**Sustainable Energy Utility Advisory Board (SEUAB) Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, December 22, 2022**

**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

# Call to Order

Chair Bicky Corman called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM, December 22, 2022. This was a Microsoft Teams video conference call meeting.

# Roll Call/Instructions

Roll call was taken at 10:04 AM and the following people were in attendance:

# Board Members

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| **Name** | **In Attendance?** | **FY 2023**  **Special Meetings**  **Attendance Record** | **FY 2023**  **Sub Committee Meeting**  **Attendance Record** | **FY 2023 Regular Meetings**  **Attendance Record** |
| Bicky Corman - Board Chair (Mayor’s Designee) | Yes | 4/4 | 1/1 | 1/1 |
| Marshall Duer-Balkind – Vice Chair (Councilmember Cheh) | Yes | 4/4 | 1/1 | 2/2 |
| Sandra Mattavous-Frye (or OPC proxy) | Yes | 4/4 | 1/1 | 2/2 |
| Merancia Noelsaint (PSC) | No | 3/3 | 0/0 | 2/2 |
| Donna Cooper (Electric Company) | Yes | 4/4 | 1/1 | 2/2 |
| Eric Jones (Building Management) | Yes | 4/4 | 1/1 | 2/2 |
| Nina Dodge (Environment) | No | 3/3 | 0/0 | 2/2 |
| Jamal Lewis (Low-Income Community) | No | 4/4 | 0/0 | 1/1 |
| Mishal Thadani (Economic Development) | No | 1/1 | 0/0 | 1/1 |
| Sasha Srivastava (Renewable Energy) | Yes | 2/2 | 1/1 | 2/2 |
| Vacant (Building Construction) | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Vacant (Council Chairperson Mendelson) | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Vacant (Gas Utility) | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

# Other Attendees: Sarah Kogel-Smucker (OPC), Portia Hurtt (WGL), Jennifer Johnston (DOEE), Brandon Bowles (DCSEU), Angela Johnson (DCSEU), Karim Hussain (DOEE)

# FC 1160 – Proposed Washington Gas EEDR Programs

* Chair Bicky Corman recalled that when the Board reviewed Pepco’s EEDR offerings, Pepco had recused itself from Board voting.
* Dr. Cooper (Pepco) confirmed Bicky’s recollection.
* Chair Bicky Corman highlighted that WGL should follow the same procedure for its EEDR offerings.
* Portia Hurtt (WGL) confirmed WGL would follow the same procedure.
* Chair Bicky Corman asked the group if they wanted to follow the same process with Pepco’s EEDR programs for WGL’s programs. More specifically, did the Board want to file independently with the PSC to let them know that WGL consulted with the Board (as statutorily required)?
* Vice Chair Marshall Duer-Balkind shared that in the Pepco filing, the [Board submitted this letter](https://edocket.dcpsc.org/apis/api/Filing/download?attachId=136474&guidFileName=cc61d090-73ae-4eb6-bfc8-fba4471abfcf.pdf).
* Chair Bicky Corman asked if WGL had an update on the time, did WGL still plan on a January filing?
* Portia Hurtt (WGL) confirmed that WGL is still operating on the January timeframe, however she did not have a specific date.
* Chair Bicky Corman raised the need to restart the larger EEDR working group and highlighted that the Board will most likely send a letter to the PSC.
* Sarah Kogel-Smucker (OPC) shared the importance of the Board’s involvement, whether it determines to submit a letter to the PSC or not. Sarah highlighted the problem happening in the EEDR space is that everyone seems highly supportive of the climate change goals, however, there has not been a decision on whether the District is aiming towards 100% electrification or not, which makes this decision process (WGL EEDR offerings) very complicated.
* Vice Chair Marshall Duer-Balkind agreed that there had not been a firm determination from the Council, but there is directionality. He mentioned the need for the city to think long-term, which is not happening right now.
* Eric Jones disagreed and stated the District does think long-term. The issue is that the District is looking to be visionaries rather than realistic.
* Vice Chair Marshall Duer-Balkind recognized Eric’s perspective and appreciated his feedback.
* Vice Chair Marshall Duer-Balkind asked WGL for a budget for its EEDR proposal.
* Chair Bicky Corman asked if the Board needed a meeting with DCSEU to see if the programs with WGL EEDR conflict.
* Sarah Kogel-Smucker (OPC) asked if VEIC had any thoughts on the most useful (and consumer-friendly) way to align incentives in an environment where there is some directionality towards electrification. Any examples that VEIC may have could be helpful.
* Brandon Bowles (DCSEU) thanked Sarah Kogel-Smucker (OPC) for her question and stated he would check in with the VEIC team.
* Brandon Bowles (DCSEU) mentioned that offering gas incentives may not align with the District overall goals.
* Vice Chair Marshall Duer-Balkind asked if OPC had any insight on how the Board could be helpful with the FC1160 Technical Issues Working Group.
* Sarah Kogel-Smucker (OPC) shared that she did not have any insight.
* Sarah Kogel-Smucker (OPC) highlighted that the larger EEDR working group meets twice a year due to the governing Order No. 20654
  + *After the EEDR Potential Study is completed, Commission staff and Working Group members will discuss the implications of the study and address program goals for WGL’s EEDR programs*
* Karim Hussain (DOEE) mentioned that the working group needs to evaluate the WGLs study, similar to the analysis that was done for Pepco’s EEDRs programs.

# Future Agenda Items

* WGL Proposed EEDR Programs -> Budget Summary
* EEDR Working Group
  + Board to send a letter to the PSC requesting the FC 1160 working groups be restarted and meet more frequently.
* Board Roles and Statutory Responsibilities
* Procedure for Board Deadlines and Proposals
* DCSEU FY22 Report
* Approval of December minutes

# Adjournment

* Vice Chair Marshall Duer-Balkind adjourned the meeting at 10:57 AM.

# Acronyms used during this meeting

* DCSEU - District of Columbia Sustainability Energy Utility
* DOEE - Department of Energy and Environment
* OPC - Office of the People’s Counsel
* PHI – Pepco Holdings
* PSC - Public Service Commission
* WGL – Washington Gas Light

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