**SUSTAINABLE ENERGY UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD (SEUAB) MEETING**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Call To Order**

Chair Bicky Corman called a quorum of the Sustainable Energy Utility Advisory Board (SEUAB or Board) to order at 10:10 AM, February 9, 2021. This was a WebEx video conference call meeting.

**Roll Call and Introductions**

Roll call was taken, and the following people were in attendance:

**Board Members:**

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| **Name** | **In Attendance?** | **FY2021 Attendance Record** |
| Bicky Corman (Board Chair) | Yes | 5/5 |
| Millie Knowlton (Vice Chair) | Yes | 5/5 |
| Adrienne Mouton-Henderson (standing in for Sandra Mattavous-Frye) | Yes | 5/5 |
| Cary Hinton | Yes | 5/5 |
| Donna Cooper | Yes | 5/5 |
| Eric Jones | Yes | 1/1 |
| Farrah Saint-Surin | **No** | 2/5 |
| Nicole Steele | **No** | 2/5 |
| Nina Dodge | Yes | 5/5 |
| Richard Graves | **No** | 0/5 |
| Scott Williamson | **No** | 0/5 |
| Steve Burr | Yes | 5/5 |

**Other Attendees:** Tommy Wells (Director, DOEE);Taresa Lawrence (Deputy Director, DOEE); Lance Loncke (Sr. Program Analyst, DOEE); Hussain Karim (DOEE); Ted Trabue (Director, DCSEU); LaKeisha Lockwood (DCSEU); Tamara Christopher (DCSEU); Crystal McDonald (DCSEU); Patti Boyd (Senior Technology Strategist, DCSEU); Lynora Hall (DOEE); Megan Partridge (PEPCO); Dave Epley (Associate Director, DOEE); Angela Johnson (DCSEU), Yohannes Mariam (OPC); Sarah Kogel-Smucker (OPC); Larisa Dobriansky (General Microgrids); Mathias Paustian (Sierra Club, DC Chapter); Pierre Van Der Merwe (DCSEU); Jean Houpert (DC Green Bank); Robert Stephenson (DCSEU); Joe Cohen; Rachel Gold (ACEEE); Cliff Majersik (IMT); Jean Houpert (DC Green Bank); Lilia Abron (PEER Consultants, DCSEU Contractor); David Pirtle (PEPCO);

**Approval of Agenda**

The motion to approve the agenda was made by Bicky Corman, Nina Dodge seconded that motion. The vote was taken, and the meeting agenda was approved.

* All in favor; None opposed.

Supporting documents now being posted on Google Drive for Board members to view and access.

* Dave Epley gave an overview of the folder organization and how to access
* Board members offered up suggestions on how the folders can be used to edit documents

**Review and Adoption of the December 8, 2020 and January 12, 2021 Minutes**

Board reviewed the minutes from December 8, 2020

* Chair Corman, moved to approve the December 8, 2020 minutes, and the motion was seconded by Donna Cooper.
  + All in favor; none opposed.

Board reviewed the minutes from January 12, 2021

* Chair Corman, moved to approve the January 12, 2021 minutes, and the motion was seconded by Nina Dodge.
  + All in favor; none opposed.

**Follow up Discussion on DCSEU Contract**

* The timeline for completing all proposed modifications to the DCSEU Contracts was presented.
  + DOEE had asked for comments on proposed changes to be sent the previous week, but due to confusion on the deadline, extended it to the end of the coming week.
  + DOEE requested that new comments and suggestions unrelated to what has already been discussed should be on sent by March 9th
  + Board members asked DOEE to clarify the timeline in a subsequent email
* Dave Epley then presented a document identifying “Other Contract Modifications”
  + Chair Corman clarified that her original comment asking for clear criteria to be listed was not “recalled”, and that she would still like DOEE and the Board to address it.
    1. Further conversations led by Dave Epley brainstormed on potential criteria that could be included. Summary as follows:
       - How it impacts/affects performance benchmarks
       - How it impacts equity and LMI residents
       - How it is coordinated with other utility and DC-based energy efficiency and green building programs (e.g. PEPCO, WGL, iCAST)
       - How it meets/serves District policy goals (e.g. electrification)
  + The first contract amendment for discussion was “Any expenditure/financial incentives for new or existing natural gas or fuel oil appliances and equipment, battery storge, electric vehicles/charging infrastructure, combined heat and power purchase agreements”
    1. Steve Burr provided his perspective that eliminating or restricting the opportunities for rebates on high-efficiency natural gas equipment will lead to more baseline equipment installations and will not lead people immediately to electrification due to the high first cost barriers. Steve Burr stated that we should provide energy and GHG savings options in the SEU portfolio and have a conversation about how this proposal could impact access to participate in DCSEU programs.
       - Dave Epley responded and said that when dealing with changes to the HVAC distribution system (e.g. hydronic to forced air), we run into cost challenges.
       - This aspect of the contract was highlighted to recognize the challenge moving forward. Also flagging this challenge for debate in the future.
       - It was noted that these expenditures must be approved by DOEE on a case by case basis.
    2. Dave Epley posed the question of “Does Washington Gas plan to incentivize new equipment and appliances, due to available funding.” Steve Burr responded, “Yes, Washington Gas is working through the PSC 1160 Working Group to establish utility-led efficiency programs and what they could look like.”
    3. Chair Corman and Nina Dodge responded stating this contract modification should be broken up into smaller areas to allow a more thorough understanding of who this modification applies to.
    4. Dr. Lancelot Loncke stated that this section of the contract is where expenditures and reimbursements can be mentioned, while also not being specific to a particular program.
    5. Adrienne Mouton-Henderson agreed with Steve Burr, stating that there should be more of a holistic conversation as there will be new programs that are starting up at the end of the year along with a more robust conversation. Specifically highlighting affordability, rebates, incentives, and other programs as it is important to the viability of the DCSEU and what can be attained. Donna Cooper agreed.

**Presentation on the DCSEU’s FY20 Accomplishments**

* Ted Trabue presented the accomplishments of the DCSEU Advisory Board with a presentation title “FY 2020 Preliminary Results”
  + Cumulative Benchmarks Progress Year 4
    1. From the results presented, the DCSEU is ahead of target projections, specifically in the areas of total megawatt hours in electric savings, total gas savings, total renewable energy.
    2. The DCSEU is on track with the Financial Leveraging benchmark.
  + In areas of Workforce Development
    1. 15 out 19 graduates secured full time employment
    2. New partners including those serving returning citizens
    3. Ted Trabue added this was a very successful year for this program
  + Low-Income Decarbonization Pilot Program (LIDP)
    1. The goal of this program was to covert fossil fuel (gas and oil) equipment and appliances in existing low-income family homes to all-electric equipment and appliances (e.g. air to source heat pumps, heat pump or electric resistance water heater, electric stove)
    2. 10 homes served with varying levels of measures. The program had many positive impacts on the residents in terms of utility bills, comfort and health
    3. DOEE agreed to send around the LIDP draft white paper to the Board

**Report of FC1160 Seventh EEDR Metrics Working Group**

Chair Corman mentioned the next meeting on February 22nd.

**Legislative Updates**

None.

**Board Member Meeting Attendance:**

Dave Epley spoke about Board member attendance and the Board’s attendance record. Nina Dodge pointed out that last year, the Board repeatedly voiced the need to tighten requirements for Board attendance in the by-laws, that DOEE counsel in following up with the Mayor’s Office on appointments (MOTA) had been told that doing so was problematic. Hussain Karim responded that he had just learned that obstacles have been removed. The Board also talked about new members, as well as expiring Board member terms.