

Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Coordinating Council

Meeting 7: final review of initial assessment

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 | 1–3:30 p.m.
via Zoom

EVICC members

- **Undersecretary Michael Judge**, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, EVICC Chairperson
- **Aurora Edington**, Department of Energy Resources
- **State Senator Mike Barrett**, Chair, Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Energy, and Utilities
- **Eric Bourassa**, Director, Transportation Division, Metropolitan Area Planning Council
- **Brian Ferrarese**, Department of Environmental Protection
- **Staci Rubin**, Commissioner, Department of Public Utilities

EVICC member designees

- **Cobi Frongillo** for State Representative Jeff Roy, Chair, Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Energy, and Utilities
- **Audrey Horst** for Sen. Mike Barrett, Chair, Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Energy, and Utilities
- **Clinton Dick** for Undersecretary D'Emilia, Executive Office of Economic Development
- **Hayes Morrison** for Undersecretary Monica Tibbets-Nutt, Department of Transportation

Additional attendees and presenters

- **Daniel Gatti**, Director of Clean Transportation Policy, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
- **Jennifer Haugh**, Vice President of Planning and Customer Engagement, GreenerU
- **Daniela Miranda**, Project Coordinator, GreenerU

Meeting goals

- Approve meeting minutes from August 2, 2023 meeting
- Review and discuss draft initial assessment
- Provide time for public discussion / comment

Agenda

1. Call to order

1. Judge called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Review and approve meeting minutes of August 2, 2023

- a. One change to attendance: Commissioner Rubin indicated she was present for the meeting.
- b. Dick: reflect that he's the designee for Deputy Undersecretary D'Emilia.
- c. Rubin moved and Edington seconded to approve the amended minutes. Hayes abstained. The motion carried with a majority.

3. Discussion: initial assessment

- a. Edington asked whether anything changed in the last Word document? Haugh responded that the comments and suggestions were taken into account and that

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suggested changes were resolved. GreenerU to make sure that the designed version follows the Word document version.

- b. Bourassa raised Senator Barrett's points about the utility-side upgrades and EVSE infrastructure and estimating the costs of these installations. A cost (or costs under multiple scenarios) could help to signal to the legislature the support needed by the Commonwealth for publicly accessible charging stations. There's a lot that's needed and the question is who is going to pay for it. Judge suggested researching the costs of EVSEs and how these costs will be allocated between public and private domains.
- c. Hayes commented that the language coming out of the MassDOT 180-day report should be consistent in the EVICC initial assessment as MassDOT has agreed to do a fleet assessment. Judge responded that he will work with MassDOT to ensure that the language aligns. Horst recommended Judge touch base with MassDOT and LBE both to coordinate state fleets, see what programs are out there, and how to collaborate.
- d. Rubin suggested adding "populations historically left out of the clean energy workforce" to the recommendations list.
- e. Judge suggested some small edits and typo revisions.
- f. Rubin raised that the DPU refers to the parent companies as 3 not 5. Rubin also wanted to raise the EJ population vs census block number. Judge responded that we are looking into this.
- g. Morrison raised a question about the EJ census block map and suggested adding text that this has been updated to include the round 6 coverage and that this map does not reflect those changes. Judge and Morrison will work together to write some text. Edington asked whether MassDOT created the map and if it could easily be updated. Hayes responded that they are not sure.
- h. Judge suggested a map of L2 and L3 chargers, showing whether they are Tesla chargers or other. Edington recommended moving the table (pg 32) to the appendix. Horst agreed.
- i. Judge raised the issue of the volume of public comments. Given the volume of written public comments received in the past few weeks, we have decided to post them to the EVICC website rather than include them in this post. Rubin suggested adding a paragraph (Judge suggested the Executive Summary or Context) about how many public comments were received and where they can be reviewed.
- j. Judge opened it up to the public audience.
- k. Steve Russell suggested adding a piece to workforce development, requiring people (electricians) to learn about EVSE and installations. Lisa Theriault responded that this is already required by the state and IBW to go through the program and be re-trained every 3 years. All new hires are required to be Electric

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Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) certified as well. Russell recommended that non-union electricians go through the EVITP program.

- l. Rubin corrected a date in the rates section.
- m. Bourassa moved to allow EEA and GreenerU to finalize edits and forward the final version to the legislature. Ferrarese seconded. Horst and Frongelli abstained. The motion carried.

4. Wrap-up and adjourn

Rubin moved to adjourn. Dick seconded. The motion was carried unanimously. Judge explained that upcoming meetings will be scheduled. The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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