

MCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 18, 2021
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Directors' Meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's [Executive Order](#) N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Board Members, staff and members of the public were able to participate in the Board Meeting via teleconference.

Present: Denise Athas, City of Novato
Tom Butt, City of Richmond
Tom Campbell, City of Benicia
Barbara Coler, Town of Fairfax
Cindy Darling, City of Walnut Creek
Gina Dawson, City of Lafayette
David Fong, Town of Danville
Ford Greene, Town of San Anselmo
Maika Llorens Gulati, City of San Rafael
Kevin Haroff, City of Larkspur
Janelle Kellman, City of Sausalito and City of Mill Valley
C. William Kircher, Town of Ross
David Kunhardt, Town of Corte Madera
Tim McGallian, Alternate, City of Concord
Aaron Meadows, City of Oakley
Katy Miessner, City of Vallejo
Devin Murphy, City of Pinole
Teresa Onoda, Town of Moraga
Patricia Ponce, City of San Pablo
Gabriel Quinto, City of El Cerrito
Scott Perkins, City of San Ramon
Katie Rice, County of Marin
Matt Rinn, City of Pleasant Hill
Shanelle Scales-Preston, City of Pittsburg
Holli Thier, Town of Tiburon
John Vasquez, County of Solano
Sally Wilkinson, City of Belvedere
Brianna Zorn, City of Martinez

Absent: John Gioia, Contra Costa County
Brad Wagenknecht, County of Napa

Staff

& Others: Jessica Brooks, Assistant Board Clerk
Melissa Giles, Manager of Strategic Marketing and Communications
Darlene Jackson, Board Clerk
Vicken Kasarjian, Chief Operating Officer
Justin Kudo, Senior Strategic Analysis and Rates Manager
Justin Marquez, Community Equity Specialist
Zae Perrin, Manager of Customer Operations
Sol Phua, Administrative Services Assistant
Garth Salisbury, Director of Finance and Treasurer
Qua Vallery, Regulatory & Reporting Manager
Dawn Weisz, Chief Executive Officer

1. **Roll Call**

Chair Butt called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with quorum established by roll call.

2. **Board Announcements (Discussion)**

There were announcements made by Board members.

3. **Public Open Time (Discussion)**

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

4. **New Board Member Introductions (Discussion)**

CEO Weisz, invited new Board members to introduce themselves.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

5. **Report from Chief Executive Officer (Discussion)**

CEO, Dawn Weisz, reported the following:

- At the end of 2020 and beginning of 2021 MCE had two exciting solar projects come to completion:
 - Desert Harvest: 80 megawatts solar in Riverside County.
 - Little Bear: 160 megawatts solar in City limits of Fresno: this is MCE's largest solar project to date.
- MCE has received \$375,000 in grant funds from the Marin Community Foundation to support solar-powered battery storage systems on critical nonprofit facilities and low-income housing.
- The MCE website currently has COVID-19 relief resources pages to help folks who are struggling with financial challenges.

- MCE successfully advocated at the CPUC in late 2020 to allow vulnerable customers with past due bills to access state funding to pay past due amounts.

6. Consent Calendar (Discussion/Action)

- C.1 Approval of 11.19.20 Meeting Minutes
- C.2 Approved Contracts for Energy Update

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Perkins/Greene) to **approve Consent Calendar items C.1–C.2.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors: Gioia, and Wagenknecht).

7. Addition of Board Members to Committees (Discussion/Action)

CEO Weisz, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Perkins/Kunhardt) to **approve addition of Board Members to Committees.** Directors: Dawson, Kellman, Murphy, Onoda, and Rice to the Technical Committee. Directors: Darling, Murphy, and Quinto to the Executive Committee. Directors: Fong, Haroff, and Wilkinson to the Ad Hoc Audit Committee. Directors: Birsan, Greene, Haroff, and Wilkinson to the Ad Hoc Bonding Committee, and Directors: Greene, Haroff, Perkins, and Thier to the Ad Hoc Contracts Committee. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors: Gioia, and Wagenknecht).

8. Targeted Customer Cost Relief (Discussion)

Heather Shepard, Director of Public Affairs and several MCE staff members presented this item and addressed questions from Committee members.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: No action required.

9. Fiscal 2020-21 Operating Budget Update (Discussion)

Garth Salisbury, Director of Finance, introduced this item and addressed questions from Committee members.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: No action required.

10. Customer Programs Update (Discussion)

Alice Havenar-Daughton, Director of Customer Programs, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: No action required.

11. Black History Month (Discussion)

Qua Vallery, Regulatory & Reporting Manager and Justin Marquez, Community Equity Specialist introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: No action required.


12. Board Matters & Staff Matters (Discussion)

There were no announcements or additional matters.

13. Adjournment

Chair Butt adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m. to the next scheduled Board Meeting on March 18, 2021.

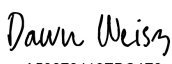
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Tom Butt, Chair

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Dawn Weisz, Secretary