**Sustainable energy Utility Advisory Board (SEUAB) Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 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 10:05 AM, March 9, 2021. This was a WebEx video conference call meeting.

**Roll Call/Introductions**

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

**Board Members:**

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| **Name** | **In Attendance?** | **FY 2021 Attendance Record** |
| Bicky Corman (Board Chair) | Yes | 6/6 |
| Millie Knowlton (Vice Chair) | Yes | 6/6 |
| Sandra Mattavous-Frye | Yes | 6/6 |
| Cary Hinton | Yes | 6/6 |
| Donna Cooper | Yes | 6/6 |
| Eric Jones | Yes | 2/2 |
| Farrah Saint-Surin | **No** | 3/6 |
| Nicole Steele (Board voted to remove Nicole to create a vacancy) | **No** |  |
| Nina Dodge | No | 5/6 |
| Richard Graves | **No** | 0/6 |
| Scott Williamson | **No** | 0/6 |
| Steve Burr | Yes | 6/6 |

**Other Attendees:** Taresa Lawrence (Deputy Director, DOEE); Lance Loncke (Sr. Program Analyst, DOEE); Hussain Karim (DOEE); Ted Trabue (Director, DCSEU); Tamara Christopher (DCSEU); Crystal McDonald (DCSEU); Patti Boyd (Senior Technology Strategist, DCSEU); Lynora Hall (DOEE); Dave Epley (Associate Director, DOEE); Angela Johnson (DCSEU), Yohannes Mariam (OPC); Sarah Kogel-Smucker (OPC); Pierre Van Der Merwe (DCSEU); Robert Stephenson (DCSEU); Rachel Gold (ACEEE); Cliff Majersik (IMT); Jean Houpert (DC Green Bank); Lilia Abron (PEER Consultants, DCSEU Contractor); David Pirtle (PEPCO); Alex Lopez (DOEE); Tamia Slater (DOEE)

Chair Corman announced that Nicole Steele is resigning from the SEU Advisory Board, creating a vacancy.

* Chair Corman asked the Board to move the position that Nicole Steele held is now a vacancy; thus, lowering the quorum for the Board.
* Sandra Mattavous-Frye moved to lower the quorum by making Nicole Steele’s old position a vacancy; Donna Cooper second that motion
  + The Board was in favor.
* Hussain Karim noted that if you have a quorum and Board members leave, you no longer have a quorum would require a legislative change.

**Approval of Agenda**

The motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Sandra Mattavous-Frye, Cary Hinton seconded that motion. The vote was taken, and the meeting agenda was approved.

* All in favor; None opposed.

**Review and Adoption of the February 9, 2021 Minutes**

Board reviewed the minutes from February 9, 2021; noted the changes that needed to be made; Chair Corman suggested that the necessary changes be made and at the next Board meeting, the minutes will be approved.

**SEUAB Membership**

* Dave Epley brought to the Board’s attention that many of the Board member appointments will expire on July 13, 2021. Board members should make it known whether they want to continue, and if not DOEE and the Board need to seek out new candidates to fill the positions.
* Donna Cooper suggested that each industry offer a surrogate type of member to serve as back up to attend the meetings. Allowing a level of continuity amongst the Board when a member must step down.
* Chair Corman suggested to implement within the bylaws that if a board member has not been present within a certain number of meetings, they are to be notified by the Board Chair that the are no longer serving on the Board.
* Chair Corman stated that next meeting the Board will vote on bylaw amendment language
* The Board noted that MOTA moves slowly (up to a year to bring Eric Jones on board)
* Hussain Karim to draft the new bylaw language.

**Follow-Up Discussion on DCSEU Contract**

* Beginning with the renewable energy benchmark, Lance Loncke stated that going after higher renewable energy capacity would require the DCSEU to spend a lot more to achieve that goal. Looking at the results of the current contract, although the DCSEU was able to easily find funding to complete projects, that will not always be the case moving forward.
* Lance Loncke further stated that whenever the District is planning targets based on funding, the level of prevailing incentives in the marketplace must be considered to get those projects done. When DOEE is thinking of the DCSEU contract, it must take into account how every dollar spent can serve 5-10 masters at the same time because ultimately because the budget is not changing. The DCSEU overhead cost continues to increase, and more aggressive goals are adopted.
* For the last 7 years there has always been an $20 million dollar budget; including money that been set aside for the sales cycle, performance incentives.
* Lance Loncke posed to the Board, “would it be possible to offer a smaller incentive within the constraints?”
* He encouraged the Board to think of a non-monetary way to encourage additional capacity.
  + Essentially asking are there other ways to encourage others to install solar capacity; that doesn’t require an incentive.
* When discussing changes to the DCSEU contract there was hesitation to change benchmarks as it would affect the measures looking to be achieved at the 5 year mark. Lance Loncke stated that changes can be made, taking into account the full magnitude of the changes.
* Cliff Majersik (IMT) spoke on behalf of Nina Dodge and the work she has been leading with the input from Cliff, and Rachel Gold (ACEEE).
* Cliff Majersik began by noting that the Clean Energy DC Plan and Sustainable DC Plan call for aggressive climate savings; 50% greenhouse gas reductions by 2032.
* The working group is looking to have the DCSEU aligned with these goals, while focusing heavily on Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS). The DCSEU is going to having to work closely with these entities to achieve the District’s commitments.
* There is a demand for energy efficiency that must happen, and a need for them to be deep retrofits across the board.
* Prior to today’s meeting, Nina Dodge sent around several proposals that are intended to orient DCSEU to work better with the policies already in place in DC and with other players within efficiency programs.
* She identified a number of recommendations to change practices, in efforts to eliminate items that do not belong in the contract and to get the performance metrics to better align overtime, to support deep energy retrofits and thereby support the BEPS program.
* The working group of Nina Dodge, Cliff Majersik and Rachel Gold thinks there are three options worth considering. As follows:
  + Current benchmarks are focused on the life cycles with 5-year metric for saving as well as for greenhouse gases. Working group recommends shifting one or more of the metrics which are currently focused on the 5-year life cycle to a lifetime savings metric.
  + Create a carve out or a sort of sub-target of either the GHG or BTU energy savings that is focused on deeper retrofits or new construction on which/both are a particular a concern.
    1. Specifying that a certain portion on the savings associated with a given metric will be associated with retrofits and that is a way to keep a total pool the same but a direct funding within the pool.
  + Creating an Adder
    1. Reducing the performance pool; creating an adder for achieving a performance benchmark in deep retrofit.

**FC1160 Update**

None.

**Legislative Updates**

None.