



Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

7:00 pm

Sunnyvale Civic Center
456 W. Olive Ave
Sunnyvale, CA

Gilroy City Hall
Administration Conference Room
7351 Rosanna Street
Gilroy, CA

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order:

Chair Tyson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

George Tyson (Chair), Los Altos Hills
Larry Klein (Vice Chair), Sunnyvale
Elliot Scozzola, Campbell
J.R. Fruen, Cupertino
Zach Hilton, Gilroy (participated remotely)
Sally Meadows, Los Altos
Maria Ristow, Los Gatos
Garry Barbadillo, Milpitas
Bryan Mekechuk, Monte Sereno
Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Morgan Hill
Pat Showalter, Mountain View
Chuck Page, Saratoga
Otto Lee, Santa Clara County

Absent:

None.

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

Bruce Karney, Mountain View resident, addressed an invitation sent via email for an upcoming Carbon Free Mountain View meeting with guest speaker Joshua Neutel, lead author of Stanford University study, "What will it take to get to net-zero emissions in California?"

Adopt Resolution Commending George Tyson for His Dedicated Service as Chair of the Board of Directors in 2025

Vice Chair Klein presented Chair Tyson with a resolution on behalf of the Board of Directors and thanked him for his service as Chair of the Board in 2025.

Vice Chair Klein opened Public Comment.
No speakers.
Vice Chair Klein closed Public Comment.

Board members shared their gratitude to Chair Tyson for his leadership.

MOTION: Director Showalter moved and Director Mekechuk seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2026-01 commending Chair George Tyson for his dedicated service as Chair of the Board of Directors in 2025.

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

Chair Tyson thanked the board for their acknowledgement and provided brief comments.

Consent Calendar (Action)

There were no questions or comments from the Board; there were no requests from the public to speak on any matter on the Consent Calendar.

- 1a) Approve Minutes of the December 10, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting
- 1b) Approve Minutes of the December 12, 2025, Board of Directors Special Meeting
- 1c) Receive November 2025 Treasurer Report
- 1d) Appoint SVCE Treasurer/Auditor and Board Secretary for 2026
- 1e) Adopt Resolution Amending SVCE Conflict of Interest Code to Add Multiple Titles and Change the Titles of Power Settlements and Compliance Analyst to Power Settlements Analyst, and Regulatory and Compliance Manager to Compliance Manager as Designated Positions for Filing Statements of Economic Interests
- 1f) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Finalize and Execute Agreement with Beals Martin and Associates, Inc. to Support the Development and Construction of SVCE's New Headquarters in the Amount of \$6,554,435
- 1g) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute an Amended and Restated Agreement with IP Darden III, LLC for 91.48 MW of Solar Photovoltaic Energy and a 91.48 MW Co-located, Four-Hour Battery Energy Storage System to Extend the Term of the Original Agreement by Five Years, Reduce the Price and Increase the Lifetime Not-to-Exceed Amount to \$440,000,000
- 1h) Receive Executive Committee Report
- 1i) Receive Additional Committees Report
- 1j) Receive California Community Power Report

MOTION: Director Mekechuk moved and Vice Chair Klein seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Items 1a through 1j.

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

Regular Calendar

2) CEO Report (Informational)

CEO Padilla addressed the following in her report:

- A welcome to new board member, Director Chuck Page, representing Saratoga; and
- Recognition of staff members who received peer nominated awards at SVCE's banquet dinner in December.

Chair Tyson opened Public Comment.
No speakers.
Chair Tyson closed Public Comment.

3) Elect Silicon Valley Clean Energy Board Officers for 2026 (Action)

Vice Chair Klein, speaking on behalf of the Nominating Ad Hoc Committee, shared the recommendations for 2026 Board Officers which included:

Recommendation for Board Chair: Larry Klein, Sunnyvale

Recommendation for Board Vice Chair: Sally Meadows, Los Altos

Recommendation for Executive Committee:

- Elliot Scozzola, Campbell
- Sally Meadows, Los Altos
- George Tyson, Los Altos Hills
- Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Morgan Hill
- Pat Showalter, Mountain View
- Larry Klein, Sunnyvale

Director Scozzola and Director Showalter shared comments as members of the Nominating Ad Hoc Committee.

Chair Tyson opened the floor for nominations for the role of Chair.

MOTION: Director Meadows moved and Director Martinez Beltran seconded the motion to nominate Director Larry Klein to serve as Chair of SVCE's Board of Directors in 2026.

Chair Tyson opened Public Comment.

No speakers.

Chair Tyson closed Public Comment.

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

Following the vote, former Chair Tyson congratulated newly appointed Chair Klein and passed the gavel for Chair Klein to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Chair Klein opened the floor for nominations for the role of Vice Chair.

MOTION: Director Martinez Beltran moved and Alternate Director Ristow seconded the motion to nominate Director Sally Meadows to serve as Vice Chair of SVCE's Board of Directors in 2026.

Chair Klein confirmed with Director Meadows that she supported the nomination.

Chair Klein opened Public Comment.

No speakers.

Chair Klein closed Public Comment.

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

Following the vote for the Vice Chair, Chair Klein confirmed that all directors who were included in the recommendation to serve on the Executive Committee were still interested and that there were no additional members interested in serving.

MOTION: Director Lee moved and Director Mekechuk seconded the motion to appoint Director Scozzola, Vice Chair Meadows, Director Tyson, Director Martinez Beltran, Director Showalter, and Chair Klein to serve on the 2026 SVCE Executive Committee.

Chair Klein opened Public Comment.

No speakers.

Chair Klein closed Public Comment.

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

Board Clerk Andrea Pizano provided a deadline reminder for members interested in serving on SVCE's remaining committees, which would be appointed at the February Board of Directors meeting.

4) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Finalize Negotiations and Execute Necessary Agreements for Willow Rock Long Duration Energy Storage with California Community Power, Participating Community Choice Aggregators and Hydrostor's GEM A-CAES LLC (Action)

Zak Liske, Deputy Director of Power Resources, presented a request to the Board to authorize CEO Padilla to finalize negotiations and execute on behalf of SVCE as a member of California Community Power (CC Power) any necessary agreements for the Willow Rock Compressed Air Energy Storage Facility for long duration storage. Deputy Director of Power Resources Liske's presentation included information on the following:

- CC Power,
- Background and timeline,
- Key commercial terms for the project,
- How the technology of advanced compressed air energy storage works,
- Project location and project benefits,
- An illustrative example of arbitrage,
- SVCE's current storage portfolio,
- Willow Rock qualitative evaluation and SVCE-specific PPA Project Selection Policy,
- Contracting method and participating CCAs,
- Approval process and timeline, and
- A summary on the opportunities and value of the project.

Staff responded to questions regarding the contingency percentage of 25%, the largest scale of this type of project and the scale in other locations, potential risks of the project, how many existing projects are using this same technology, the technology being used, if there is an opportunity to get a larger share than the requested 5.7MW, diversification of SVCE's portfolio, clarification on SVCE's liability, and where the dirt from the project would be moved to.

Chair Klein opened Public Comment.

Leslie Austin, CCA Workforce and Environmental Justice Alliance, commented support for staff's proposal.

Chair Klein closed Public Comment

MOTION: Director Martinez Beltran moved and Director Showalter seconded the motion to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalize negotiations and execute on behalf of SVCE as a member of CC Power the following agreements and any necessary ancillary documents for the Willow Rock Compressed Air Energy Storage Facility for long duration storage:

1. **Project Participation Share Agreement (PPSA) between Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority, California Community Power and participating community choice aggregators (CCAs)**
2. **Resource Adequacy and TB4 Agreement (RA and TB4 Agreement) – Buyer Liability Pass Through Agreement (BLPTA) between Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority, California Community Power and GEM A-CAES LLC**

And within the following parameters:

- **SVCE's expected share of project 5.7 MW with a maximum incremental step-up quantity of 1.425 MW for a maximum of 7.125 MW;**
- **Delivery term of 20 years starting at the Commercial Operation Date on or about December 31, 2030 through December 30, 2050; and**
- **Total lifetime amount not to exceed \$37.62 million**

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

5) Adopt Resolution to Establish EV Rate Pilot Program (Action)

Rebecca Fang, Manager of Data and Analytics, and Peter Mustacich, Manager of Technical Decarb Strategy, presented information on the GridShift: EV Charging Program, including its sunset, and a request that the Board adopt the new EV Rate Pilot Program with a budget of \$1.5M. Staff's presentation included:

- Background information on the Gridshift: EV Charging Program and ChargeWise Pilot;
- Accomplishments from both the GridShift program and ChargeWise Pilot;
- Findings, conclusions, and key learnings;
- An overview of the SVCE EV Rate Pilot, including the time-of-use structure;
- The benefit of adding the EV Rate Pilot Program while the E-ELEC 2.0 Rate Pilot Program is being set up; and
- Timeline for implementation.

Staff responded to questions and comments which included: how many people could take advantage of the new proposed program, clarifying questions on how the program would work, how customers can sign-up for the program, if there is any legislation that mandates technology to incentivizes daytime charging, cost-structure of the program, if there was any consideration to change the proposed "super off-peak" hours to earlier in the day, habits that may have formed that will need to be changed due to the new cheaper "super off-peak" hours and difficulty for those who work during those hours, learnings on consumer's energy usage and the need for more data, the cost differentiation to charge at a workplace than at home, consider leaving the off-peak hours the same cost, the proposed pilot reach, and the purpose of the pilot.

Chair Klein opened Public Comment.

No speakers.

Chair Klein closed Public Comment.

MOTION: Director Showalter moved and Director Tyson seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2026-03 Approving Establishing the SVCE EV Rate Pilot Program with a budget of \$1.5M.

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

6) Approve the Transportation Electrification Programs Budget Reallocation (Action)

Nupur Hiremath, Manager of Decarbonization Programs, and Hannah Gustafson, Programs Lead, presented a transportation programs overview and requested the Board support a budget reallocation to scale core programs. Staff's presentation included:

- Background on SVCE's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (EVI) Joint Action Plan that was adopted in 2019;
- The evolution of the EV landscape since 2019;
- SVCE Transportation Electrification programs, program impacts, and program learnings; and
- The core program budget recommendation and its impact of reallocating the transportation electrification funds.

Staff responded to a question about the small number of applications for the New Construction Affordable Housing program.

Chair Klein opened Public Comment.

No speakers.

Chair Klein closed Public Comment.

MOTION: Director Martinez Beltran moved and Director Page seconded the motion to approve the Transportation Electrification Program Budget Reallocation of \$7.2 million in unspent funds as follows:

- **Charging Technical Assistance:** add \$1.1 million;
- **EV Charging Rebates:** add \$5.1 million; and
- **EV Rebates and Education:** add \$1 million

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

7) Receive Update on Net Billing Tariff (NBT, NEM 3.0) Following First Year of Customer Performance (Informational)

Peyton Parks, Energy Services Manager, presented an informational item on background of the recent solar policy decisions, NEM, NEM 2.0, and Net Billing Tariff (NBT), NBT first year performance, and the solar landscape look-ahead. Energy Services Manager Parks concluded:

- There were large spikes of installs prior to NBT but currently still seeing growth locally;
- NBT resulted in lower compensation during the year, and lower cash-outs;
- SVCE is offering several programs to support local installs, especially with storage (which will expand in 2026);
- New challenges also coming that may have big impacts on rooftop solar deployment; and
- Staff will continue to monitor and return with updates and new ideas as appropriate.

Staff responded to questions about if the addition of solar panels would result in a change of NEM status, and demand side grid support.

Chair Klein opened Public Comment.

No speakers.

Chair Klein closed Public Comment.

Board Member Announcements and Future Agenda Items

Director Mekechuk commented his appreciation for the randomized roll call votes.

Adjourn

Chair Klein adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Andrea Pizano, Board Secretary