

MCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 16, 2023
7:00 P.M.

Present: Mark Armstrong, Alternate, City of San Ramon
Eli Beckman, Town of Corte Madera
Kari Birdseye, City of Benicia
Monica Brown, Alternate, County of Solano
Cindy Darling, City of Walnut Creek
Gina Dawson, City of Lafayette
Alexis Fineman, Town of San Anselmo
David Fong, Town of Danville
Ryan Gregory, The County of Napa and Four Napa
Cities/Town (American Canyon, Calistoga, St. Helena, and
Town of Yountville)
Kerry Hillis, Town of Moraga
Janelle Kellman, City of Sausalito
C. William Kircher, Town of Ross
Eduardo Martinez, City of Richmond
Aaron Meadows, City of Oakley
Laura Nakamura, Alternate, City of Concord
Max Perrey, City of Mill Valley
Beth Painter, City of Napa
Gabe Paulson, City of Larkspur
Gabriel Quinto, City of El Cerrito
Matt Rinn, City of Pleasant Hill
Shanelle Scales-Preston, City of Pittsburg
Maureen Toms, Alternate, City of Pinole, joined at 7:22 p.m.
Holli Thier, Town of Tiburon, joined at 7.27 p.m.
Patricia Ponce, City of San Pablo
Susan Wernick, City of Novato
Brienne Zorn, City of Martinez

Absent: Barbara Coler, Town of Fairfax
John Gioia, Contra Costa County
Maika Llorens Gulati, City of San Rafael
Charles Palmares, City of Vallejo
Katie Rice, County of Marin
Sally Wilkinson, City of Belvedere
K. Patrice Williams, City of Fairfield

**Staff
& Others:** Jessica Brooks, Board Clerk
Alice Havenar-Daughton, VP of Customer Program
Darlene Jackson, Lead Board Clerk

Vicken Kasarjian, COO
Tanya Lomas, Internal Operations Coordinator
Alexandra McGee, Director of Strategic Initiatives
Lillian Mirviss, Senior Legislative Manager
Catalina Murphy, General Counsel
Ashley Muth, Internal Operations Coordinator
Justine Parmelee, Director of Internal Operations
David Potovsky, Manager of Power Resources
Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer
Enyonam Senyo-Mensah, Office Manager
Jamie Tuckey, Chief of Staff
Alden Walden, Pacific Energy Advisors
Dawn Weisz, CEO

1. Roll Call

Chair Scales-Preston called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with quorum established by roll call.

2. Board Announcements (Discussion)

There were none.

3. Public Open Time (Discussion)

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

4. Report from Chief Executive Officer (Discussion)

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

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

5. Consent Calendar (Discussion/Action)

- C.1 Approval of 10.19.23 Meeting Minutes
- C.2 Approved Contracts for Energy Update

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Rinn/Beckman) to **approve Consent Calendar items C.1 and C.2**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Coler, Gioia, Gulati, Palmares, Rice, Toms, Thier, Wilkinson, and Williams).

6. Guest Presentation from Wellhead Power Exchange, LLC (Discussion)

COO Vicken Kasarjian introduced guests, Grant McDaniel and Harold Dittmer from Wellhead Power Exchange. They presented the item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: No action required.

7. City of Hercules Membership Analysis and Resolution No. 2023-12 Approving Hercules as a Member of MCE (Discussion/Action)

Jenna Tenney, Manager of Communications and Community Engagement, and Alden Walden, PEA Consultant, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Scales-Preston/Zorn) to:

- **Approve Resolution 2023-12 Approving the City of Hercules as a Member,**
- **Approve Amendment 16 to the MCE JPA Agreement, and**
- **Direct staff to finalize draft Addendum No. 9 to the MCE Implementation Plan and Statement of Intent and authorize staff to present the final draft to the December 2023 Executive Committee for approval to submit to the CPUC.**

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Coler, Gioia, Gulati, Palmares, Rice, Wilkinson, and Williams).

8. Informational Update: Community Power Coalition (Discussion)

Sebastian Conn, Senior Community Development Manager, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: No action required.

9. Informational Update: Customer Savings and Discount Programs (Discussion)

Zae Perrin, Director of Customer Operations, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: No action required.

10. Resolution No. 2023-13 Establishing the Date, Time, and Location of Regular Board Meetings (Discussion)

Catalina Murphy, General Counsel, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Birdseye/Nakamura) to **adopt Proposed Resolution No. 2023-13 Establishing the Date, Time, and Location of Regular Board Meetings**, updating the meeting start time to 6:30pm. Motion carried by roll call vote. (Absent: Coler, Gioia, Gulati, Palmares, Quinto, Rice, Wilkinson, and Williams).

11. Board Matters & Staff Matters (Discussion)

There were comments made by Directors Armstrong and Hillis.

12. Adjournment

Chair Scales-Preston adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m. to the next scheduled Board Meeting on December 21, 2023.

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Shanelle Scales-Preston, Chair

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Dawn Weisz, Secretary