



# MINUTES

## Citizens Advisory Committee

WebEx

July 13, 2022 | 11:30 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	✓	
Adelita Cantu	✓	
John Kelly	✓	
Tom Corser	✓	
Allie Watters	✓	
Mary Dennis		✓
Bill Day	✓	
Andra Clapsaddle		✓
Steve Bonnette	✓	

### Also Present were:

Amelia Badders	Velma Corona	Gonzalo Cortinas	Melissa Carrillo Cox
Carla De la Chapa	Guillermo DeHoyos	Darlene Dorsey	Benjamin Ethridge
KJ Feder	Gabriel Garcia	Kathy Garcia	Rudy Garza
Ashley Glotzer	Andrea Guadarrama	DeAnna Hardwick	Julia Carrillo Haynes
Jesse Hernandez	Drew Higgins	Christina Houser	Loretta Kerner
Adam Kiehne	Ann Kinnard	John Kosub	Rhonda Krisch
Christian Krueger	Kelly Kuhle	Devi Kumar	Louis Labatt
Jessica Landin	Lori Lopez	Kari Meyer	Leopoldo Moncada
Christine Patmon	Yvonne Pelayo	AnnaMarie Rangel	David Rivela
Andrew Schorn	Prabha Somawardana	Marie Stoner	Nancy Tabares
Sherri Voss	Christen Waggoner		

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

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The meeting was called to order at 11:42 a.m. by Chair Bill Day.

Invocation and pledge of allegiance were given by Melissa Carrillo Cox.

Yvonne Pelayo provided a safety message related to how to be safe your office setting. Falls are the most common office accidents and responsible for the most disabling injuries. Tips for prevention include look before you walk, make sure your walkway is clear, and never walk while using a cell phone.

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## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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The minutes of the CAC meeting held on June 8, 2022, were approved as read.

Motion by Tom Corser seconded by Diana Martinez Aguirre.

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## **STAFF UPDATE**

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Yvonne Pelayo informed the Committee that the next Rate Advisory Committee is July 21, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and encouraged the members to listen in. The CPS Energy Board of Trustees will meet for their regular scheduled Board meeting on July 25 at 1:00 PM.

Yvonne encouraged the Committee to check out the latest information on the upcoming community events by visiting [cpsenergy.com/events](https://cpsenergy.com/events).

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## **GENERATION PLANNING UPDATE**

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Bennie Ethridge, Executive Vice President of Energy Supply provided the Committee an update on CPS Energy's Power Generation Plan. CPS Energy's generation portfolio has evolved drastically since 1970 when it was 100% reliant on natural gas. Gas now makes up roughly 46%, with renewables (22%), coal (18%), and nuclear (14%) making up the remaining 56%. He emphasized that a diversified generation portfolio helps protect customers. Benny then covered the evolving generation portfolio including which plants have retired over the years and CPS Energy's plans for retiring certain units in the future. Near term unit retirements allow for the incorporation of emerging technologies into the portfolio and allow CPS Energy to achieve the goals outlined in the City of San Antonio's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP). Key takeaways of the update include the following:

- Aging power plants must be replaced to maintain a reliable, affordable & environmentally-responsible energy supply for our community.
- Intermittent renewable generation must be supported by generation capable of delivering power on-demand.
- Portfolio Diversity remains a key consideration of generation planning.
- Innovative technologies are needed to serve our growing community while reducing emissions to achieve our CAAP goals.

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## **EQUITY, ENERGY BURDEN AND CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE**

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KJ Feder, Vice President of Community Engagement and Corporate Responsibility, provided an update on CPS Energy's efforts in the realm of Equity, Energy Burden and Customer Assistance. KJ started off by describing CPS Energy's efforts to align with stakeholders and partners in developing an Energy Equity Strategy. KJ then discussed the idea of energy burden and what

that means not only to CPS Energy, but to energy utilities as an industry. The Brattle Group was hired by CPS Energy to assist with researching the Energy Burden on CPS Energy customers and perform a comparison with other utilities and cities across the nation. KJ then highlighted the efforts of CPS Energy to align customers who are delinquent on their bills with available funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Multiple resources are made available to customers through nearly 100 partner agencies, not just utility bill assistance. CPS Energy will continue to strive to focus on providing awareness, outreach & removing barriers while collaborating with partners to identify & provide access to products, services, & support for community members with the highest energy burden

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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.

Several members commended CPS Energy on the thorough and constant messaging regarding energy conservation.

John Kelly requested additional information about the nuclear plant that forms part of CPS Energy's generation portfolio.

Tom Corser requested an onboarding session to include information on CPS Energy as a whole. He also asked for additional information on future generation plans.

Steve Bonnette echoed the request for additional information on generation planning, as well as additional information on the South Texas Nuclear Power Plant.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.