

GWSA Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC)
October 22, 2020, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Virtual Meeting on Windstream

Meeting Minutes (Approved 11/19/2020)

Welcome & Kick-Off

Undersecretary David Ismay called the meeting to order at 10:31. 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 September 30th meeting were unanimously approved.

Policy Priority Updates

The leads of the IAC work groups presented their recommendations of policy priorities for the Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2030 (2030 CECP). The Transportation Work Group, chaired by Sarah Simon, presented two updates to the policy priorities what was presented to the IAC on September 30th. First, the group had strengthened the language around Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) adoption and phase-out of internal combustion engine vehicles by explicitly recommending setting a goal of 100% light-duty ZEV sales by 2035. ZEV was defined using the California definition of zero tailpipe emissions. Second, they strengthened the language to reflect increased importance of increasing investment in public transit services.

Eugenia Gibbons, co-chair of the Climate Justice Work Group, provided updates on the work group's recommendations of policy priorities. Part D of priority #6 and potential unintended consequences were discussed, which led to a re-articulation of that priority, reflected in the IAC work group recommendations document. Revised language to clarify:

- *Future electric and gas distribution system infrastructure should not be sited in EJ populations, except after cumulative impact reviews for projects proposed in EJ populations that include consideration of potential public health impacts and long-term harms, as well as meaningful community engagement processes wherein community concerns and ideas inform and influence decision-making.*

The IAC work groups' recommendations of cross-sector policy priorities were presented by Cammy Peterson, Sarah Simon, and Steve Long. The IAC discussed specific points of the cross-sector policies, including the rationale for selecting a 5-year target, clarifying the impact of land in sequestering CO₂, and ensuring the language around carbon pricing and the benefits of carbon pricing were well distributed. Rebecca Davis expressed thanks to the work group leads and was impressed with the quality of the policy priorities. Rebecca moved to vote on adoption of the policy priority recommendations, as written, including the amendment to Climate Justice priority 6D. Sarah Simon seconded. No discussion. The sector-specific and cross-sector policy priority recommendations, reflecting pages 3-11 of the IAC work group recommendations document, were approved unanimously.

Guiding Principles

The leads of the IAC work groups proposed 6 guiding principles for the development and implementation of the 2030 CECP. These guiding principles were presented by Eugenia Gibbons, Staci Rubin (co-chair of Climate Justice Work Group), and Caitlin Peale Sloan. There was a brief discussion of these principles and how the IAC work group recommendations document would be used, including how the principles could be referenced or reproduced in the development of the 2030 CECP, how the entire document could be included in the 2030 CECP (in the body or as an appendix), and how the principles could be used as a rubric for the IAC's review of the draft 2030 CECP.

There was also a discussion of the introductory text of the IAC work group recommendations document. A request was made to clarify that EEA also convened a Technical Steering Committee of local academic experts to advise on the analytical/modeling approach and assumptions used in the Decarbonization Roadmap Study. The IAC also briefly discussed wordsmithing around "the elderly" being included in the same group as people of color and low-income communities when it comes to having "fewest resources to respond to crises...suffer economic and health inequities...more likely to live in communities with polluted air".

Steve Long moved to adopt the introduction and guiding principles, with a footnote on the first page to explicitly indicate the role of the IAC (compared to the Technical Advisory Committee). Mackay Miller seconded. The motion passed with the majority of IAC members/delegates voting in favor and 1 IAC member voting to approve the guiding principles only. Eugenia Gibbons moved to recommend that EEA include the entire package (pages 1-11 of the IAC work group recommendations document) as part of the publication of the 2030 CECP. Caitlin Peale Sloan seconded. The motion was passed with the majority of the IAC members/delegates voting in favor and 1 IAC member voting to include the document as an appendix to the 2030 CECP. Claire Miziolek volunteered to update the language regarding policy priority 6D and include the appropriate footnote in the final document.

Other IAC Business

A question was asked about the public comment period for the 2030. EEA has yet to make a final decision around the length of the public comment period.

Public Comment

A member of the public commended the IAC for their work developing the guiding principles and policy priority recommendations, particularly the cross-sector policy priorities.

Caitlin Peale Sloan moved to adjourn. There was no discussion or objection. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58am.

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

1. Meeting Agenda

¹ <https://www.mass.gov/event/october-22-2020-meeting-of-the-gwsa-implementation-advisory-committee-iac-2020-10-22t103000>

2. Draft Meeting Minutes of September 30th, 2020²
3. Meeting Slides
4. Revised Transportation Work Group policy priorities
5. IAC work group proposed guiding principles and policy priorities – updated 10-26-2020

Attendance

IAC Member/Delegates in attendance

Organization	Name
A Better City (ABC)	Kate Dineen
Boston University	Cutler Cleveland
City of Boston	Carl Spector
Conservation Law Foundation (CLF)	Caitlin Peale Sloan
Dismas House / 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)	<i>Absent</i>
Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)	Rebecca Davis
National Grid	Mackay Miller
Northeast Clean Energy Council (NECEC)	Peter Rothstein
The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	Steve Long
Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS)	Paulina Muratore

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

Organization	Name
MA DOER	Alexis Washburn
EEA	Andrew Kimball
MassCEC	Ariel Horowitz
Town of Stow	Arnie Epstein
EEA	Benjamin Miller
MAPC	Brianna Rockwell
MA DOER	Cammy Peterson
Eversource	Catie Snyder
DOER	Catherine Finneran
Mass Forest Alliance	Chelsea Kehne
WMCAN	Chris Egan
EEA	Chris Riddle
	Claire Miziolek
	David Esopi
	Sierra Club
	Deb Pasternak
	Acadia Center
	Deborah Donovan
	Ed Olmstead
	Mothers Out Front
	Ellie Goldberg
	MA DOER
	Eric Friedman
	MassCEC
	Galen Nelson
	EEA
	Hong-Hanh Chu
	MA DOER
	Ian Finlayson
	ABC
	Isabella Gambill
	MASCO Inc.
	Janice Henderson
	NECEC
	Jeremy McDiarmid
	Brown Rudnick LLP
	Jesse Reyes
	Jordan Flanagan
	City of Boston
	Kat Eshel

² Posted at <https://www.mass.gov/event/updated-september-30-2020-meeting-of-the-gwsa-implementation-advisory-committee-iac-2020-09>

MAPC	Kasia Hart
Climate X-Change	Marc Breslow
DOER	Marian Swain
	Mary Hutton
MA Sierra Club	Paul Dale
MassCEC	Peter McPhee
DOER	Samantha Meserve
DCAMM	Sarah Creighton

MassDEP	Sharon Weber
National Audobon Society	Shilo Felton
CLF	Staci Rubin
MassDOT	Steve Woelfel
	Susan Grossberg
Climate X-Change	Timothy Cronin
Sierra Club	Veena Dharmaraj
