

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
April 4, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The April 2008 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 2008 at the CT Economic Resource Center in Rocky Hill, CT. Members present were John Mengacci, designee of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Mary Healey, Connecticut Consumer Counsel; Gina McCarthy, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); Donald Downes, Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control; Richard Hanley, designee of the commissioner of the Department of Transportation; David Carey, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture; Melissa Buckley, Tony Sheridan and Jeff Gaudiosi, appointees of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; Joel Gordes appointee of the Speaker of the House; and Jim Hoffman and Timothy Cole, appointees of the Governor.

Chairman Mengacci welcomed the most recent appointees to the board Messrs. Gaudiosi, Cole and Sheridan.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Mengacci asked the board to review the minutes of the March 2008 meeting distributed prior to the meeting. After reviewing the minutes, the board approved them. Messrs. Hanley, Cole and Sheridan abstained from the vote as they did not attend the March meeting.

3. Office of State Ethics Presentation

Mr. Mengacci introduced Barbara Housen of the Office of State Ethics. Ms. Housen said she had been asked to address the board on whether all members are subject to state ethics requirements. She cited the State Ethics Code indicating that it seems board members fit the criteria of covered individuals. But because of her past experience with interpretations of the code, she said she would take it back to the Ethics Advisory Board for clarification.

Because the Ethics Board won't meet prior to the next CEAB meeting Chairman Mengacci encouraged all board members to file the required Statement of Financial Interest by the May 1st deadline to be in compliance pending final word from the Office of State Ethics.

4. Chairman's Remarks

Because of the number of new non-agency members, at the start of his report he asked attendees and presenters to explain acronyms used and Mr. Mengacci requested that a glossary of acronyms be prepared for board members' reference.

The Chairman showed the board citations from the governor and the president pro tempore of the senate to Jim Sandler who recently retired from the board. Mr. Sandler is a past chairman of the CEAB and served on the board for over three decades. Mr. Mengacci will personally present these to Mr. Sandler.

Report on Various Energy Issues

Mr. Mengacci introduced Heather Hunt and Jane Stahl of the La Capra consulting team to present a PowerPoint on Phase 1 of the work for the board to complete a Report on Various Energy Issues in Connecticut. Phase 1 consists of a preliminary review of energy related entity/agency organizations. In May the consultants plan to report on these organizations in other states and how they overlap or point to gaps in the way Connecticut is organized. The Phase 1 report is due to the board in June. The PowerPoint presented an overview of entities/agencies, a summary of the flow of their roles and processes, a discussion of indigenous alternative fuel resources and an overview of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). When the presenters pointed out what was and what was not covered so far in the review and what wasn't, it generated an extended discussion on the assumptions used and what the assumptions should be for the end report. Ms. Stahl concluded the report with a discussion of focus questions to be covered going forward and committed to heed issues raised by board members during today's discussion as the report is being completed.

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Procurement Plan

The chairman called on Julie Cammarata to report on progress of the board's review of the utilities' procurement plan. She stated that an initial stakeholders meeting had been held. The utilities are being cooperative and a schedule of meetings covering various aspects of the plan has been communicated upon.

5. Other Business

ISO Update

Dan Peaco reported that ISO-New England is implementing new planning protocols. They have solicited topics for possible economic studies it might conduct and will choose three from recommendations to do this year. The board should consider submitting a request for an update of the analysis on which the New England East West Solution is based. Suggested studies will be posted by ISO next week and decided upon at their April 30th meeting. Chairman Mengacci is likely to attend that meeting.

Mr. Peaco also noted the board was given copies of an ISO package just released focusing on reliability and renewable issues.

Legislative Program Review and Investigation Committee

Ms. Cammarata reported the Program Review and Investigation Committee of the legislature is considering initiating an energy policy study. Members of the committee are at today's meeting. CEAB has approached them to avoid their work resulting in a parallel study to the one recently completed by CEAB. Mr. Gordes wanted to note that the committee should know that some members of the board see a value in a parallel report to compare and contrast with CEAB's study findings.

CEAB Protocols

Mr. Mengacci reviewed proposed protocols for the board and a related draft change to the bylaws. These are being raised at this time because the board is now fully in place and composed of a significant number of non-agency members. Consequently, new ways of ensuring the work of the board gets done need to be considered. He asked that the non-agency members have a conference call to discuss and put forth their recommendations for protocols at the May meeting. Mr. Hoffman expressed interest in being a representative for the non-agency members if the recommended protocols were adopted. Mr. Sheridan wanted to make sure that if representatives were appointed that the board will still have the opportunity to weigh in before final decisions are made on the work of the board.

Public Comment

Mr. Mengacci asked public attendees if they had comments for the board. Robert Fromer cited some issues raised in the LaCapra presentation today and also emphasized that energy security needs to be a much more important part of the state's energy planning.

Don Van Ryan encouraged the board and Governor Rell to weigh in supporting Federal Bill HR5352 related to renewable energy and green building. He also espoused that the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund put more emphasis on promoting solar thermal energy.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, Mr. Mengacci adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

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