

Executive Committee Charter

Grid Modernization Advisory Council

Adopted _____, 2023

I. Role and Responsibilities

As stated in General Laws Chapter 164, Section 92C(b), “[t]he council shall seek to encourage least-cost investments in the electric distribution systems, alternatives to the investments or alternative approaches to financing investments that will facilitate the achievement of the statewide greenhouse gas emission limits and sublimits under chapter 21N and increase transparency and stakeholder engagement in the grid planning process. The council shall review and provide recommendations on electric-sector modernization plans developed pursuant to subsection (a) of section 92B that maximize net customer benefits and demonstrate cost-effective investments in the distribution grid, including investments to enable interconnection of, and communication with, distributed energy resources and transmission-scale renewable energy resources, facilitate electrification of buildings, transportation and other sectors, improve grid reliability and resiliency, minimize or mitigate impacts on ratepayers throughout the commonwealth and reduce impacts on and provide benefits to low-income ratepayers throughout the commonwealth. The council shall cooperate and coordinate with the clean energy transmission working group.”

The Executive Committee, as a subcommittee of the Grid Modernization Advisory Council (GMAC), will provide a mechanism to manage the GMAC and engage consultants and professional services, as necessary and appropriate to fulfill its duties, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 164, Section 92C.

II. Responsibilities

- Manage GMAC consultants’ procurement, compensation and general oversight and address operational administrative matters regarding GMAC consultant.
- Identify ways to enhance efficiencies in the council’s activities.
- Act as a sounding board for GMAC on emerging issues and initiatives.
- Make recommendations and report to the full GMAC on actions and activities of the Committee.

III. Meetings

The Executive Committee will meet once a month or as needed. Meetings shall adhere to the requirement of the Open Meetings Law, including posting notice of a meeting on the GMAC website at least 48 hours before the meeting. An agenda of the specific items to be reviewed at any Executive Committee meeting will be circulated in advance to all GMAC members.

IV. Members

The Executive Committee is comprised of the following members.

1. Five Voting Members:

- a. Department of Energy Resources, acting as the Council Chair
- b. Attorney General
- c. MassCEC
- d. Elected Member
- e. Elected Member

2. One Non-Voting representative of the Electric Companies

V. Member Nominations and Term Limits

Members (a), (b), and (c) above shall maintain their position on the Executive Committee without nominations or voting.

Potential members that represent (d) and (e) above may self-nominate or be nominated by another Voting Member. The GMAC shall vote to select each member in accordance with Article 7 of the GMAC By-laws. Once elected, Executive Committee members serve a three-year term. There are no limits to how many consecutive terms a member serves. Vacancies for any other reason shall be filled by council vote.