



MINUTES

Citizens Advisory Committee

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

October 11, 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	✓		
Bill Day	✓		
Andra Clapsaddle	✓		
Steve Bonnette	✓		
Bob Zapata	✓		
Aaron Stein		✓	

Also Present were:

Melissa Carrillo Cox	Jessie Costin	Carla De La Chapa	John Elizondo
Gabriel Garcia	Geronimo Gonzalez	Charles Hoopingarner	Rhonda Krisch
Brianna Lohse	Loretta McCrary	Yvonne Pelayo	Unity Puente
David Rivela	Marie Stoner	Nancy Tabares	Ken Whalen

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:34 a.m. by Chair John Kelly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval for the meeting minutes from September 13, 2023, was motioned by Steve Bonnette and seconded by Bill Day with corrections.

MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL STRATEGY BRIEFING

Opening remarks were made by CPS Energy President and CEO, Rudy Garza on CPS Energy's Vision 2027 strategy, the community input working group beginning their sessions, and the investments needed to continue the transformation of the utility.

Geronimo Gonzalez, Sr. Director of Budgeting, Analysis & Management Reporting, presented on CPS Energy's multi-year financial strategy. Geronimo provided a historical overview of CPS Energy's growth and investments. Geronimo stated that the investments funded through our last rate request have supported infrastructure resiliency, technology, security, people and growth.

Geronimo mentioned that the details of our multi-year rate plan were being validated and a preliminary recommendation will be presented to the committee next month.

Lastly, Geronimo stated that through the series of public meetings with community input working group, CPS Energy will obtain feedback on specific issues relevant to the utility's 2023 rate journey.

The key takeaways:

What do we want customers to know?

- CPS Energy recognizes the importance of transparency in financial performance and will continue to provide financial updates to supporting committees.

What can customers do and why?

- Customers are encouraged to continue their advocacy for citizen input with their involvement in any of the upcoming CPS Energy events.

What can the CAC do to help?

- Inform CPS Energy customers about CPS Energy's financial need to execute on Vision 2027 and engage with the community.

STAFF UPDATE

Yvonne Pelayo then informed the Committee of the following meetings:

- Community Input Working Group – October 12, 2023, at 5 p.m. (in person & live stream)
- Community Input Working Group – October 19, 2023, at 5 p.m. (in person & live stream)
- Community Input Working Group – October 26, 2023*, at 5 p.m. (in person & live stream) *date subsequently changed to November 1st
- CPS Energy Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – October 31, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.
- Next CAC meeting – November 16, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Chair John Kelly encouraged CAC members to continue requesting topics for discussion at future CAC meetings.

Chair Kelly expressed concerns relating to media coverage on power generation and impact on efficiency to transmission lines.

Bill Day requested an update on the vision of the CAC committee.

Yvonne Pelayo noted that Shanna Ramirez, CPS Energy's Chief Legal Officer, General Counsel & Board Secretary, will provide an update at the November 16th CAC meeting.

Various members of the CAC stated concerns on the direction of the CAC committee, and on the mission and vision of the ad hoc committee.

Yvonne Pelayo mentioned that the community input working group's purpose is solely to offer feedback to CPS Energy management regarding the upcoming rate request.

Chair Kelly, at Tom Corser's request, formed a subcommittee to discuss options for the CAC future state. The subcommittee is comprised of CAC members Tom Corser, Lawson Picasso and Diana Martinez.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.