

**Energy Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, Virtual Format
April 18, 2024 Meeting**

PRESENT: Chairman Sean Dunn, Commissioners Mark Dickau, Greg Klimek, and Tom Ragaini

ABSENT: Commissioners and Derek Jones, Sheldon Scott. Council Member Liaison Andrew Howe

ALSO PRESENT: Facilities Manager David Oakes

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes

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Motion made by Commissioner Dickau and seconded by Commissioner Klimek and it was unanimously voted to approve the March 21, 2024 minutes.

Motion passed.

4. Michaud Law Group Presentation – NRESS State Program

Sean Cleary and Robert Ives from Michaud Law Group provided the Commission with an overview of their experience and the NRES-SAM Renewable Auction Program. They described the economic benefits of teaming up with Michaud Law Group. Michaud Law Group has worked with numerous municipalities/Corp Counsels across the state including Meriden, New Britain, Montville, Torrington, Windham, and Plymouth. The NRES program began in 2022 and there are two auctions per year (February and August). They also discussed the additional benefits for distressed communities. If there are any specific areas in Bristol where the City would like to install solar, Michaud Law Group would like to have more discussions. The Commission briefly discussed the feasibility of installing microgrids in the Edgewood/Little League area.

5. Updates by Dave Oakes – Public Facilities & Energy Manager.

- Eversource reached out to Dave to do a study for solar installation at several city buildings.
- Dave is trying to get the Climate Leadership Designation points so we could reach Gold status for Sustainable CT. Dave will be working hard over the next few months to reach that goal.
- EECBG Grant – The City submitted the application for the \$119k EECBG Grant and it was approved.

6. Energy Plan – Next Steps

Chairman Dunn provided the Commission with a summary of the last workshop which heavily focused on Section V and is very graph heavy. The Commission discussed possibly highlighting only a few city buildings (like BAIMS or City Hall) instead of including too much information.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Klimek seconded by Commissioner Dickau "To adjourn". Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

*Lindsey Schaffrick
Recording Secretary*