



MINUTES

Citizens Advisory Committee

In-Person and WebEx

June 8, 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:

Diana Coleman	Velma Corona	Melissa Carrillo Cox	Darlene Dorsey
Daniel Elias	Gabriel Garcia	Kip Giles	Ashley Glotzer
Julia Carrillo Haynes	Jesse Hernandez	Drew Higgins	David Kee
Loretta Kerner	Adam Kiehne	Ann Kinnard	Rhonda Krisch
Christian Krueger	Kelly Kuhle	Louis Labatt	Jessica Landin
Lori Lopez	Denae Meyers	Christine Patmon	Yvonne Pelayo
Kevin Pollo	Jose Reyes	Angela Rodriguez	Ricci Schooler
Prabha Somawardana	Melissa Sorola	Marie Stoner	Nancy Tabares
Christen Waggoner			

CALL MEETING TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND SAFETY MESSAGE

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m. by Chair Bill Day.

Invocation was made by Nancy Tabares.

Yvonne Pelayo opened the meeting by taking a moment of silence for those impacted by the tragedy in Uvalde. She then provided a safety message related to how to be safe in hot temperatures. Yvonne stated it is recommended to drink water every 15 minutes to stay cool and avoid dehydration. Heat can affect people in different ways and it is recommended to go at your own pace, gradually allowing the body to adapt to hotter temperatures. Although there are no specific OSHA standards for heat safety, OSHA does enforce heat safety rules through its general duty clause to protect employees and provide a safer environment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the CAC meeting held on May 11, 2022 were approved as read. Motion by Diana Martinez seconded by Tom Corser.

STAFF UPDATE

Yvonne Pelayo informed the Committee that the May 23 Board of Trustees spoke about the recognition process for former Rate Advisory Committee (RAC) and CAC Members. Interim President and CEO Rudy Garza agreed to the process, and it's currently in the development stages. Yvonne will inform Chair Bill Day of the planned recognition dates to allow previous CAC members to plan to attend the Board Meeting to be recognized for their service.

Yvonne then informed the Committee that CPS Energy will go before San Antonio City Council on June 16, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., where they will vote on the new Energy Efficiency & Conservation Program. The Council meeting is streamed online and available at sanantonio.gov/tvsa. The RAC meeting will also take place on June 16, from 3 p.m. – to 6 p.m. The RAC will continue discussing two big topics: generation planning and rate design. The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27. Lastly, there is a Municipal Utilities Committee scheduled for June 28.

Yvonne also provided members an overview of activities regarding Customer Community Fairs and ARPA events throughout the service territory. Yvonne shared that each event is accompanied by partners such as SAWS and SAHA. These events are intended to assist customers with utility assistance and other available resources. Yvonne encouraged the Committee to check out the latest information on the upcoming community events by visiting cpsenergy.com/events.

CHAIR COMMENTS: NEW MEMBER WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & ONBOARDING THOUGHTS

Chair Day welcomed the two new at-large committee members, Andra Clapsaddle, who participated in-person, and Steve Bonnette, who participated virtually, and asked them to introduce themselves to the Committee. Andra Clapsaddle is a resident of Helotes and is retired engineer from the Air Force. She wanted to join the CAC after exploring various non-profits, completing the Masters Leadership Program of San Antonio, and learning more about the City of San Antonio. Her experience in engineering and her involvement in utility work for the Air Force led her to wanting to join the CAC. Steve Bonnette has been a resident of San Antonio for 24 years and is a retired civil engineer. He has been actively involved in many committees, boards

and chambers of commerce. He looks forward to contributing to the committee going forward. Chair Day then asked for existing members to introduce themselves.

Chair Day then provided commentary on instituting a more formalized onboarding program for new committee members. Chair Day stated this would be instrumental in helping new committee members to get up to speed on items discussed. He requested that new members provide feedback on items they would like to know more about pertaining to CPS Energy, the CAC, and any other items of interest. Additionally, he asked existing members to think about what they would have liked to learn that they didn't. Committee members were asked to email their thoughts to Chair Day or Yvonne directly.

CAAP BRIEFING – EMISSION REDUCTIONS & CURRENT EVENTS

Angela Rodriguez, Director of Climate Strategy & Sustainability, provided the Committee an update on CPS Energy's efforts in emission reductions and the City of San Antonio's Climate Action and Adaptation plan (CAAP). In 2017, the San Antonio City Council passed a resolution creating the CAAP in response to the US leaving of the Paris Agreement, which was a global agreement wherein participants worked together to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The CAAP set a goal for the City of San Antonio to be net-zero, or carbon neutral, by 2050, and was adopted by both San Antonio City Council and the CPS Energy Board of Trustees in 2019. The CAAP outlines strategies to mitigate or reduce GHG emissions and identifies strategies to adapt to a changing climate. There are 28 mitigation strategies and 45 adaptation strategies outlined in the plan. Angela covered the various sectors that contribute to overall GHG inventory for the City of San Antonio and discussed how CPS Energy contributes to GHG through building energy usage. She also stated that CPS Energy has been tracking carbon emissions since the 1980's, and despite the total demand and power generation increasing over the past two decades the total carbon emissions have been decreasing.

Next Angela moved onto Ozone Nonattainment and discussed the standards set by the EPA and how that impacts Bexar County's designation. In general, Bexar County has been trending downward in emissions over the past 25 years. Likewise, CPS Energy has reduced Nitrogen Oxide (NO_x) emissions by 78%, and Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) by 97% over the same timeframe. Overall, CPS Energy's forecast projections show an 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2040 and will continue to reduce all other emissions as well.

VOTING ITEM: TRANSITION TO OPEN MEETINGS

Chair Day discussed the suggestion to record the CAC monthly meetings and make them available on the CPS Energy website for the public to view after the meeting.

Diana Aguirre Martinez made a motion to approve the plan to record the CAC meetings and make them available to the public the same way the agenda and the minutes are made available. Lawson Picasso seconded the motion.

Chair Day asked that the meeting recordings be posted to the website 48-72 hours following the meeting, barring any technical issues.

CAC Members asked for a disclaimer at the beginning of the recording stating that the views presented are that of the CAC Members and do not reflect the views of CPS Energy.

Diana Aguirre Martinez moved to amend the motion by adding a disclaimer at the beginning of the recordings stating that the CAC members are not official spokesperson for CPS Energy, and any views expressed are their own, seconded by Lawson Picasso.

In favor: Richard Farias, Lawson Picasso, Diana Aguirre Martinez, Frank Gonzalez, Andy Castillo, Raquel Zapata, John Kelly, Thomas Corser, Allie Watters, Bill Day, Mary Dennis, Steve Bonnette, Andra Clapsaddle

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Passed unanimously 13 with 1 absent

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE

Chair Bill Day asked each member to make announcements or comments at this time.

John Kelly mentioned mining crypto-currency and the large amount of energy required for the data centers associated with this industry. He is curious what role CPS Energy plays in regulating this industry specifically in regard to the hours of operation and would like additional information on this topic. Additionally, he would like to receive a presentation on how CPS Energy plans to handle the potential increase in energy usage due to increasing popularity of electric vehicles. Lastly, he would also like to receive an update on the South Texas Nuclear Plant.

Tom Corser stated that he would like an update from the Rate Advisory Committee on what they're working on and discussing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.