

MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
JOINT LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF  
CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY COOPERATIVE  
AND  
CONNECTICUT TRANSMISSION MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY COOPERATIVE

April 20, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Joint Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee of the Boards of Directors of Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (“CMEEC”) and Connecticut Transmission Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (“CTMEEC” dba Transco) was held via Zoom and telephonically on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was legally noticed in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes and all proceedings, and all actions thereafter recorded occurred during the publicly open portions of the meeting.

**The following Committee Members participated:**

Bozrah Light & Power: Scott Barber  
Groton Utilities: Jeffrey Godley, Keith Hedrick  
Jewett City Department of Public Utilities: Louis Demicco  
Jewett City Municipal Representative: George Kennedy  
Norwich Public Utilities: Chris Riley (Non-Board Member)  
Norwich Municipal Representative: David Eggleston  
South Norwalk Electric & Water: Michele Sweeney, David Westmoreland

**The following Non-Voting Members participated:**

Norwich Public Utilities: Christopher LaRose  
Norwich Municipal Representative: Mark Oefinger

**The following CMEEC Staff participated:**

Dave Meisinger, CMEEC CEO  
Michael Rall, CMEEC Director of Asset Management  
Gabriel Stern, CMEEC Director of Technical Services  
Margaret Job, CMEEC Paralegal and Compliance Specialist

**Others participated:**

Timothy Shea, Brown Rudnick, Director of Government Relations  
David Silverstone, Esquire, Municipal Electric Consumer Advocate

Ms. Job recorded.

**Specific Agenda Item**

**A Public Comment Period**

No public comment was made.

**B Roll Call**

Ms. Job conducted roll call. Committee Chair Demicco confirmed a quorum of the Committee was present.

**C Selection of Joint Legislative and Governmental Affairs Chair**

Committee Member George Kennedy nominated Committee Chair Demicco to serve as Committee Chair for 2023. No other nominations were made.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Kennedy, seconded by Committee Member Scott Barber to re-elect Committee Chair Demicco as Chairperson of the Joint Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee for 2023.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**D Approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2022 Special Meeting of the Joint Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee**

**A motion was made by Committee Member David Eggleston, seconded by Committee Member Keith Hedrick to Approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2022 Special Meeting of the Joint Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**E Connecticut General Assembly Update: Timothy Shea, Brown Rudnick**

Mr. Shea walked the Committee through the slide deck provided in advance of today's meeting. He informed the Committee that some of the CT State Legislative Committees met this week and provided a high-level review of the topics addressed at those meetings.

Mr. Shea walked the Committee through the House and Senate bills highlighted in his slide deck, providing a brief description of each. He added that CMEEC and Wallingford

Electric Division have been added to the PURA docket No. 17-12-03RE10 related to power procurement and he expects interrogatories to be filed sometime in the future, to which CMEEC will be asked to provide a response. He further added that Mr. Meisinger submitted comments on behalf of CMEEC regarding offshore wind transmission procurements as well as small utility set aside funding for federal grant money that will be administered by the state for grid resilience projects. Mr. Meisinger provided further explanation of these initiatives and provided more detail on the submissions.

Mr. Shea continued to explain next steps on bills for the legislative session. He added that the Senate and House will hold meetings on April 27, 2023. Mr. Shea further explained that the Energy and Technology Committee will be meeting over the next month.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Shea excused himself at 1:28 p.m.

#### **F Review Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee Charter**

Mr. Meisinger explained that CMEEC Staff do not propose any changes to the Charter at this time stating that the Charter requires annual review and that such review is part of the New Committee Member Onboarding process. He explained that the Charter was revised in 2020 and 2021.

Mr. Meisinger provided a brief overview of the Charter highlighting the responsibilities assigned to this Committee including oversight of the CMEEC Lobbying policy.

#### **G Review Results of the Joint Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee Self-Evaluation and Goals Discussion**

Mr. Meisinger walked the Committee through the results of the Committee's self-evaluation of performance during the calendar year 2022 noting the overall Committee performance received good ratings.

- **Triennial Review of Registered Lobbyist per CMEEC's Lobbying Policy**

Mr. Meisinger explained that triennial review of the CMEEC lobbyist, as required by the CMEEC Lobbying Policy, was a directive of the Special Committee to recommend to the Board of Directors whether continued retention of a registered lobbyist is necessary and whether the expertise required by CMEEC continues to be met by the existing registered lobbyist.

Following discussion which generally indicated that the Committee is satisfied with its current arrangement, the Committee agreed that Mr. Meisinger will review CMEEC's current lobbying contract and discuss the results in his report to the Board.

**H New Business**

There was no new business.

**I New Committee Member Onboarding**

Mr. Meisinger walked the Committee through the New Committee Member Onboarding noting that the number of scheduled meetings of this Committee is being reduced with the intention of calling special meetings as needed. The Committee agreed with this approach.

**J Adjourn**

**A motion was made by Committee Member Kennedy, seconded by Committee Member Scott Barber to adjourn.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.