

# **Executive Committee Meeting**

### **Draft Minutes**

Friday, September 30, 2022 12:00 pm

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#### 1. Welcome & Roll Call

Present: Directors: Arriola (Tracy), Kalb (Oakland), Martinez (Emeryville), Mei

(Fremont), and Chair Lopez (San Leandro)

before the meeting at (510) 906-0491 or cob@ebce.org.

Excused: None.

Member Kalb left the meeting at 1:44pm

#### 2. Public Comment

This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Executive Committee on any EBCE-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda. Public comments on matters listed on the agenda shall be heard at the time the matter is called. As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the Committee are customarily limited to three minutes per speaker and must complete an electronic <u>speaker slip</u>. The Executive Committee Chair may increase or decrease the time allotted to each speaker.

**Tom Kelly** spoke regarding EBCE's JPA, stating that the Board should direct EBCE staff to comply with its provisions or strike the recitals that staff believe are no longer obligatory.

**Jessica Tovar**, East Bay Clean Power Alliance, stated that EBCE should not give away public money, but should instead work with community groups to decide how rate-payer funds are invested.

**Nyah Tisdell**, Local Clean Energy Alliance, spoke in opposition to the Benioff Children's Hospital grant proposal, stating that the initiative lacked transparency. Nyah Tisdell stated that EBCE should invest in its Local Development Business Plan, which serves as a roadmap to build resilience and create equitable access to clean energy.

**Neha Bazaj**, Emerald Cities Collaborative, stated that the allocation of funds for local development and grants should be determined through an open and transparent process and that it should be aligned with EBCE's Local Business Development Plan. Neha Bazaj stated that rate payer funds should be used to support efforts that reduce pollution and increase climate resiliency, such as building electrification and community grants for clean energy projects.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

3. Approval of Minutes from June 24, 2022:

Member Kalb motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Director Arriola seconded the motion which passed 5/0.

4. Health-E Communities Partnership (Informational Item)

**Barbara Stebbins**, California Alliance for Community Energy, asked questions about the timeline, structure, and goals of the Health-E Communities Partnership. Barbara Stebbins also spoke about the importance of equitable outcomes to the success of the partnership.

**Melissa Yu**, Sierra Club, spoke in favor of investing in alternative LDBP projects that would reduce asthma-triggering emissions.

**Audrey Ichinose**, East Bay Clean Power Alliance, spoke in opposition to the Health-E Communities Partnership, stating that the proposal does not utilize EBCE's primary expertise. Audrey Ichinose asked questions about study methodology and design and stated that funds and staff time could be put to better use.

Jane Kelly stated that EBCE should comply with its legally defined mission as stated in the JPA rather than engage in public health philanthropy. Jane Kelly spoke regarding conclusions arrived at from Public Records Act requests and stated that EBCE should prioritize the reduction of all carbon emissions associated with EBCE-procured electricity.

**Tom Kelly** spoke in opposition to the Heath-E Partnerships Initiative, stating that EBCE would only have a small part to play as public health research partner.

**Jessica Tovar**, East Bay Clean Power Alliance, requested that EBCE apply for funding to study the holistic replacement of gas in homes. Jessica Tovar also spoke regarding access for renters to the building electrification program, and asked how renters can be protected from displacement, or made to absorb the costs of building electrification.

**June** spoke in opposition to the Heath-E Communities Partnership, stating EBCE should use the funding to provide building electrification for the most impacted, low-income communities that need the support.

### The Committee Discussed:

- Inclusion of renters in addition to single-family homes
- Ratio of budget from ratepayers and surplus.
- Complications arising from focus on multi-family homes
- Identifying and recruiting vulnerable communities to participate in program
- Assessing utility of Heath-E Communities Partnership relative to LDBP programs.
- 6. Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Update (Informational Item)
  Informational update on progress in IRP analysis ahead of October meeting in which
  Board must review and approve EBCE's compliance filing, due November 1

## There were no speakers for public comment.

Update to Net Energy Metering (NEM) Policy (Informational Item)
 Review proposed changes to the Net Energy Metering Policy to include an annual true-up option

There were no speakers for public comment.

7. Committee Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future Board Agendas

There were no announcements or requests to place items on future Board agendas.

8. Adjournment to October 28, 2022 at 12:00pm