



MINUTES

Citizens Advisory Committee

500 McCullough Ave., San Antonio, 78215 & Via WebEx

April 12, 2023 | 11:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

<u>Member of CAC</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>On-Line</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Richard Farias			✓
Lawson Picasso	✓		
Diana Aguirre Martinez	✓		
Frank Gonzalez		✓	
Cliff Soloway			✓
Raquel Zapata		✓	
Adelita Cantu		✓	
John Kelly	✓		
Tom Corser	✓		
Vanessa Alvarado		✓	
Mary Dennis	✓		
Bill Day	✓		
Andra Clapsaddle	✓		
Steve Bonnette	✓		
Bob Zapata	✓		

Also Present were:

Hudson Callender	Carla De La Chapa	Gabriel Garcia	Kip Giles
Ashley Glotzer	Jason Harris	Julia Carrillo Haynes	Jonathan Homer
Adam Kiehne	Louis Labatt	Yvonne Pelayo	Angela Rodriguez
Alexa Saavedra	Denae Saldivar	Ricci Schooler	Misty Schultz
Prabha Somawardana	Melissa Sorola	Nancy Tabares	

CALL MEETING TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND SAFETY MESSAGE

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m. by Chair John Kelly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval for the meeting minutes from February 8, 2023 was motioned by Mayor Mary Dennis and seconded by Diana Martinez.

Tom Corser requested that future meeting minutes reflect more discussion among the members. Yvonne Pelayo responded that meeting minutes previously provided more detail, however once the meetings started being recorded and posted online staff provided more general minutes, focusing on action rather than discussion. Frank Gonzalez suggested an after-action report that highlights topics discussed and any derived conclusion. Chair Kelly stated his preference for an approach that capturing the reactions and responses from the CAC Members and provides more context to the topic being discussed. Bob Zapata echoed the Chair's sentiment adding his request to see action and decisions incorporated in the meeting minutes.

The meeting minutes from February 8, 2023 were approved unanimously.

STAFF UPDATE

Yvonne Pelayo mentioned recent San Antonio Express News articles regarding energy bills being discussed at the Texas Legislature, also noting that the Energy Market Policy team has been heavily engaged in efforts of ERCOT, the PUC, and the State Legislature related to energy market redesign. Both the Legislative and Energy Market Policy teams will return to provide a briefing to the Committee in June.

Julia Carrillo Haynes recapped of the Committee's day in Austin on March 15, 2023. The Committee met with key members of trade associations, with whom CPS Energy works closely, as well as four Legislators at the Capitol. The trade associations provided insight to political landscape of energy legislation this session, as well as helpful discussion on the role and relationship between CPS Energy, ERCOT and the PUC. The committee also attended two House committee hearings during their Capitol visit.

Chair Kelly thanked CPS Energy's Austin staff for putting together a productive and informative day. Mayor Dennis also thanked CPS Energy staff for their efforts in putting the trip together.

Chair Kelly continued with a recap of the North San Antonio Chamber's State of Energy event featuring a panel discussion with CPS Energy President and CEO, Rudy Garza, and ERCOT CEO, Pablo Vegas. He stated that the presentation and information was very useful and that he appreciates that Mr. Vegas will provide a fresh perspective for handling the electric grid in Texas.

Yvonne then informed the Committee of the following upcoming events:

- Rate Advisory Committee – April 20, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- CPS Energy Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – April 24, at 1:00 p.m.
- Municipal Election Day – May 6
- Next CAC meeting – May 10, at 11:30 a.m.
- City of San Antonio's Municipal Utilities Committee – May 23, at 10:00 a.m.

CYBERSECURITY

Jonathan Homer, Vice President and Integrated Security Officer provided an update on the landscape of cybersecurity for CPS Energy. He began by going over the evolution of cybersecurity leading up to some key turning points in the global cyber community.

Homer and his team work to protect CPS Energy against threats and if CPS Energy does not do its due diligence and hackers are able to find an easy way in, they're going to take advantage of that. The fact that CPS Energy provides power for the 7th largest city in the US makes it a target. Enemies know that if they can interrupt power to San Antonio, they can cause major disruption to the economy of San Antonio, to Texas, and ultimately to the Nation.

Homer's team is also responsible for the physical security of CPS Energy facilities, including but not limited to buildings, substations and power plants.

A robust discussion was held wherein Homer responded to questions from the committee about the following: trojan horse hacks; ransomware, any previously experienced hacks, physical security for third party asset such as solar and wind farms, and how the security of CPS Energy relates to the security for the City of San Antonio.

COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Chair John Kelly reminded members to request topics for discussion at future meetings.

Mayor Dennis asked about the status of the CPS ENERGY credit issued by the City of San Antonio. Yvonne Pelayo offered to provide data on how many customers opted out of receiving the credit. Julia Haynes responded that customers who did not opt out would have received a credit on their December 2022 bill, and the amount of the credit was based on their respective usage.

Chair Kelly highlighted a couple of news articles pertinent to CPS Energy operations. Members present received hard copies and those online will receive copies via email.

Frank Gonzalez asked for a presentation or more information on the increase in solar vendors and that he has read several reports about un-licensed contractors providing unreliable work and there is no regulation or oversight over this trade.

Tom Corser requested that CPS Energy staff take the approach of asking three questions when providing briefings to the Committee: 1) What the want the CPS Energy customer to know, 2) What CPS Energy customers can/should do and why, and 3) What can the CAC do to help make the presenter's job easier.

Bob Zapata requested a list of legislative bills that CPS Energy is tracking. Yvonne committed to reaching out to the State/Federal Government Relations team to request a comprehensive list, possibly broken into themes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair John Kelly took the Committee into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters at 12:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no action being taken in Executive Session, the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.