chapman's motion, Commissioner Reed's second on a (8-0) vote with Commissioners Hopkins and Ferchill absent and one vacancy. The minutes were amended to reflect the addition of one item added to future items, questions from a handout provided by Lanetta Cooper at the March meeting.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS

2. Recommend approving issuance of a capacity-based incentive to Texas County & District Retirement System for the installation of solar electric systems on their facility located at 901 S Mopac Expressway Service Road NB, Austin, TX 78746, in an amount not to exceed \$163,620.

The motion to approve recommendation 2 was approved on Commissioner Trostle's motion, Commissioner Jonker's second on a (8-0) vote with Commissioners Hopkins, Ferchill absent and one vacancy.

3. Recommend authorizing issuance of rebates for multifamily and commercial customer energy efficiency measures by Austin Energy during Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the aggregate amounts of \$2,650,000 for multifamily programs and \$3,350,000 for commercial programs, for a total combined amount not to exceed \$6,000,000, including ratification of \$2,850,844 in rebates already issued in the current fiscal year.

The motion to approve recommendations 3 was approved on Commissioner Reed's motion, Commissioner Tuttle's second on a (8-0) vote with Commissioners Hopkins, Ferchill absent and one vacancy.

#### **STAFF BRIEFINGS & REPORTS**

4. Staff briefing on the Austin Energy FY24 Forecast and Budget Planning by Mark Dombroski, Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial & Administrative Officer.

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5. Staff briefing on the Electric Vehicle Program by Richard Génecé, Vice President of Customer Energy Solutions.

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#### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2023-2024 City of Austin Budget recommendations.

The motion to approve the 2023-2024 City of Austin Budget recommendations drafted by the Budget & Audit Working Group was approved on Commissioner Chapman's motion, Commissioner Reed's second on a (8-0) vote with Commissioners Hopkins, Ferchill absent and one vacancy.

The approved recommendation can be accessed via this link <a href="https://services.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=406593">https://services.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=406593</a>:

7. Conduct officer elections for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Electric Utility Commission.

The motion to approve Commissioner Tuttle as Chair and Commissioner White as Vice Chair was approved on Commissioner Chapman's motion, Commissioner Trostle's second on a (8-0) vote with Commissioners Hopkins, Ferchill absent and one vacancy.

8. Approve a representative and an alternate to serve on the Joint Sustainability Committee. (Sponsors: Chapman and Hopkins)

The motion to approve Commissioner White as Representative and Commissioner Chapman as Alternate was approved on Commissioner Trostle's motion, Commissioner Tuttle's second on a (8-0) vote with Commissioners Hopkins, Ferchill absent and one vacancy.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

9. Discussion of report regarding City Council action on items previously reviewed by the EUC.

There was no discussion.

10. Discussion regarding the Electric Utility Commission's ability to hold executive session. (Sponsors: Chapman and White)

There was no discussion.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Commissioner White's draft resolution on the AE GM Recruitment for discussion in May
- IEC Building Energy Codes

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Tuttle adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m. without objection.

<sup>&</sup>quot;The minutes were approved at the May 8, 2023, meeting of the Electric Utility Commission on Commissioner Chapman's motion and Commissioner Tuttle's second on a (7-0) vote Commissioners Blackburn, Bowen and Hopkins absent and one vacancy.