

# Massachusetts Grid Modernization Advisory Council

## Executive Committee Meeting

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August 14, 2025



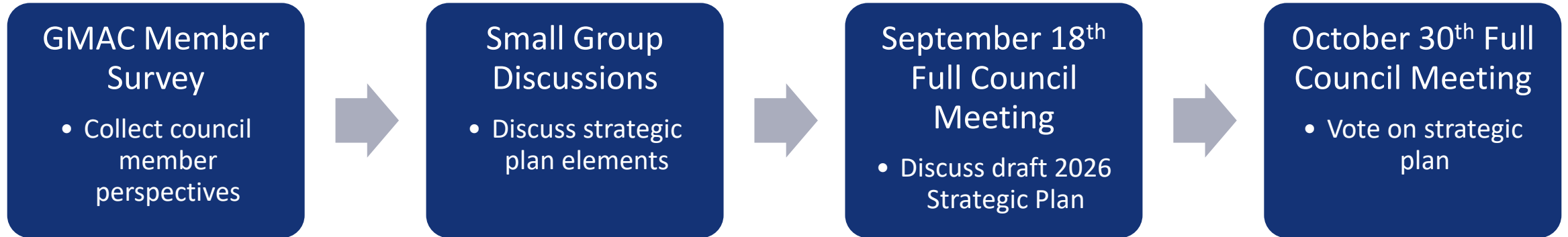
# Agenda & Roll Call



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- Review of GMAC Strategic Planning Timeline
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stakeholder Session Proposal
- Other Discussion Areas
- Reminder of Upcoming Events
- Close

**Roll call alphabetically by voting and then non-voting members**

# Strategic Planning Process



- Small group discussions concluded this week.
- DOER and Synapse are drafting a proposed 2026 Strategic Plan to be discussed in September.
- Feedback from the September meeting will inform a final 2026 Strategic Plan, consultant work plan, and DPU budget request.
- The DPU budget request for consulting services and operating expenses will be submitted on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Do ExCom members have any questions or feedback about this process?**

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Stakeholder Session Proposal



- Based on expressed interest, we propose holding the second half-day stakeholder session in western MA in December 2025/January 2026.
  - *Potential dates include:* 12/11, 12/12, 12/19, 1/22, 1/23
  - *Potential venues include:* UMass Amherst, UMass Springfield campus
- The event will also target municipal leaders and follow a similar format to the first session.
  - We propose removing the first panel to allow for more breakout discussion time.
  - One panel will include municipal representatives in western MA.
- *Proposed Agenda:*
  - **Keynote Address**
  - **Introduction to GMAC/ESMPs**
  - **Panel 1: What is in the ESMPs?** – EDCs provide overview of approved ESMPs & upcoming grid upgrades in western MA.
  - **Panel 2: Navigating Electrification for Municipalities** – electrification successes and challenges municipalities are facing
  - **Breakout Discussions** – Municipalities share their questions and insights about grid modernization in their community

**Do ExCom members have any feedback on this plan?**  
**Do you have suggestions for the date/venue/municipal speakers?**

## Other Discussion Areas

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- Are there other issues or items the Executive Committee would like to discuss?

# Reminder of Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Meeting	Topic
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 12 PM		<i>Eversource Substation Tour - Station 99 (Seaport) and Station 385 (South Boston)</i>
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	1 – 3 PM	GMAC	Resilience
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	9 – 12:30 PM		<i>National Grid Substation Tour - #37 Station in Everett</i>
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 12 PM		<i>Eversource Substation Tour- Cambridge Kendall Sq.</i>
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	1 – 3 PM	GMAC	Draft 2026 Strategic Plan Proposal Review
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 10:30 AM	ExCom	<i>TBD</i>
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 11:30 AM	EWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revisit distributional equity analysis</li> <li>• Review 2026 Strategic Plan</li> <li>• Community benefits agreements in light of siting reform</li> </ul>
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	1 – 3 PM	GMAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vote on 2026 Strategic Plan</li> <li>• Review first ESMP biannual report</li> </ul>
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	1 – 3 PM	GMAC	Integrated Energy Planning
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 10:30 AM	ExCom	<i>TBD</i>

## Close and Next Steps

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- The next GMAC meeting is August 28<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 3 PM.
- Please sign up for the substation tours!