



MINUTES

Citizens Advisory Committee

Via WebEx

January 5, 2022 | 11:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

<u>Member of CAC</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Richard Farias	✓	
Lawson Picasso	✓	
Diana Aguirre Martinez	✓	
Frank Gonzalez	✓	
Andy Castillo		✓
Raquel Zapata	✓	
John Kelly	✓	
Tom Corser	✓	
Allie Watters	✓	
Adelita Cantu	✓	
David Walter	✓	
Mary Dennis	✓	
Bill Day	✓	
Luisa Casso- Chair	✓	
MaryEllen Veliz		✓

Also Present were:

Shannon Albert	Paul Barham	Madison Bernal	Vivian Bouet
Curt Brockmann	James Carter	Kate Cooper	Velma Corona
Melissa Carrillo Cox	Guillermo DeHoyos	Eugene Diaz	Daniel Elias
Benny Ethridge	KJ Feder	Gabriel Garcia	Kathy Garcia
Luis Garcia	Rudy Garza	DeAnna Hardwick	Julia Carrillo Haynes
Jesse Hernandez	ArDeanna Hicks	Drew Higgins	Kara Hill
Chad Hoopingarner	David Kee	Loretta Kerner	Ann Kinnard
Rhonda Krisch	Cory Kuchinsky	Kelly Kuhle	Luis Labatt
Lisa Lopez	Rick Luna	Richard Medina	Kari Meyer
Robert Nathan	Christine Patmon	Yvonne Pelayo	Kevin Pollo
Unity Puente	Shanna Ramirez	Ricardo Renteria	Jose Reyes
David Rivela	John Soltau	Prabha Somawardana	Melissa Sorola
Marie Stoner	Nancy Tabares		

CALL MEETING TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND SAFETY MESSAGE

The WebEx meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Chair Bill Day.

Invocation was made by Julia Carrillo Haynes.

Yvonne Pelayo provided a safety message related to driving safely during the winter season. She reminded the group to use seat belts at all times, avoid taking medication that makes you drowsy before driving, avoid distractions such as using cell phones or adjusting the radio, constantly search the roadway to be alert for situations requiring your attention, and prepare your car for inclement weather by keeping an emergency kit in your vehicle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the CAC meeting held on December 8, 2021, were deferred to next month's meeting.

DISCUSSION: RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENT

Chair Bill Day mentioned that this special meeting was specifically called to address and discuss the resolution drafted by the Committee in support of the CPS Energy rate proposal. The Committee will discuss both the base rate adjustment and the regulatory asset. Day reminded the group that the CAC voted to authorize the CAC leadership to draft a resolution regarding the proposed rate adjustment. The resolution was then drafted by a subcommittee of the Executive Committee and volunteers from the CAC and went through several iterations before that group presented its draft to the full committee for review. Day made it clear that the resolution reflects the views and the input of the CAC, and while CPS Energy staff reviewed and edited the document, it was generated by the CAC.

Luisa Casso also informed the group that the subcommittee responsible for drafting the resolution used the previous resolution supporting the rate increase in 2013 as the foundation for drafting this resolution. The subcommittee started with some basic edits to make it more relevant to today's rate proposal, then asked the members of the subcommittee to provide input on various topics of interest or where they were subject matter experts. Input from the subcommittee was integrated into an initial draft and reviewed by the subcommittee over the holidays. CPS Energy legal department was then asked to review the document under the premise that it was being reviewed from a legal standpoint to make sure it followed form and fashion and was consistent with the intent of the CAC.

Yvonne Pelayo then proceeded to review the document line by line to identify edits made by the subcommittee.

Cory Kuchinsky provided additional information on the regulatory asset for the committee. The term "regulatory asset" is a financial term and will allow CPS Energy to take the full cost incurred and make it an asset on the balance sheet and expense it over time, rather than recoup those costs from customers in a very short amount of time resulting in an exorbitant amount on their bill. Normally CPS Energy recovers fuel costs over 90 days, but because the amount spent on fuel during Winter Storm Uri was so high, the amount that it would have to charge customers would be outrageous. This financial tool allows CPS Energy to spread those costs out for its customers over a longer period of time.

VOTE: CPS ENERGY PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENT

Bill Day, Chair called for a vote to support the proposed rate adjustment.

Motion was made by David Walter, seconded by Lawson Picasso to approve the rate adjustment

In favor: Ricard Farias, Lawson Picasso, Diana Aguirre Martinez, Frank Gonzalez, Raquel Zapata, Adelita Cantu, John Kelly, Thomas Corser, Allie Watters, David Walter, Mary Dennis, Bill Day, Luisa Casso

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Passed unanimously 13-0 with 2 absent

VOTE: CPS ENERGY REGULATORY ASSET

Bill Day, Chair, called for a vote to support the Regulatory Asset.

Motion was made David Walter, seconded by Lawson Picasso, to approve the regulatory asset.

In favor: Ricard Farias, Lawson Picasso, Diana Aguirre Martinez, Frank Gonzalez, Raquel Zapata, Adelita Cantu, John Kelly, Thomas Corser, Allie Watters, David Walter, Mary Dennis, Bill Day, Luisa Casso

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Passed unanimously 13-0 with 2 absent

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE

Several members of the Committee offered accolades and congratulations to Luisa Casso and David Walter for their leadership and time dedicated to the CAC.

STAFF UPDATE

Yvonne Pelayo, Interim Senior Director of Local Government Relations, provided the following staff:

- The next special Board of Trustees meeting will be held on January 10 at 1:00 p.m.
- Next CAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 11:30 a.m.
- Various upcoming Town Hall events:
 - District 7 – Wednesday, January 5, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
 - District 4 – Thursday, January 6, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - District 6 – Saturday, January 8, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 - District 6 – Saturday, January 8, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - Districts 2 & 3 – Monday, January 10, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - District 8 – Tuesday, January 11, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 - District 1 – Wednesday, January 12, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- San Antonio City Council will meet on Thursday, January 13, 9:00 a.m.
- Municipal Utilities Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 25, 10:00 a.m.
- The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on January 31 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.