



Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

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

Interim Chair Abe-Koga called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Chair Margaret Abe-Koga, City of Mountain View
Vice Chair Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell
Director Jon Robert Willey, City of Cupertino
Director Zach Hilton, City of Gilroy
Director Neysa Fligor, City of Los Altos
Director George Tyson, Town of Los Altos Hills
Director Rob Rennie, Town of Los Gatos
Director Evelyn Chua, City of Milpitas (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)
Director Javed Ellahie, City of Monte Sereno
Director Yvonne Martinez Beltran, City of Morgan Hill
Director Tina Walia, City of Saratoga
Director Gustav Larsson, City of Sunnyvale
Director Susan Ellenberg, County of Santa Clara

Absent:

None.

All present Board members participated via teleconference.

Interim Chair Abe-Koga requested as a new board, Directors introduce themselves to the group; all Directors introduced themselves and provided brief comments.

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

Bruce Karney, Chair of Carbon Free Mountain View, introduced himself to the Board and provided comments on the formation of SVCE. Karney noted he is pleased and impressed with what SVCE has done thus far, and noted there are many different advocates and organizations that look to SVCE for its leadership.

Interim Chair Abe-Koga welcomed Alternate Directors viewing the meeting as attendees.

Consent Calendar

Interim Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.
No speakers.
Interim Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

MOTION: Director Gibbons moved and Director Ellenberg seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Director Chua, Director Larsson, and Director Walia noted they would be abstaining from Item 1a)
Approve Minutes of the December 9, 2020, Board of Directors Meeting.

The motion carried by verbal roll call vote, with abstention votes on Item 1a from Directors Chua, Larsson, and Walia.

- 1a) Approve Minutes of the December 9, 2020, Board of Directors Meeting**
- 1b) Receive October 2020 Treasurer Report**
- 1c) Innovation Onramp Program Update & Request to Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute Agreement with Span.IO for \$250,000 for a Flagship Clean Connected Homes Pilot**
- 1d) Receive Quarterly Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs Update for Q4 2020**
- 1e) Receive SVCE Rate Schedules Effective January 18, 2021**
- 1f) Adopt Resolution Approving Amendment to SVCE Operating Rules and Regulations to Include Chair and Vice Chair Vacancy Language**
- 1g) Appoint SVCE Treasurer/Auditor and Board Secretary for 2021**
- 1h) Adopt Resolution Authorizing SVCE Participation in Arrearage Management Plans (AMP) Program**
- 1i) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute First Amendment to Agreement with Keyes & Fox for Legislative Support & Legal Representation Amending the Not-to-Exceed Amount and the Scope of Services**
- 1j) Executive Committee Report**
- 1k) Finance and Administration Committee Report**
- 1l) Audit Committee Report**

Regular Calendar

2) CEO Report (Discussion)

CEO Girish Balachandran announced the first of three new board member orientation sessions would take place on February 5, 2021 at 11:30 a.m., reported SVCE received a credit rating of 'A' from S&P Global Ratings, and called attention to the Customer Relief and Community Resilience (CRCR) Program. CEO Balachandran noted \$5 million of the approved \$10 million of the CRCR program was set aside for community resilience grants, and noted two cities had been preliminarily approved for projects: City of Milpitas and City of Monte Sereno.

Director of Regulatory and Legislative Policy Melicia Charles provided an update on regulatory and legislative matters.

Interim Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.
No speakers.
Interim Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

3) Elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the SVCE Board of Directors for 2021 (Action)

Interim Chair Abe-Koga introduced the item and noted she submitted a letter of interest for the position of Chair of the Board for 2021.

Interim Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

No speakers.

Interim Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

MOTION: Director Gibbons moved and Director Rennie seconded the motion to nominate Director Margaret Abe-Koga as Chair of the 2021 SVCE Board of Directors.

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

Following the vote, Director Abe-Koga continued presiding over the meeting as Chair.

Chair Abe-Koga noted a letter of interest for the position of Vice Chair of the Board for 2021 was submitted by Director Liz Gibbons.

MOTION: Director Ellahie moved and Director Fligor seconded the motion to nominate Director Liz Gibbons as Vice Chair of the 2021 SVCE Board of Directors.

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

Chair Abe-Koga congratulated Vice Chair Gibbons on her nomination; Vice Chair Gibbons provided brief comments.

4) Appoint Directors to the SVCE Executive Committee for 2021 (Action)

Chair Abe-Koga introduced the item and noted interest to serve on the Executive Committee was received from:

Chair Margaret Abe-Koga

Vice Chair Liz Gibbons

Director Javed Ellahie

Director Neysa Fligor

Director George Tyson

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

MOTION: Director Ellenberg moved and Director Rennie seconded the motion to appoint Director Margaret Abe-Koga, Director Javed Ellahie, Director Neysa Fligor, Director Liz Gibbons, and Director George Tyson to the SVCE Executive Committee for 2021.

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

Chair Abe-Koga noted appointments for other SVCE committees would be made at the February board meeting.

5) Approve and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute Power Purchase Agreement for Renewable Power Supply with Atlas Solar III, LLC, and Any Necessary Ancillary Documents, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$27,000,000 (Action)

Director of Power Resources Monica Padilla presented a PowerPoint presentation; Director of Power Resources Padilla and CEO Balachandran responded to board member questions.

Director Willey inquired if Atlas Solar I and II projects were currently online; Director of Power Resources Padilla noted she would get back to Director Willey.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

Bruce Karney commented he previously worked in the solar industry, and found the beneficial economics of large scale desert solar compared to rooftop solar in the bay area was commonly not understood.

Karney inquired of the recent federal investment tax credit for solar, and wondered if the terms of the contract were finalized prior to the tax credit phase-out extension.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

Director of Power Resources Padilla responded to Karney's inquiry.

MOTION: Director Ellenberg moved and Director Tyson seconded the motion to Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Power Purchase Agreement with Atlas Solar III, LLC in substantial form and any necessary ancillary agreements and documents with the following key terms:

50 MW of Solar photovoltaic (PV) supply qualifying as Portfolio Category Content One (PCC1) renewable resource;

10-Year term power expected delivery from December 31, 2022 to December 30, 2032; and

Total amount not-to-exceed \$27,000,000.

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

6) Update on Digital Engagement Initiatives and Fall 2020 SVCE Awareness and Electrification Survey Results (Discussion)

Director of Account Services and Community Relations Don Bray and Communications Manager Pamela Leonard presented a PowerPoint presentation and responded to board member questions.

Director Fligor inquired if it would be possible to know how the responses to the Electrification Survey results distribute among the different cities; Director Rennie noted Attachment 1 for the item in the board packet (page 7, Table 2-6 of the report) provided the percentage of the SEVI by cities.

Director Martinez Beltran suggested identifying languages supported by the heat pump water heater contractors listed on SVCE's website.

Director Chua left the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

Board Member Announcements and Direction on Future Agenda Items

No comments.

Adjourn

Chair Abe-Koga adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



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