

GWSA Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC)
November 19, 2020, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Virtual Meeting on Windstream
Draft Meeting Minutes

Welcome

Undersecretary David Ismay called the meeting to order at 9:33am. He welcomed the IAC members/delegates and non-IAC viewers and laid out guidelines for participation in the virtual meeting.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the October 22nd meeting were discussed. Kurt Roth raised a clarification that the IAC vote to adopt the introduction and guiding principles of the IAC's policy priority recommendations document passed but not unanimously. With that correction, the minutes were then unanimously approved.

State Agency Updates

Dan Gatti of EEA provided two updates:

- The most recent ZEV Commission meeting took place recently. With the Commission's input EEA/DOER is working on the first medium- and heavy-duty incentive program, which is nearly ready for roll-out. Final policy proposal will likely be ready in early 2021.
- EEA/DOER is also working on a mechanism to have dealerships provide MOR-EV rebates at point-of-sale, with the hope of having that offering in 2021.

MassCEC provided several updates. Peter McPhee provided an update on two new programs:

- MassCEC is working on an EmpowerMASS program geared toward directing clean energy deployment to underserved and environmental justice community.
- MassCEC is also working on a new Pathway to Decarbonization program, which works directly with homeowners to develop scalable implementation pathways for how to renovate residences to high-performance, all-electric benchmarks.

Ariel Horowitz of MassCEC provided two additional updates:

- The [Notice of Intent](#) is now available for MassCEC's next round of clean transportation funding (ACTNow 2). They expect to release the full RFP in early 2021.
- The rolling out of the Clean Energy & Resiliency (CLEAR) Technical Support grants for clean, resilient, distributed energy projects is underway.

Release Plan for 2050 Roadmap and the 2030 CECP

David Ismay provided an update on the release plan for the Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2030 and the 2050 Decarbonization Roadmap. The 2050 Roadmap and the interim 2030 CECP were noted as on track for a December publication, followed by a public comment period on the interim 2030 CECP through most of January and February, and finalization of the plan in March 2021. David noted that

many portions of the reports would be translated and video/webinar materials would be posted online in several languages. Eugenia Gibbons asked how much public feedback will be used to inform the final 2030 CECP. David confirmed that all submitted feedback would be reviewed and considered. David also confirmed that the 2050 Roadmap will be released with technical support documentation, including several sector-specific technical reports. EEA is also working to host some of the energy pathways data online. Eugenia offered her support for engagement efforts around the interim 2030 CECP, which David noted was appreciated.

IAC Work-Plan for 2021

The IAC members discussed desired areas for their engagement in 2021. Steve Long suggested three priorities: 1) Dialogue on funding gaps; 2) Additional analysis needed on carbon storage and sequestration; and 3) More dialogue and exploration of offsets.

Caitlin Peale-Sloan suggested that the IAC should keep a close eye on DPU 20-80 docket regarding the future of Gas in the Commonwealth.

Mackay Miller suggested three priorities: 1) Helping Massachusetts to craft asks and engagement with a new federal administration; 2) Crafting an approach for regional collaboration; and 3) Robust engagement with real estate and building trades.

Sarah Simon suggested EEA and the IAC collaborate more with other Massachusetts state agencies.

Jeremy McDiarmid suggested planning for infrastructure development and a continued emphasis on equitable access and justice impacts across the board. Sarah Simon added EV infrastructure to this suggestion.

Eugenia Gibbons suggested a focus on implementation and action, and noted that the Climate Justice Work Group (CJWG) would continue to regularly review implementation in regards to the recommendations that the CJWG and IAC have made over the past year.

Kurt Roth suggested collaboration with other entities outside of Massachusetts, including leveraging federal partnerships, NYSERDA, and the California Energy Commission.

Other IAC Business

Steve Long revisited the motion to have a non-state-staff Chair or Co-Chair for the IAC.

Public Comment

Members of the public attending the meeting asked questions about the public comment portal for submitting comments on the interim 2030 CECP, the 2030 emissions limit, coordination with the Legislature on the climate legislation and the 2030 CECP, and how municipalities can get coordinated and assist with the 2030 CECP implementation, including strategies to decarbonize existing and new buildings in Massachusetts. Eugenia Gibbons put in a plug for public engagement in the EEAC process.

The meeting was adjourned.

Documents or exhibits used at the meeting (posted online¹):

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Meeting Minutes of October 22nd, 2020²
3. Meeting Slides

IAC Member/Delegates in attendance

Organization	Name
A Better City (ABC)	Kate Dineen
Boston University	Cutler Cleveland
City of Boston	<i>absent</i>
Conservation Law Foundation (CLF)	Caitlin Peale Sloan
Commonwealth Green Low Income Housing Coalition	David McMahon
Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2)	Sarah Simons
Environmental League of Massachusetts (ELM)	Nancy Goodman
Fraunhofer Center for Sustainable Energy Systems (CSE)	Kurt Roth
Health Care Without Harm	Eugenia Gibbons
Mass Audubon	Alexandra Vecchio
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	Sebastian Eastham
Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC)	Jason Viadero
Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)	Rebecca Davis
National Grid	Mackay Miller
Northeast Clean Energy Council (NECEC)	Jeremy McDiarmid
The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	Steve Long
Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS)	Paulina Muratore

Others in attendance (Note: this may not capture all attendees)

Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM)	Sarah Creighton
Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER)	Alexis Washburn
DOER	Chelsea Kehne
DOER	Catie Snyder
DOER	Eric Friedman
DOER	Joanna Troy
DOER	Marian Swain
DOER	Samantha Meserve
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)	Andrew Kimball
EEA	Benjamin Miller

¹¹ <https://www.mass.gov/event/november-19-2020-meeting-of-the-gwsa-implementation-advisory-committee-iac-2020-11-19t093000>

² Posted at <https://www.mass.gov/event/october-22-2020-meeting-of-the-gwsa-implementation-advisory-committee-iac-2020-10-22t103000>

EEA	Claire Miziolek
EEA	Dan Gatti
EEA	David Ismay, Undersecretary of Climate Change
EEA	Hong-Hanh Chu
EEA	Rishi Reddi
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)	Sharon Weber
MassDEP	Will Space
Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC)	Ariel Horowitz
MassCEC	Elizabeth Cleveland
MassCEC	Peter McPhee
ABC	Isabella Gambill
City of Boston	Kat Eshel
CLF	Staci Rubin
Eversource	Joy Woolley
Eversource	Shaela Collins
Green Energy Consumers Alliance	Kai Salem
MAPC	Cammy Peterson
MAPC	Keyana Aghamirzadeh
MASCO Inc.	Janice Henderson
Mass Forest Alliance	Chris Egan
Mothers Out Front	Bee Jay Baatz
Mothers Out Front	Ellie Goldberg
Sierra Club	Deb Pasternak
Sierra Club	Paul Dale
WMCAN	Chris Riddle
Town of Stow	Arnie Epstein
	Anthony Beattie
	Arthus Desloges
	Betsy Isenstein
	B Phillips
	David Heirmann
	David Zeek
	Ed Olmstead
	Emily Klotz
	Gordon Starr
	Jeffrey Clark
	Keith Drucker
	LA Green
	Mike Duclos
	Pete Dunbeck
	Roger Luckmann
	Toby Armstrong
	Tom McShane
	T Yardley