

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY COOPERATIVE**

January 4, 2019

A special meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee of the Board of Directors of Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (“CMEEC”) and Connecticut Transmission Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (“CTMEEC”) was held on Friday, January 4, 2019 at CMEEC, 30 Stott Avenue, Norwich, CT and via telephone.

The meeting was legally noticed in compliance with Connecticut State law and all proceedings and actions hereafter recorded occurred during the publicly open portions of the meeting. All participants by telephone confirmed that they could hear and be heard.

The following Committee Members participated:

Bozrah Light and Power – Ralph Winslow
Jewett City Department of Public Utilities - Louis Demicco (via telephone)
Groton – Keith Hedrick (by telephone and in person), Mark Oefinger
South Norwalk SNEW – David Westmoreland (via telephone)
East Norwalk TTD – Debora Goldstein

The following CMEEC staff participated:

Michael Lane, CMEEC Interim CEO
Robin Kipnis, CMEEC General Counsel
Scott Whittier, CMEEC Director Enabling Services
Ellen Kachmar, CMEEC Office & Facility Manager
Gabriel Stern, CMEEC Director Technical Services

Other Participants:

Timothy Shea, Brown Rudnick
William Kowalski, Municipal Electric Consumer Advocate (via telephone)
Kevin Aherne, Norwich Bulletin
Mike Boucher

Ms. Kachmar recorded.

CMEEC Committee Lead Scott Whittier called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The participants were asked to speak their names so everyone would know who was at the meeting, in person and on the telephone. Mr. Whittier then noted it was the first Legislative Committee meeting of 2019 and the first order of business was to select a Committee Chair.

A nomination was made by Committee Member Oefinger, seconded by Committee Winslow that Committee Member Goldstein serve as Chair of the Legislative Committee. A nomination was made by Committee Member Goldstein that Committee Member Hedrick serve as Chair of the Legislative Committee, which was not seconded. As no other nominations were brought forth, the nomination of Committee Member Goldstein was put to the Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

CMEEC Committee Lead Scott Whittier turned the meeting over to the newly-elected Chair. . Chair Goldstein reminded the Committee that the meeting was a Special Meeting under FOI, and that as a technical matter, no business could be introduced that was not on the posted meeting agenda. Chair Goldstein asked if all participants had received a copy of the Committee Charter, to which the answer was yes. The Municipal Electric Consumer Advocate, Mr. Kowalski, asked to be recognized to speak to the Charter, and suggested Section III [Procedures], #3 [Executive and Private Sessions] be deleted due to it being unrelated to requirements under FOIA.

Committee Member Hedrick joined the meeting in person at 10:22 a.m.

After discussion by members of the Committee, a motion was made by Committee Member Oefinger, seconded by Chair Goldstein, to remove the section noted above, providing it does not preclude the Committee from going into Executive Session under applicable FOI regulations. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Further review of the Charter prompted additional discussion regarding the need for Section III [Procedures], #5 [Authority to Retain Advisors]. The Committee discussed the history of the item and clarified budgetary procedures relating to the item. All questions asked were answered to the Committee's satisfaction.

Motion by Chair Goldstein, second by Committee Member Winslow to remove Section III, #5. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Motion Committee Member Hedrick, second by Committee Member Oefinger to approve the Charter as amended above. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Chair Goldstein clarified that the charter would be passed to the full board of directors for adoption at a future meeting.

Chair Goldstein recognized Mr. Shea, CMEEC's lobbyist, to report on the 2019 Energy Committee members and reviewed those legislators in CMEEC's Member service areas. He also noted there were a few pre-filed Bills, but that none pertained to CMEEC or its Members. All Committee questions were answered to the Committee's satisfaction.

Chair Goldstein recognized Interim CEO Lane to report on meeting activity with local legislators, and further recognized Committee Member Hedrick to report on his presentation to the South East Council of Governments on December 27 about the benefits of keeping CMEEC whole as an entity. All Committee questions were answered to the Committee's satisfaction.

The Municipal Electric Consumer Advocate, Mr. Kowalski, asked to be recognized to request a copy of Committee Member Hedrick's presentation. Chair Goldstein clarified with Counsel Kipnis that the presentation is a publicly available document, and confirmed that the requested document would be provided to the MECA, Mr. Kowalski.

Tim Shea, in response to a question, informed the Committee that he was in the process of reimbursing CMEEC for the cost of the trip he took to the Kentucky Derby in 2016.

There being no further business on the agenda, a motion was made by Committee Member Hedrick, seconded by Committee Member Winslow to adjourn the meeting.
Motion Passed Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.