

State Energy Policy Council (SEPC) Meeting Minutes (Webex)

April 26, 2021

I. Roll call

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Joe Hoagland, TVA</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Jasbir Singh Dhaliwal,
University of Memphis</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Dale Barnett, TN Poultry Association</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>A.L. Qualls, ORNL</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Matt Stennett, MTNG</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Brian Solsbee, TMEPA</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Molly Cripps, TDEC</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Shauna Basques, TDEC</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Hash Hashemian, Analysis &
Measurement Services Corp</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Stephen Smith, SACE</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Steve Southerland, Tennessee Senate</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Matt Murray, Baker Center</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>John Kenny, ACEC, Facility Systems</i> | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Noah Ankar, TVA</i> | |

II. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

The Chair welcomed attendees and outlined the discussion for the meeting. The Chair introduced the guest speakers -- Sarah Eason from TVA, Mike Howard, industry leader and former EPRI President, Molly Cripps, TDEC and SEPC council member.

III. Evolving Energy Landscape

- Sarah Eason, TVA Government Relations, talked about the administration's focus areas and the policy's that will or have been coming out this year.
- Mike Howard, Ph.D., P.E., CEO Emeritus, EPRI talked about the evolving landscape of the utility industry
- Molly Cripps, Director, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation talked about legislation pending before the TN General Assembly, recent economic development activity regarding electric vehicle manufacturing, and proposed federal funding.

IV. Status Updates

- EV - Biggest effort that the state is working along side partners - keeps growing, with chargers, businesses to support etc. Discussed any further actions needed in this space or to just continue waving the banner.
- Discussion around the Natural Gas analysis and the Baker Center's efforts in identifying the different energy sector disruptors.

- Discussions on possible projects for next year.
- Approval of the October and December minutes.
- Discussion on a replacement for Odysseus Bostick as the grad student on the council due to Odysseus graduated from UT.

V. Next Steps

- Provide names of potential candidates for the student position,
- Phone call to discuss the support plan needed to start a Natural Gas needs assessment.
- Draft a concept paper on the Opportunities and Challenges in the energy landscape for Tennessee in the next 20 years.
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