

CLEAN ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2023 (Wednesday)

9:00AM – 12:00PM

**Hosted by McGuireWoods, LLP
Richmond, Virginia**

****Meeting was open to the Public ****

Meeting Recording: <https://vimeo.com/861733931/9a2d527373?share=copy>
CEAB website hosted at energy.virginia.gov, direct link here

Call to Order

Susan Kruse, Board Chair, called meeting to order at 9:09 AM.

Roll Call

Present: Susan Kruse, Taylor Brown, Carmen M. Bingham, Will Cleveland, William Greenleaf, Douglas E. Lamb

Virtual: Kendyl Crawley Crawford, Katharine Bond

Recognition of Larry Corkey serving as the Virginia Department of Energy designee in lieu of Director Glenn Davis.

Virginia Energy Staff: Carrie Hearne, Bettina Bergoo, Austin Counts, Ryan Dorland

Not present: Sam Brumberg, Kirk Johnson, KC Bleile

Guest: Mike Urban – Virginia Housing

Approval for virtual participation of Kendyl Crawley Crawford and Katherine Bond

Motion made by Taylor Brown to approve remote participation. Motion seconded by William Greenleaf. All voted in favor and motion passed.

Review Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Carmen Bingham to approve February 23, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Will Cleveland. All voted in favor and motion passed.

CEAB 2022 Report

Virginia Energy is synthesizing annual report to a maximum of 15 pages per request of the Governor's administration. Appendices will be provided on Virginia Energy website.

Motion made by Will Cleveland to approve Susan Kruse to review the redline of the synthesized annual report. Motion seconded by Taylor Brown. All voted in favor and motion passed.

Review of Virginia Department of Energy EPA Solar for All Funding Opportunity

Virginia Energy informed the board of a developing application to the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Solar for All competition, a national opportunity with a \$7 billion national budget.

Virginia Energy received 200+ pages of public comments during the Solar for All public comment period. Virginia Energy will be a direct, primary applicant, seeking \$250,000,000.00 to invest in programs that enable low- to moderate-income households and residents in disadvantaged communities to benefit from residential-serving solar, solar plus storage, and community or shared solar, as well as enabling upgrades. The Solar for All application is due October 12. The board discussed marketing strategies, incentive sizes, market demand, and weatherization programs as relates for Solar for All programs. Virginia Energy informed the board of the intent to request an opinion from the Attorney General's office on the viability of solar leases for residential utility customers.

Discussion of Letter of Support for Solar for All Application

Virginia Energy and the Board recognized that the work done by the Board since 2019 has helped create and inform the Solar for All application.

Motion made by Carmen Bingham to finalize and approve a letter of support from the Board for Virginia Energy's Solar for All application. Motion seconded by Bill Greenleaf. All voted in favor and motion passed.

Other considerations:

The Board will seek to schedule no less than two weeks' notice, and if that is infeasible, will aim to schedule a virtual participation meeting, if allowable.

Board Next Steps:

The Board will meet to facilitate consultations with investor-owned utilities (IOUs) for how to market to customers cost saving opportunities through solar energy. This meeting will occur in the Fall, with the Stakeholder Engagement and Marketing committee leading the discussion. All Board members and members of the public will be invited to attend.

The Board will provide a letter or support for the Virginia Energy Solar for All application. Susan Kruse will review and approve CEAB 2022 redline report. The next meeting to conduct IOU consultations is expected to be a virtual meeting in late October or early November. A doodle poll will be circulated to identify a date for all parties necessary to attend.

Public Comment Period

No comment provided.

Meeting Adjourned 11:20 AM