



Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

7:00 pm

Pursuant to State of California Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020, the meeting was conducted via teleconference.

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Chair Howard Miller, City of Saratoga
Vice Chair Nancy Smith, City of Sunnyvale
Director Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell
Director Rod Sinks, City of Cupertino
Alternate Director Jeannie Bruins, City of Los Altos
Director George Tyson, Town of Los Altos Hills
Director Rob Rennie, Town of Los Gatos (arrived at 7:07 p.m.)
Director Carmen Montano, City of Milpitas
Director Javed Ellahie, City of Monte Sereno
Director Yvonne Martinez Beltran, City of Morgan Hill (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)
Director Margaret Abe-Koga, City of Mountain View
Director Susan Ellenberg, County of Santa Clara

Absent:

Director Fred M. Tovar, City of Gilroy

All present Board members participated via teleconference.

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

No speakers.

Consent Calendar

Director Ellahie requested to pull Item 1c) *Appoint the Chief Executive Officer to Serve as Interim SVCE Board Treasurer/Auditor.*

MOTION: Director Gibbons moved and Vice Chair Smith seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 1c.

Chair Miller opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Miller closed public comment.

The motion carried by verbal roll call vote with Director Tovar absent.

- 1a) Approve Minutes of the June 10, 2020, Board of Directors Meeting**
 - 1b) Receive April 2020 Treasurer Report**
 - 1d) Approve Amended Title and Job Description for the Director of Finance and Administration to Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administrative Services, and Adopt Resolution Amending the Positions Chart, Job Classifications, and Salary Schedule**
 - 1e) Receive Quarterly Decarbonization Programs Update for Q2 2020**
 - 1f) Executive Committee Report**
 - 1g) Finance and Administration Committee Report**
 - 1h) Audit Committee Report**
 - 1i) Legislative and Regulatory Responses to Industry Transition Ad Hoc Committee Report**
- 1c) Appoint the Chief Executive Officer to Serve as Interim SVCE Board Treasurer/Auditor**

Director Ellahie suggested the SVCE Board Treasurer/Auditor position be held by someone other than the CEO; Board members discussed who could fill this role and were in consensus to nominate the Interim Director of Finance and Administration Don Rhoads. Interim Director of Finance and Administration Rhoads accepted the nomination.

MOTION: Director Ellahie moved and Director Sinks seconded the motion to appoint Interim Director of Finance and Administration Don Rhoads as interim SVCE Board Treasurer/Auditor.

The motion carried by verbal roll call vote with Director Tovar absent.

Regular Calendar

2) CEO Report (Discussion)

CEO Girish Balachandran provided a report which included updates on a power prepay agreement and long duration storage. CEO Balachandran introduced Director of Regulatory and Legislative Policy Melicia Charles who provided brief comments; Directors welcomed Director of Regulatory and Legislative Policy Charles.

Chair Miller opened public comment.
No speakers.
Chair Miller closed public comment.

3) Strategic Plan Update (Discussion)

CEO Balachandran presented a PowerPoint presentation on an update to SVCE's Strategic Plan.

Chair Miller opened public comment.
No speakers.
Chair Miller closed public comment.

Director Martinez Beltran requested to see a focus on data evaluation to understand who is making changes in energy use and why, a focus on equity and youth, and encouraged SVCE to lead in both clean energy and technology. Directors agreed on the importance of a focus on equity and youth.

Directors discussed and endorsed community relations and outreach to elected officials within SVCE member agencies on SVCE matters.

Chair Miller summarized Director comments to include a focus on equity, a call for more deliberate action to engage the youth, and general support for outreach.

4) Approve SVCE 2020 Integrated Resource Plan (Action)

Director of Power Resources Monica Padilla presented a PowerPoint presentation on SVCE's Integrated Resource Plan; staff responded to board member questions.

Chair Miller opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Miller closed public comment.

MOTION: Director Sinks moved and Alternate Director Bruins seconded the motion to approve the 2020 Integrated Resource Plan in substantial form, delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make any further changes needed to ensure compliance with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requirements and guidance before submission by September 1, 2020; and submit with the IRP the following three portfolios and necessary templates:

1. 38 MMT Conforming Portfolio to be submitted as SVCE's Preferred Portfolio;
2. 46 MMT Conforming Portfolio for compliance purposes; and
3. Alternate Portfolio which includes a higher RPS and lower dependence on large hydroelectricity

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

5) Proposed SVCE FY 2020-21 Operating Budget and Financial Review (Discussion)

CEO Balachandran introduced the item; Interim Director of Finance and Administration Don Rhoads presented a PowerPoint presentation and responded to board member questions.

Chair Miller opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Miller closed public comment.

Director Martinez Beltran requested budgeting for equity be included in the budget; CEO Balachandran noted programs staff would be targeting budget dollars once specific program ideas related to equity are developed.

Board Member Announcements and Direction on Future Agenda Items

Director Gibbons responded to a comment made by Director Rennie which cautioned staff workload, and reported she would be interviewed by Stanford's KZSU 90.1 FM radio station on "The Modern Architect".

Director Sinks reported the Bay Area Air Quality Management District would be hosting an event, Climate Tech Marketplace, on October 22, 2020 and noted staff would send a link with additional information.

Alternate Director Bruins announced Measure RR would be on the November ballot, and requested Directors keep an eye on emails to lend names in support of the sales tax measure for Caltrain.

Director Martinez Beltran recognized August 26, 2020 as the 100-year celebration of the 19th amendment and women's right to vote, and invited all to participate in the South County Women's Equality Series running August 22-26th.

Chair Miller commented on a past event hosted by the City of Saratoga celebrating elected female leaders in the city and the power of women in elected positions.

Vice Chair Smith announced the League of California Cities Women's Caucus would be hosting a check-in session on Friday from noon to 1:30 p.m. and noted she would forward the information to staff to distribute to the board.

Director Gibbons announced Director Fligor would be honored at the YWCA's 2020 Tribute to Women awards on September 10, 2020.

Public Comment on Closed Session

Bruce Karney expressed appreciation for CEO Balachandran and encouraged the Board to retain Girish's services for the next several years.

Chair Miller announced the process for the virtual Closed Session, and requested all viewers depart from the meeting.

Director Ellenberg announced she would be leaving the meeting prior to convening to Closed Session.

The Board convened to Closed Session at 9:03 p.m.

Convene to Closed Session

Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: Chief Executive Officer

Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Representative: Howard Miller, Chair, Board of Directors
Unrepresented Employee: Chief Executive Officer

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 10:18 p.m.

Report from Closed Session

Chair Miller reported there was nothing to report out from Closed Session.

Adjourn

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:19 p.m.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY