

Grid Modernization Advisory Council (GMAC)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 18, 2025, 1:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.

Hybrid meeting

Councilors Present: Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy (Chair), Sarah Bresolin Silver, Larry Chretien (virtual), Sarah Cullinan, Julie Curti (virtual), Amy McGuire (virtual), Chris Modlish, Kyle Murray, Levi Reilly, Andy Sun (virtual), Jonathan Stout (virtual), Kate Tohme (virtual), Alex Worsley (virtual), Kathryn Wright

Councilors Absent: Marybeth Campbell, Levi Reilly

Non-voting Councilors: Digaunto Chatterjee (Eversource), Dan Mareau in place of Andrew Schneller (National Grid), Kevin Sprague (Unitil) (virtual)

DOER Staff Present: Colin Carroll, Marian Harkavy (virtual), Julia Fox, Aurora Edington

Consultants Present: Tim Woolf, Aidan Glaser Schoff, Kyle Schultz (virtual)

Others Present: N/A

1. Call to Order

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER), GMAC Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. Welcome, Roll Call, Agenda

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy welcomed all participants to the GMAC meeting and took roll call for voting and non-voting members.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Meeting Minutes Review and Approval

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy asked if there were any proposed changes to the August 28, 2025, GMAC meeting minutes. No one offered. Deputy Commissioner Troy approved the minutes.

5. EWG Membership Appointments

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy provided an update on changes to Equity Working Group membership. Deputy Commissioner Troy asked if there were any nominations for additional candidates to the EWG. Marc Lucas, National Grid's Director of Project Engagement, was nominated as the EDC representative. No other nominations were made.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy described that the following members would make up the EWG:

- Councilor Kathryn Wright, Barr Foundation, Representing the environmental justice community;
- Councilor Kyle Murray, Acadia Center, Representing the environmental advocacy community;
- Councilor Larry Chretien, Green Energy Consumers Alliance, Representing low- and middle-income residential consumers;
- Mary Wambui representing the Planning Office for Urban Affairs, external organization representative;
- Jolette Westbrook, Environmental Defense Fund; and
- Marc Lucas, EDC representative.

Councilor Sarah Bresolin Silver, ENGIE North America, Representing the energy storage industry, moved to reappoint and appoint the following members to the EWG. Councilor Chris Modlish, Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General, Representing the Attorney General, seconded the motion. Councilors voted in favor of the motion.

Councilor Sarah Bresolin Silver moved to reappoint Councilor Kathryn Wright as Chair of the EWG. Councilor Chris Modlish seconded the motion. Councilors voted in favor of the motion.

6. Update on GMAC Consultant Contract

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy provided an update on the consulting contract which expires on December 31st, 2025.

7. Update on ESMP Activities

a. Long-term Cost Recovery

Councilor Chris Modlish, Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General, Representing the Attorney General: There are no updates, just noting that the new upcoming dates are listed on the slide.

b. IEP Working Group

Councilor Sarah Cullinan, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, Representing the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center: It was a good third working group meeting. The topic was trade-offs in equity and how to decide on projects. Next steps are to define the scope of the group for next week.

Councilor Kathryn Wright, Barr Foundation, Representing the environmental justice community: One thing that we talked about whether it would be worth doing a similar exercise with a broader group of stakeholders such as municipalities or incorporating community members.

c. LTSP (DPU 25-20)

Councilor Kate Tohme, New Leaf Energy, Representing the distributed generation renewable energy industry: I have no updates.

d. Summary of DPU ESMP Biannual Report Memo

Aidan Glaser Schoff, Synapse Energy Economics, gave an overview of the DPU ESMP Biannual Report Memo. He discussed DPU directives and content in the March and September reports, including the date through which information is provided and what data will be required.

Councilor Sarah Cullinan: Are the dockets listed here the dockets that the reports will be filed into? And was this memo filed in D.P.U. 24-10/11/12?

Aidan Glaser Schoff: I believe that's correct, D.P.U. 25-ESMP and D.P.U. 26-ESMP-1 are the new dockets for those filings, while this memo was filed in D.P.U. 24-10/11/12.

8. 2026 GMAC Workplan Discussion Part I

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy handed the discussion on Strategic Planning to Aurora Edington.

Aurora Edington, DOER: explained the strategic planning process timeline. She highlighted that the goal is to integrate GMAC member comments into the workplan. She described the timeline for providing information on the strategic plan.

Aidan Glaser Schoff summarized takeaways from the GMAC small group discussions. These included takeaways related to GMAC scope and role, education of the public and of GMAC members, and ESMP dockets and related activities.

Aurora Edington: I'll note these takeaways are summarized in a series of bullet points in the preamble of the draft plan. Thanks to those who sent in comments. I know we received one or two comments on those takeaways. Was there anything from GMAC members from small group discussions that they would like to raise?

No comments were offered.

Aurora Edington discussed the draft 2026 workplan overview covering ongoing administration and the four objectives. She discussed the top row of ongoing monthly GMAC meetings and Executive Committee meetings, which would be quarterly; that in the ongoing administration section, the GMAC should plan for 2027 earlier in 2026; that the budget filing for 2026 was delayed with the D.P.U.'s approval to November; that the last page of the draft plan is a set of potential objectives for 2027, which are topics that came from small group discussions but did not make it into this year's work plan.

She noted that there is a planned end of year stakeholder event which would provide the public with more information about what has occurred in the prior year.

She noted that Councilor Kathryn Wright raised that a potential LTSP subcommittee was not included in the workplan, which was previously voted on and approved. She noted that the draft work plan would be updated to reflect this change and that a charter and membership would need to be discussed before holding the meetings.

Aurora Edington: Does anyone have any general questions now?

No comments were offered.

Aurora Edington: Lastly, objective 2 will be the main focus of the EWG, so we moved the EWG's quarterly meetings into this overview figure. There are some heavier and lighter objectives. We will take all the feedback we get today and incorporate such information into the updated workplan.

Councilor Larry Chretien: I'd like to make three quick points on forecasting. Just to remind folks that when the ESMP was put together, we had the Inflation Reduction Act in place. Now we have the BBB. All those assumptions that went into the last ESMP have changed because of that and I don't want to wait until the next ESMPs to make those adjustments. Additionally, we did not discuss data centers in the last ESMPs. I think that it is our responsibility to cover that subject.

I think that the focus should be on the five-year and 10-year forecasts, particularly the five-year. Over 10 years, you could have federal laws changing. We pass a Massachusetts Climate Bill every year. Also, there are local decisions being updated. I'd rather get an A in five-year forecasting and a C in 10-year forecasting.

Aurora Edington: Thanks for those great thoughts, and I will segway to our next discussion topic, which is objective one. For members of the public, this is saved on today's meeting materials on the website.

Councilor Digaunto Chatterjee, Representing Eversource: Could we talk about if the objectives are structured correctly?

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: Let's go through the specifics to provide some information first.

Aurora Edington read the text within the objective text box for objective 1, Collaborate on EDC forecasting. She then read the text within the objective text box for objective 2, Promoting affordability and cost-effective investment alternatives.

Aurora Edington: We could delegate this workstream to the EWG. There is more work to be done on scoping, such as what information is going into the analysis, what does least-cost investment mean compared to cost-effective investment etc.

Aurora Edington read the text within the objective text box for objective 3, ESMP biannual report and cost recovery filings.

Aurora Edington: Objective 4 is the lightest touch.

Aurora Edington read the text within the objective text box for objective 4, Tracking Grid Modernization in Massachusetts. First, there is a grid modernization tracker, having some readouts among the group, having a touch point. The second element is a short document which would memorialize what grid modernization activities are, writ large. And providing a guide to stakeholders about what is happening and where it is happening. So those are the four objectives.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: The team put together an initial list of topics which was too expansive. We triaged everyone's suggestions by holding some things off until later into 2027. However, they can be reorganized.

Aurora Edington provided an overview of Potential Ideas for the 2027 GMAC Workplan, including collaborating on EDC demand assessments, assessing the EDC climate vulnerability assessments (CVAs) and climate vulnerability and resilience plans (CVRPs), assessing EDC planning processes and applications of cost-effective and least-cost investments, and analyzing locational impacts of distribution system infrastructure and approved ESMP investments to understand distributional equity impacts.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: Are there any comments on the prioritizations? Was this what you were expecting or not?

Councilor Digaunto Chatterjee: I went back to the Climate Law and what the Climate Law requires. It has information on stakeholder engagement. Objective 3 and 4 directly apply, improving stakeholder engagement and having a better understanding overall of what is going on.

However, stepping back, what are the real world problems we are solving here? Going into the next ESMP, should we start to talk about what goes on after planning, *e.g.*, having 6-8 planning agencies, construction, community engagement and the time it adds to implementation, a common understanding of infrastructure needs? We can slice and dice forecasts 50 different ways, but we all know that we need infrastructure really, really fast. We are all here at the GMAC as part of the administration with the goal of removing bottlenecks. Spending 11 months on forecasting misses the point if we want to advance the Commonwealth.

The bill impacts are a great start. I would allocate 10% of the time on bill impact analysis and 90% of the time on what to do to reduce costs. I heard in the narrative as well: distribution bill is \$0.08/kWh, transmission is \$0.03/kWh, plus generation, and out of market of clean energy is another \$0.09/kWh. Should we start to question the CECF and its time frames? Should we try to throttle back given new information on costs?

I've said this before that we are focused too much on forecasting and planning and need to move on to what happens after.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: I would add that the GMAC cannot do everything. We are not the utility oversight council, and we are focused on the ESMPs. Ultimately, the GMAC is told to make recommendations on forecasts. We can discuss where we can shift within the scope of changes to legislation.

Councilor Sarah Bresolin Silver: With regards to objective 2 and how it is a function of the EWG. It sounded like we haven't made the decision that objective 2 is necessarily a function of the EWG, but if that isn't the case, where and when do we make this decision?

Councilor Kathryn Wright: We have an EWG meeting on October 10, and this was the highest priority of the EWG.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: The bill impact is not the bulk of the work, reducing the costs is the bulk of the work.

Councilor Sarah Bresolin Silver: I support it being the primary focus of the EWG. On the forecasting issue, I sympathize with what Digaunto is saying. Directly to Digaunto, do you suggest that we spend more time on actual implementation?

Councilor Digaunto Chatterjee: Going back to the municipality meeting downstairs, what did we hear from Somerville and Cambridge? HOA sends a plan, Eversource reviews the plan and sends expected costs. How much of that is forecasting? Probably 10 seconds. That building removing fossil fuel heating and adding electric chargers, it's a lot. The real problems are looking at the CIAC payments. How much does the customer contribute. Should we assign the full cost to the customer, or pre-build some of it? That's the harder conversation to have, and if we don't have that conversation...

Councilor Sarah Bresolin Silver, ENGIE North America, Representing the energy storage industry: I don't know how to frame this discussion, but I would like to better understand the real-world impacts that impact the forecasts. I think it would be helpful to write up materials on that.

Councilor Digaunto Chatterjee: We have to solve real people's real problems, not linear regression. The forecasting doesn't matter which way you slice it; it's a lot of electric demand in many places. And the infrastructure is not getting built.

Aurora Edington: In the interest of time, there are other things besides forecasts that we should discuss.

Councilor Sarah Bresolin Silver: I'll be happy to talk to Digaunto offline.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: Digaunto you brought up linear regression. When we say forecast, the EDCs interpret that as linear regression and models etc. When we say forecast, we are thinking what do you think will be built and why? For example, Area 1 is step loads. What are the barriers there? It may not be an equation that calculates that.

Councilor Sarah Cullinan: I have some thoughts on our role in planning compared to implementation and barriers. My perspective on this is that ideally, how the ESMPs are playing out in the real world should be reflected in the biannual reports. We should see that things are not being built because there are too many barriers or elongated stakeholder processes.

Generally, this group has been oriented to discuss planning in the lull after the initial approval of the ESMPs. I would like us to be more active in identifying those barriers. And being the council that talks about the solutions to the barrier. It is not that we would petition the DPU. Our role would be to identify where other bodies could implement things that could eventually be incorporated into petitions.

I think having one two-hour meeting on one topic is not appropriate. I think we should have *ad hoc* working groups.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: We are always concerned about GMAC member's time. But, working groups do not need to contain exclusively GMAC members.

Aurora Edington: We heard overwhelmingly that members did not want to put more time into the GMAC, at the time of the working group discussions.

Councilor Sarah Cullinan: Or being a leader of other groups. From a presentation in the Berkshires this past week: I heard from stakeholders there who wanted to use their GMAC representative to report information back to members. We have previously seen ourselves as experts, but we haven't been a communication channel for this body. I thought this was an interesting point about our role about the people that we represent. We should think more about ways that we should directly connect to our representees.

Councilor Kathryn Wright: To respond directly to Sarah's last point, some standards would be helpful. I check in environmental justice stakeholders once a quarter. I send EWG materials. I think that there should be some standard practice if we take a view on focusing on what is on the ground. Also, one of the tasks that the DPU put on us was forecasting. I also felt some tension between the number of forecasting topics being discussed and needing to make headway on topics. Maybe it makes sense to talk about DER more because the compensation fund is coming together. Rather than going for quantity, focusing on outcomes.

Councilor Digaunto Chatterjee: Exactly.

Councilor Kathryn Wright: For everything, we should be asking: to what end? *E.g.*, the LTSP and the IEP are also going to happen within the next year. And there should be some implications for those processes continuing as reflected in what the GMAC is doing.

Councilor Chris Modlish: A lot of my comments have already been reflected in the discussion. I also think that the GMAC should be focused on the ground. *E.g.*, for EVs, there is a forecast for the high-level modeling. Could we bring in an example company that is trying to electrify a fleet? Going back to Somerville and Cambridge, that was so helpful to learn and understand their issues. An idea that could be included would be to introduce and discuss a fee that could solve some of those problems with customers. If we want to break down a bill in a very detailed way, and how to lessen those impacts, as part of the EWG, I think that's fantastic. I think once we get that we should try to dive in a bit deeper.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: A lot of what Digaunto and Chris shared is what Objective 1 is. If that is not clear, we should revise that text. The goal is to talk about that stuff, and that is the intent of the work plan. Let's take a break and start with Julie in another five minutes.

The break began at 2:00 pm.

The council reconvened at 2:09 pm.

Councilor Julie Curti, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Representing municipal or regional interests: I strongly echo Digaunto's and Sarah Cullinan's thoughts. I don't know if those ideas fit into objective 1, 3 or 4, but I would like to be a part of that subgroup if it is

expanded. But I also understand that it could open a can of worms. I would like to share that we'd love to help share municipal concerns.

Councilor Jonathan Stout, PowerOptions, Representing large commercial and industrial end-use customers: I echo that and would like to build off of it. The position we took in the LTSP process was to incorporate large load in the planning process. There is a housing authority and a municipality that don't communicate. It will take an all-hands-on-deck approach and a lot of storytelling.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: Objective 1 is not really utility forecasts, but community forecasts. And how they coordinate across a municipality and an industry. And ultimately, how do we get that information to the utilities that results in effective investment.

Councilor Sarah Cullinan: The ESMPs are top-down forecasting, but there is also bottom-up forecasting. We need to interact in that middle ground based on what is going on on-the-ground, and that's where we need to square the forecasts.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: The responsibility of the GMAC members is represented in the categories of the GMAC councilors that are part of that bottom-up experience. So we can look at each GMAC member to look at their representative seat.

Aurora Edington: Let's go into Objective 1. Please give us feedback on how you would like to change the work plan based on the discussion we just had.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: Looking at goal number four, that is what we have been circling around.

Aurora Edington: I'll lay out the initial workplan and lay out some key questions for you all to help shape the workplan. In January, we review the plan and finalize the plan for the next year, including external speaker invitations. Then, we propose these forecast area deep dives. Again, the plan can totally change, it's all flexible. We've envisioned having four areas. Digaunto was starting to outline challenge areas, which could be incorporated into each forecast area.

The second meeting is a discussion. The areas are organized by ESMP chapter 5. To put a concrete point on it, if the utilities provide information on the utilities five-year forecasts, they could provide implementation challenges, what are their customer service members discussing. Amy could present, or the EVICC or MBTA, on how that is impacting the grid?

Councilor Amy McGuire, Highland Electric Fleets, Representing the electric vehicle industry: I'm happy to do that.

Aurora Edington: I know for Larry thinking about data centers, that could be part of the discussion. The idea of a resolution is to follow the EEAC model, where we summarize what the

GMAC talked about, memorialize what happened, and put together recommendations not just to the utilities, but to others as well. The GMAC recommends something out of our conversation.

Councilor Sarah Cullinan: I think this conversation would be reflected well to reframe the goals. A goal to identify barriers or identify necessary changes. Developing a resolution is part of the final product. The goals should be more active. The goals as written now feel very passive.

Councilor Chris Modlish: I agree with all of that. In terms of the areas, the three that stood out the most are Transportation, Buildings, and Demand Response. For data centers, I don't know how much of an impact we can have. The EVs and heat pumps are more within our purview. The first task of the LTSPP subgroup would be to come up with a DER forecast. So that area could be reported from the subgroup to the main group.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: So objective 4 might be addressed elsewhere and focus less on area 1. That might be a good working group, so if that discussion occurs elsewhere. I didn't want to lose sight of working groups. For example, the EVICC is working so hard on this topic already, so I don't want to duplicate what is going on there. Also, I don't want to lose sight of the challenges that the EDCs

Councilor Digaunto Chatterjee: To put a finer point on what I said. I recently learned of this new technology for HVAC systems with a 35% reduction in peak demand and a COP which is twice as good. If we want to make a meaningful impact on the Commonwealth, we should assess that and the impact of that on our investments. As a Commonwealth, we should go all-in on that type of technology. On demand response, if I have a conductor failing in Newton and I am paying someone in Springfield for an ISO-NE peak, are we spending our money in the right places? Are we effectively utilizing demand response as currently set up? So, to effectuate meaningful changes and to solve actual problems.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: Ultimately the reason to focus on forecasts is not the methodology, but to understand the impact of the technology on the utilities. But we are interested in which technologies help provide the most cost effective path.

Aurora Edington: Looking at objective number 2, we broke this objective out into quarters to reflect the EWG meetings. The Inter-Agency Rates Task Force is noted inline. Kathryn had comments on financing the transition and thinking about what is going on in this space broadly. And thinking about what the GMAC's role in this topic. Here, we have proposed asking the utilities to take a first stab at the bill impact analysis.

Quarter 3 is what people are most interested in. We see the bucket of money that is on the table from the bill impacts. We need to think about what the options are for reducing those costs. This group could come up with more options than the sub-bullets here.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: These are least-cost investments that the utility takes, we could also think about what the Commonwealth overall can do.

Aurora Edington: Also, DOER is looking at load management and peak potential. Sarah Cullinan had this idea of really pulling into this the 2027 objective. How should we be changing this?

Councilor Sarah Cullinan: I think that cost effective investment, least-cost distribution planning, and the definition of affordability are all different things. They are all connected. I don't think we should bucket them all together. Also, I don't think this should be within the EWG. Thinking about least-cost investments that opens the aperture way beyond affordability. They are related but not the same thing. If you are talking about least-cost investment, if you are focused on just the EDC scope, that is very different than in the most general sense, what is the least-cost way to do this as a Commonwealth. I think that these should be separated. Maybe this stays together in the workplan, but the scoping discussion will be important.

Councilor Digaunto Chatterjee: Sarah nailed it. I couldn't have explained that better as why the whole thing doesn't belong in EWG. I'm going to provide an example of why least-cost investment in NWAs are complicated.

We're about to make substantial changes in solar compensation, on the scale of billions of dollars. So, we're going to then recreate the CIP problem. We will again have massive accumulation of DERs in areas where we don't have infrastructure. Then, when the IOUs come out with their infrastructure statement, the focus of other parties will be on: Have you looked at the cheapest feeder and other ways to minimize EDC costs?

We should look at things more broadly. We should think of the CECP as both supply and infrastructure costs. All the supply comes very fast but the infrastructure lags. Maybe we should rethink the incentives. When we do build the infrastructure, we should think about shaping the laws around these incentives. So that would be a broader focus of Objective 2.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: It is definitely a large conversation that involves multiple laws. I am hesitant to litigate the CECP as DOER is involved and they will be updated with stakeholder involvement. It's tricky one to open that discussion. The other topic being the solar incentives. DOER has spent a lot of time on solar incentives. I don't want to chill the conversation around it, but I'm not sure that the GMAC is the forum for that discussion.

Councilor Kyle Murray: Rather than slow our pace, why don't we think about accelerating the buildout of infrastructure? Some people outside of this room have said: we're not going to hit our GHG goals, so why don't we slow them down? Instead, we should be asking: why don't we do something to accelerate the infrastructure buildout?

Councilor Digaunto Chatterjee: Agreed, we should think about accelerating the infrastructure.

Councilor Kathryn Wright: To go back to the objective here, there are other tasks we are holding that are not discussed here. So, when we are doing the scoping in quarter one, we can talk about what EWG should lead. We have been talking about 1 which is bill impacts and

affordability. When this was drafted, it was not meant to exclude the GMAC, but the focus of the EWG has been the first sub-objective.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: Maybe it migrates from the EWG to the GMAC over the course of 2026. In light of time, let's move to Objective 3.

Aurora Edington: This is biannual reports and cost recovery filings. This workplan is tied tightly to the filing timing. At the end of the year, we will be presenting some summary. This is clearly not hitting as thorough a bucket as we are talking about. I heard about implementation challenges. We should expect to see actuals compared to forecasts in March. One question we pose directly here: should the consultants summarize the biannual reports or should the EDCs lead with a presentation of their reports with discussion and synthesis to follow. Open to your thoughts and feedback and this.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: And increasing the scope into implementation as well. Which could lead to future reports, particularly around successes and challenges. Any thoughts on this?

None were offered.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: In terms of calendar, there would be three meetings on this, which would build into our existing meetings.

Councilor Digaunto Chatterjee: Going back to what Sarah had mentioned, if we want to gain insight into the biannual filings, is that captured in the objectives?

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: I think that we should expand the scope of this. We could instead call the work plan "Why is this so damn hard?" So maybe expand this one a little bit. So maybe make objective 3 more utility centric and make objective one more interconnection or load focused and less utility focused. Challenges for load is objective 1. Challenges to cost is objective 2. Challenges to build out is objective 3. 2027 would then be: we figured it out.

Councilor Kyle Murray: Aurora put a question on the presentation. I would prefer the EDCs present first, and then the consultants would present after and provide different context, e.g., we would have presented this way instead.

Aurora Edington: The last objective is: "what's going on everywhere?"

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: It is within DOER's purview to do some of that 101 information while the GMAC is focused on 201. It is going to be a short and simple kind of graphic.

Dan Mareau, National Grid: Can you give an example of grid modernization in this context?

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: At this point, it is things that impact the ESMPs. For example, when we do the report-outs at the beginning of the meetings. Anything that we would be discussing at the beginning of the meeting, even if it is not specifically within the ESMPs.

Aurora Edington: I will note that there are some proposed definitions in the preamble to the workplan, which came from iteration from the small group discussions. There is an opportunity to provide red lines if there are changes.

Councilor Julie Curti: Raising a comment Kathryn raised earlier. Getting feedback that we would then provide to our representees at various points. Could we get consultant support on that? For example, templates or standardized information that we could take back. But I think consultant support would be helpful there. Also, on the stakeholder element, could there be two sessions next year potentially?

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: DOER will be one woman down, so I think two stakeholder sessions will be difficult. For next steps: can everyone provide written feedback by end of day 9/26/25? Please don't extend later than that, because we have a tight turn-around to vote on this in October.

Sarah Bresolin Silver: Could we send out a calendar hold?

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: Yes, we can do that.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy discussed the 2026 GMAC Workplan Next Steps.

Aurora Edington: We have a lot of synergy about where we want to go. It would be helpful if members could make concrete changes.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: For example, what working groups you would like to take on and host.

Aurora Edington: The more help you give us, the more that we can refine this. That being said, it is September, and we can spend time on future GMAC meetings on this.

Councilor Sarah Cullinan: On the week of 10/20, it states posts workplan for the public. What does that mean?

Julia Fox, DOER: The public can provide comments on the workplan at any time.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy: And for anyone on the call, you can provide public comments.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy thanked Eversource and National Grid for hosting the substation tours. She recapped the substation tours.

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy discussed the Next Steps including the next GMAC meeting and the schedule for the remainder of the year for the ExCom, GMAC, public events, and EWG.

9. Close

Deputy Commissioner Joanna Troy adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aidan Glaser Schoff
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Meeting Attachments

- Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Slide Deck
- Draft 2026 GMAC Workplan
- Draft August 28, 2025 GMAC Meeting Minutes
- September Activity Tracker