



Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

7:00 pm

Cupertino Community Hall
10350 Torre Avenue
Cupertino, CA

2302 Zanker Road
San Jose, CA

Milpitas Police Department, Community Room
1275 North Milpitas Boulevard
Milpitas, CA 95035

Morgan Hill City Hall
17575 Peak Ave.
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order:

Chair Walia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Walia congratulated incoming CEO Monica Padilla for being named one of Silicon Valley Business Journal's Silicon Valley Power 100 for 2024.

Roll Call

Present:

Tina Walia (Chair), Saratoga
George Tyson (Vice Chair), Los Altos Hills
Elliot Scozzola, Campbell
Hung Wei, Cupertino
Sally Meadows, Los Altos
Rob Rennie, Los Gatos
Evelyn Chua, Milpitas (Participated remotely)
Bryan Mekechuk, Monte Sereno
Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Morgan Hill (Participated remotely)
Pat Showalter, Mountain View
Larry Klein, Sunnyvale
Otto Lee, Santa Clara County

Absent:

Rebeca Armendariz, Gilroy

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

No speakers.

Consent Calendar

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 January 10, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting
- 1b) Receive December 2023 Treasurer Report
- 1c) Approve 2024 Updates to Exhibit C, Annual Energy Use, and Exhibit D, Voting Shares, of the SVCE Joint Powers Agreement
- 1d) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute an Agreement with Arup for the Electrification Solutions Analysis with a Not to Exceed Limit of \$295,000 through October 30, 2024
- 1e) Receive FY24 Q1 Decarbonization Strategy and Programs Quarterly Report
- 1f) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute an Agreement with Stem for Use of their Athena Battery Optimization Software with a Not to Exceed Limit of \$1,050,000 Over a Three-Year Term
- 1g) Approve and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute a Contract Amendment with School of Thought for Marketing and Advertising Services to Extend for Two Years for an Amount Not to Exceed \$600,000
- 1h) Receive Updates to Business Electric Vehicle (BEV) Rate Components
- 1i) Executive Committee Report
- 1j) California Community Power Report
- 1k) Additional Committee Reports

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

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote with Alternate Director Armendariz absent.

Regular Calendar

2) CEO Report (Discussion)

CEO Girish Balachandran addressed the following in his report:

- 1) Introduction to SVCE's newest Communications Specialist, Emily Muniz, who provided brief comments.
- 2) Announcement of two promotions and re-introductions by incoming CEO Padilla: Kris Van Vactor, formerly SVCE's Wholesale Energy Markets Manager, who would now serve as SVCE's Director of Power Resources; and Zak Liske, formerly Senior Manager of Power Operations, who would now serve as SVCE's Deputy Director of Power Resources;
- 3) An update from incoming CEO Padilla on her transition to CEO;
- 4) An update on hiring, noting CEO Balachandran would be using his authority under Personnel Officer to hire an additional position and more information would be forthcoming; and
- 5) Announcement of the *Clear Thinking* book at board member seats, provided as a tool to promote continuous learning in addition to other resources for board members.

3) Appoint 2024 Board Committee Members (Action)

Sr. Executive Assistant and Board Clerk Andrea Pizano introduced the item and summarized the interest received from Board members and Alternates for the 2024 SVCE Committees:

2024 Legislative Ad Hoc Committee

1. Dir. Elliot Scozzola, Campbell
2. Dir. Zach Hilton, Gilroy
3. Dir. Bryan Mekechuk, Monte Sereno
4. Dir. Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Morgan Hill
5. Alt. Dir. Chuck Page, Saratoga
6. Dir. Larry Klein, Sunnyvale

Finance and Administration Committee

1. Dir. Elliot Scozzola, Campbell
2. Alt. Dir. Hung Wei, Cupertino
3. Dir. Pat Showalter, Mountain View
4. Alt. Dir. Murali Srinivasan, Sunnyvale

Audit Committee

1. Alt. Dir. Sergio Lopez, Campbell
2. Dir. Sheila Mohan, Cupertino
3. Dir. Bryan Mekechuk, Monte Sereno
4. Harjot Sangha, Finance Director, Gilroy *nominated by Dir. Zach Hilton

Sr. Executive Assistant and Board Clerk Andrea Pizano responded to board member questions.

Chair Walia opened Public Comment.

No speakers.

Chair Walia closed Public Comment.

MOTION: Director Martinez Beltran moved and Director Chua seconded the motion to approve the 2024 SVCE Committee assignments as presented by staff.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote with Alternate Director Armendariz absent.

Board Member Announcements and Future Agenda Items

Director Chua thanked SVCE staff members Tony Eulo and Zoe Elizabeth for meeting with City of Milpitas staff as part of the permit modernization and policy experimentation program.

Director Meadows shared gratitude to Tony and Zoe for meeting with City of Los Altos staff.

Director Mohan thanked SVCE for funding two portable EV charging stations for City of Cupertino, as part of SVCE's Community Resilience Grant program.

Chair Walia thanked Tony and Zoe for also meeting with City of Saratoga staff.

Public Comment on Closed Session

No speakers.

Closed Session

Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation

(California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Name of case: Central Coast Community Energy, a California joint powers authority; Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority, a California joint powers authority v. Big Beau Solar, LLC, et al, Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 22CV398156

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (one potential case)

The Board of Directors convened to Closed Session at 7:25 p.m.

The Board of Directors returned from Closed Session at 8:17 p.m.

Report Out

Chair Walia announced there was no reportable action from Closed Session.

Adjourn

Chair Walia adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Andrea Pizano

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Andrea Pizano, Board Secretary