

Grid Modernization Advisory Council (GMAC)
Executive Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 09, 2025, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Councilors Present: Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy (Chair), Kyle Murray, Kayla Burns (designee for Chris Modlish)

Non-voting Councilors: None

Councilors Absent: Sarah Cullinan, Sarah Bresolin Silver, Digaunto Chatterjee

DOER Staff Present: Julia Fox, Marian Harkavy, Colin Carroll

Consultants Present: Tim Woolf, Kyle Schultz

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Agenda

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, GMAC Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Joanna Troy welcomed the group, took roll call, and went over the agenda.

2. Second Stakeholder Session

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy discussed updates related to the second GMAC stakeholder event, *The Future Grid from a Municipal Lens*, on December 12 at UMass Amherst. The format will be similar to last time, but there will be two panels instead of three. She also discussed the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) load interconnection event which will take place in the afternoon at the same location.

3. Draft 2026 Workplan Discussion

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy discussed updates to the 2026 Draft Workplan based on feedback received at the September GMAC meeting, including shifting slightly the focus of Objective 1. The Equity Working Group (EWG) will be discussing and giving feedback on Objective 2 at the EWG meeting tomorrow on October 10. DOER is in the process of updating the workplan and will be sharing a V3 Workplan by next week.

4. 2026 DPU Budget Request

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy discussed the requirements for the November 7 CY2026 GMAC budget request. She reminded the group that DOER has posted a competitive solicitation for the GMAC consultant for 2026 and plans to select and execute a contract for the consultant by the end of the year. She also discussed the GMAC operating budget, and explained DOER plans to request \$25,000 for 2026, which will be used for stakeholder events.

5. Other Discussion Areas

None were discussed.

6. Close and Next Steps

The next Equity Working Group meeting is October 10, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The next GMAC meeting is October 30, 2025 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. The next ExCom meeting is December 18 from 9:30– 10:30 AM.

7. Adjourn

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy adjourned the meeting at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kyle Schultz, Synapse

Meeting attachments:

- Meeting agenda
- Meeting presentation slides