



Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

7:00 pm

Pursuant to State of California Gov't Code Section 54953 (e) the meeting was conducted via teleconference.

MINUTES

All present Board members participated via teleconference.

Call to Order:

Chair Abe-Koga called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Margaret Abe-Koga (Chair), Mountain View
Liz Gibbons (Vice Chair), Campbell
Jon Robert Willey, Cupertino
Alt. Sally Meadows, Los Altos
George Tyson, Los Altos Hills
Rob Rennie, Los Gatos
Evelyn Chua, Milpitas (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)
Javed Ellahie, Monte Sereno
Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Morgan Hill
Tina Walia, Saratoga
Gustav Larsson, Sunnyvale
Susan Ellenberg, Santa Clara County

Note: Alt. Director Rebeca Armendariz joined the meeting in progress during the discussion items under the Regular Calendar.

Absent:

None.

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment. There were no requests to speak.

Consent Calendar

- 1a) Approve Minutes of the November 10, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting
- 1b) Receive November 2021 Treasurer Report
- 1c) Adopt resolution making California Government Code Section 54953(e) Findings
- 1d) Executive Committee Report
- 1e) Finance and Administration Committee Report
- 1f) Audit Committee Report
- 1g) California Community Power Report

There were no requests from the Board to pull a Consent Calendar Item for discussion; there were no requests from the public to speak on any matter on the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Director Gibbons moved; seconded by Director Larsson to approve the Consent Calendar, Items 1a through 1g.

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

Regular Calendar

2) CEO Report (Discussion)

CEO Balachandran introduced Oren Weiner, the new Power Resources Manager. The CEO also thanked outgoing Interim Clerk Roberts and welcomed Board Clerk Andrea Pizano back from her absence. Board Clerk Pizano was welcomed back by the CEO and the Board.

CEO Balachandran congratulated Board Clerk Andrea Pizano, Pamela Leonard, Communications Manager, and Don Bray, Director of Account Services and Community Relations for their five-year anniversary with SVCE. He commented on their excellent service to the organization.

CEO Balachandran provided an update on the work with California Community Power.

CEO Balachandran thanked the Board for their input on the “Doubling Down” strategy with regard to decarbonization programs discussed at the November meeting. He stated the discussion items were collected and categorized and would be sent to the Board in the next few days. The item would come back to the Board in February with an Operational Plan.

There were no questions from the Board or members of the public.

Chair Abe-Koga recognized the employees aforementioned.

3) Clean Energy Procurement Informational Update

Prior to the Presentation by the Director of Power Resources, CEO Balachandran stressed to the Board the rapidly changing nature and costs of power supply, policy, and regulations. He explained there was a two-decade timeframe to transform the Grid to 100% clean energy. He emphasized the need to continue to stay on the cutting-edge and at the same time provide reliable and affordable clean energy. He stressed the need for future frequent updates and regular workshops due to the changing nature of the system.

Monica Padilla, Director of Power Resources proceeded with the Clean Power Update, which included information on the Renewable Portfolio Standard and Carbon Free Goals, Mid-Term Reliability, Procurement Order, Reliability and Resource Adequacy, PPA Updates, and future Clean Energy Goals. Director Padilla also reviewed projects under construction; described projects that were coming online; and detailed future challenges. She ended her presentation by reviewing strategies to meet the goal of 100% clean energy by 2045.

Detailed Board comments and discussion ensued.

Chair Abe-Koga called for public comment.

Bruce Karney thanked Director Padilla for her presentation and commented on the many challenges and fluctuating expectations. He stated the state mandate currently sets the standard to be carbon-neutral in 2045; however, some cities within the SVCE jurisdiction have earmarked 2030 to set that standard. For that to happen, the electricity that SVCE provides to those cities must be 100 percent carbon free during

that timeline. He encouraged jurisdictions served by SVCE understand the issues. He commented on the excellent work done by Director of Power Resources Padilla.

CEO Balachandran commented on the future discussions to be held at upcoming workshops concerning this issue. He explained that the State is moving in a different direction now, because to get lower emissions it is necessary to be extracting emissions on an hourly basis. Annual balancing must change. Discussions on these issues would occur in the previously mentioned workshops anticipated in February and March and would be heard by the Executive Committee prior to coming to the full Board.

4) SVCE Information Update on 2022 SVCE Board Elections

CEO Balachandran reviewed the selection process and timeline for SVCE appointments for Chair, Vice Chair and Committees. He explained after the email and Call for Letters of Interest were distributed to the Board, the selection of the Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Committee members would occur at the annual meeting on January 12, 2022; Committee assignments would be made at the February 9, 2022, Board of Directors meeting.

Chair Abe-Koga called for public comment; there were no requests to speak.

In response to a question posed by Alt. Director Armendariz, Chair Abe-Koga stated that nominations from the floor could be taken at the January meeting.

There were no further questions. Chair Abe-Koga encouraged members to submit Letters of Interest.

Board member announcements and Future Agenda Items:

Vice Chair Gibbons and Director Tyson both commented on their attendance at the California CCA Conference; Director Tyson remarked on the excellent presentation given by CEO Balachandran.

Chair Abe-Koga thanked Directors and Staff and acknowledged Director Ellenberg on her last meeting.

Director Ellahie thanked Chair Abe-Koga for her work as Chair.

No further comments.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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Dorothy Roberts, Interim Board Clerk