



MINUTES

Citizens Advisory Committee

500 McCullough Ave., San Antonio, 78215 & Via WebEx

September 13, 2023 | 11:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

<u>Member of CAC</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>On-Line</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Richard Farias			
Lawson Picasso			✓
Diana Aguirre Martinez		✓	
Frank Gonzalez	✓		
Cliff Soloway			✓
Raquel Zapata			✓
Adelita Cantu			✓
John Kelly	✓		
Tom Corser	✓		
Vanessa Alvarado		✓	
Bill Day		✓	
Andra Clapsaddle		✓	
Steve Bonnette	✓		
Bob Zapata	✓		
Aaron Stein		✓	

Also Present were:

Elaina Ball	Velma Corona	Melissa Carrillo Cox	Carla De La Chapa
Gabriel Garcia	Kathy Garcia	Ashely Glotzer	Charles Hoopingarner
David Kee	Cory Kuchinsky	Amy Lane	Loretta McCrary
Lizeth Oliver	Yvonne Pelayo	Unity Puente	Shanna Ramirez
David Rivela	Angela Rodriguez	Marie Stoner	Nancy Tabares

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:34 a.m. by Chair John Kelly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval for the meeting minutes from August 9, 2023, was motioned by Richard Farias and seconded by Steve Bonnette.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Yvonne Pelayo, Director of Local Government Relations, noted the Board of Trustees received this presentation on August 28, 2023.

Cory Kuchinsky, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer, presented on CPS Energy's financial performance pertaining to FY2024 on the second quarter which includes operations cost pressures and financial results. Cory stated conditions have been favorable due to higher-than-expected electric sales, reduced fuel prices, increased wholesale revenue, and investment income.

Cory noted that wholesale power sales were \$21.6 million below budget, due to instability in the energy market during the same period last year. Cory also mentioned CPS Energy expected a net income loss of \$10.7 million through July this year, however surging power sales and other profits supported an increase to \$82.3 million.

Lastly, Cory stated that as we prepare for a decade of transformational investment, the advantage of one-time revenue increases is a strengthened debt profile.

The key takeaways:

What do we want customers to know?

- The organization recognizes the importance of transparency of financial performance and CPS Energy will continue to provide financial updates to supporting committees.

What can customers do and why?

- Customers are asked to stay informed and continue advocacy for citizen input to CPS Energy business activities.

What can the CAC do to help?

- Encourage CAC support to inform citizens about our operations and financial performance to increase engagement in the community.

COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Chair John Kelly encouraged CAC members to continue requesting topics for discussion at future CAC meetings.

Chair Kelly expressed concerns relating to media coverage on power generation and usage impact on transmission lines efficiency.

Richard Farias raised the dissolution of the Rate Advisory Committee (RAC) and the newly formed ad hoc committee which will be tasked with rate adjustment discussions. Richard also raised Austin Energy's independent consumer advocate group and advised that the committee receive additional details regarding an independent consumer advocate for CPS Energy.

Chair Kelly agreed to revisit the latter topic for a general discussion at a future CAC meeting.

Steve Bonnet requested an update from Benny Ethridge, CPS Energy Chief Energy Supply Officer, regarding infrastructure issues with ERCOT and battery storage options.

Various members of the CAC stated concerns on the transmission issues in South Texas that were highlighted in the media recently. Shanna Ramirez advised CPS Energy's Chief Strategy Officer, Elaina Ball, can provide the committee an update on STP plant issues from a global perspective.

Tom Corser requested a presentation from Laura Jacobs, Sr. Manager of Customer Advocacy, on a quarterly basis for an update on the various customer and rebate programs CPS Energy offers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair John Kelly took the Committee into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters at 12:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no action being taken in Executive Session, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.