



# MINUTES

## Citizens Advisory Committee

WebEx

September 14, 2022 | 11:30 a.m.

### ATTENDANCE

<u>Member of CAC</u>	<u>Present</u>		<u>Absent</u>
	In-Person	Online	
Richard Farias		✓	
Lawson Picasso		✓	
Diana Aguirre Martinez	✓		
Frank Gonzalez		✓	
Andy Castillo	✓		
Raquel Zapata		✓	
Adelita Cantu			✓
John Kelly	✓		
Tom Corser	✓		
Allie Watters			✓
Mary Dennis	✓		
Bill Day	✓		
Andra Clapsaddle			✓
Steve Bonnette	✓		

### Also Present were:

Melissa Carrillo Cox	Velma Corona	Carla De la Chapa	Eugene Diaz
Daniel Elias	Benjamin Ethridge	Kathijo Feder	Gabriel Garcia
Rudy Garza	Ashley Glotzer	Julia Carrillo Haynes	Charles Hoopingarner
David Kee	Loretta Kerner	Rhonda Krisch	Christian Krueger
Kelly Kuhle	Louis Labatt	Rick Luna	Kari Meyer
Milady Nazir	Yvonne Pelayo	Yvette Cardiel Perez	Kevin Pollo
Unity Puente	Dominique Ramos	David Rivela	Angela Rodriguez
Alexa Saavedra	Prabha Somawardana	Marie Stoner	Nancy Tabares
Jonathan Tijerina	Domingo Villarreal		

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## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND SAFETY MESSAGE**

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The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m. by Chair Bill Day.  
Invocation and pledge of allegiance were given by Julia Haynes.  
Yvonne Pelayo provided a safety message.

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## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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The minutes of the CAC meeting held on August 10, 2022, were approved as read.  
Motioned by Steve Bonnette, seconded by Diana Aguirre Martinez.

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## **STAFF UPDATE**

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Yvonne Pelayo informed the Committee of the following meetings:

- Rate Advisory Committee – September 15, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- CPS Energy & SAWS Special Joint Board of Trustees meeting – September 21, at 2:00 PM
- CPS Energy Board of Trustees – September 26, at 1:00 PM
- City of San Antonio’s Municipal Utilities Committee – September 27, at 10:00 AM
- Next CAC meeting – October 12, at 11:30 AM

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## **POWER GENERATION SUMMER PERFORMANCE**

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Benjamin Ethridge, EVP of Energy Supply, provided a presentation on the reliability and performance of CPS Energy’s power plants over the summer. Key takeaways included:

- CPS Energy delivered over 7 million MW hours of electricity to our customers from May to August.
- The 2022 fall outlook indicates that we could see above normal temperatures and drier than usual, and the process of winter preparations have started.
- Power Plants lost generation due to a variety of repairs made across they system, but never lost more than 10% of generation capacity.
- CPS Energy is a continuous learning organization and experiences are used to improve generation maintenance execution.

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## **CEO UPDATE**

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Rudy Garza, President & CEO, provided an update on his leadership of the utility. He thanked the Board of Trustees and the community for entrusting him with this role. Mr. Garza emphasized that the goal of CPS Energy is to provide reliable, cost-competitive and sustainable energy to the community, and he will continue to ensure that happens. Rudy mentioned that at the board of trustees’ request, he is developing a one-page five-year strategic plan.

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## **CUSTOMER ENERGY BILL CREDIT UPDATE**

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Charles (Chad) Hoopingarner, VP of Financial Planning Pricing & Budgets, briefed the Committee on the energy bill credit from the City of San Antonio. Due to higher than normal natural gas prices combined with extremely hot weather this summer, customer bills were higher than normal and contributed to higher than anticipated revenues for the City of San Antonio. Key takeaways included:

- CPS Energy pays on average approximately 14% percent of its gross revenues to the City of San Antonio which go directly into the City's general fund. Due to the higher than anticipated energy bills, the city received a surplus in their city payment of approximately \$75 million additional revenue.
- City staff recommends \$7.5 million to be placed in the REAP (Residential Energy Assistance Program) to help the low-income customers who have past due balances with up to \$300 in assistance; and the remaining \$42.5 million to be given back to residential and commercial customers in the form of a bill credit on their December 2022 bill.
- The credit will be based off July 2022 energy usage.
- The City plans to utilize the remaining \$25 million for other projects.

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## **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE**

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Chair Bill Day asked each member to make announcements or comments at this time and urged CAC members to continue to request topics for discussion at future meetings.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.