

Meeting Minutes

Clean Energy Advisory Board Atlanta

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Welcome & Overview

Participants: Colleen Narlock, Anne Philips (NPU-Z), Ciannat Howett, Sheryl Brown, Kurt Ebersbach, Neela Ram, Susan Evans, Jennette Gayer, Carlos Santiago, Blythe Coleman, John Dargle, Marisa Carter, Cicely Garrett, Marc Alexander, Josh Rowan, Andrea Pinabell, Matt Cox, Robbie Hunter, Maggie Kelley Reggins, Adam Freed, Dr. Erica Holloman-Hill, Odetta MacLeish-White, Marisa Carter, Remy Saintil

Announcements:

- Southface Visionary Dinner
- Southface IRP Trainings
- Solarize Atlanta accepting applications, aiming for cheapest solar in GA history if they get to largest tier.

Ethics Training:

- Carlos Santiago from the Office of Ethics presentation to avoid ethics violations, disclosure statements, and ethics responsibilities for CEAB Board Members.

Working Groups:

- Designating a date 60-90 mins for working group meetings.
- Can utilize and crystalize advise to

Data and Reporting Working Groups:

- Matt Cox
 - First cut of the writing for Clean Energy Plan
 - Technical leads for the ACCC
 - Equity Map- 33 equity indicators
 - Atlanta is a subscriber to that platform.
 - To improve energy outcomes
 - What is our current forecast
 - How does this respond to IRP from Georgia Power
 - This group can be a high resolution look for the City of Atlanta.
 - Have a ton of data and equity benchmarks, but how can we identify missing gaps in this data and use cases.
 - EX: Public health implications, economic development perspective (job creation), energy burden, and other equity implications.
 - GLG released report in changes in energy burden in different cities. Reduced energy burdens wen to communities

- Re: Georgia Power, what are paths City can take to sway.
 - Primarily a public service commission strategy.
 - Motions to increase low-income energy efficiency programs
 - 2016 – Didn't start LIEE until this year.
 - 2019- Have struggled to deliver on two pilots.
- Demand Side Energy Working Group: GPC is proposing a reduction in their overall energy efficiency program. Talking about what things they might try to do to support LIEE program, but no numbers. Portfolio efforts.
 - Three options
 - City can choose to intervene (at three levels) or not.
 - Atlanta could coordinate with other cities like Athens, Savannah, Augusta (on paper), Clarkston (on paper). Even just three, could effectively engage three commissioners.
 - Can look up to the Mayoral level. Example:
 - North Carolina: 10 mayors wrote letter, and Charlotte intervened.
 - Specific focuses on offered programs, limitations: CRSP Program, Monthly Netting
 - For cities to be able to move the needle
 - Also for distributed program. Aka: Monthly netting before was 1MW, now at 32-35 MW. But can advocate for more.
 - Losing jobs without monthly netting, hurts distributed solar.
 - Possible through motion or Rate Case to remedy.
 - ARP – Federal funding,
 - Weatherize
 - What type of data here can be utilized to help these efforts?
 - Establish the most important data sources and gaps to represent an equitable renewable transition.
 - More data transparency needed

Construction, Energy Codes Working Group

- Kurt Ebersbach reports
 - Atlanta could adopt newer more efficient codes. But might open up pushback from residential community.
 - Adequate training for existing codes
 - Decarbonization from buildings, tracking co-benefits other than just about the carbon. Roadmap for decarbonization for Atlanta to be reviewed within this group.

Equitable Energy Working Group

- Dr. Erica Holloman-Hill
 - Weatherization Program – Equitable Energy Program
 - Weatherize ATL program
 - Fulton County Opportunities, especially WAP money that is sent back to the federal gov't. Need to find the right partner.
 - Looking at other models:
 - Portland Corporate tax to be used for retrofitting, EE upgrades, and overall equitable climate and energy initiatives.
 - Now that companies like Microsoft and Google moved into Atlanta, significant opportunity.

Next steps:

- Nomination of long-term co-chairs open.
 - Will be a stipend for this extra time.