

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

January 16, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee of the Boards of Directors of Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (“CMEEC”) and Connecticut Transmission Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (“CTMEEC” and “Transco”) met at the CMEEC offices located at 30 Stott Avenue, Norwich, CT on Tuesday, January 16, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

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

**The following Committee Members participated:**

Bozrah Light and Power: Ralph Winslow  
East Norwalk, Third Taxing District: Peter Johnson  
Jewett City Department of Public Utilities: Louis Demicco (via telephone)  
Norwich Public Utilities: Robert Staley

**The following Non-Voting Member Representatives were also present:**

Groton Utilities: Mark Oefinger,

**The following CMEEC Staff participated:**

David Meisinger, CMEEC CEO  
Michael Lane, CMEEC CFO  
Robin Kipnis, Esquire, CMEEC General Counsel  
Scott Whittier, CMEEC Director of Enabling Services  
Justin Connell, CMEEC Director of Sustainability & Services  
Ellen Kachmar, CMEEC Office and Facility Manager

**The following individual(s) also participated**

Timothy Shea, CMEEC Registered Lobbyist, Brown Rudnick

Ms. Kachmar recorded.

Louis Demicco, the 2019 Interim Committee Chair for the Joint Legislative Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. noting for the record there was a quorum and the meeting is being held in person and via telephone at CMEEC offices located at 30 Stott Avenue, Norwich, CT. Interim Chairman Demicco asked that those participating identify themselves for the benefit of all participating in the meeting.

### **Specific Action Item**

#### **A Public Comment Period**

Interim Chairman Demicco asked for Public Comment to which there was none.

#### **B Selection of Joint Legislative Committee Chair**

The Committee Members participating chose to table the selection of a Chairman for 2020 until the committee's next meeting.

#### **C Approve Minutes of the November 1, 2019 Special Meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee**

**A Motion was made by Committee Member Staley, seconded by Committee Member Winslow to approve the Minutes of the November 1, 2019 Special Meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **D Review Joint Legislative Committee Charter**

Ms. Kipnis reported the Charter has been expanded to extend the Committee's scope to include oversight of regulatory, governmental, and administrative advocacy and not just legislative. She also suggested that for this reason the name of the Committee be changed to Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee.

**Motion by Committee Member Demicco to amend the Charter to change its name and enhance the scope to include regulatory, governmental, and administrative bodies, second by Committee Member Staley.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **E 2020 State of Connecticut Legislative Update**

Mr. Shea informed the Committee that the 2020 Legislative Session begins on February 5 this year and that Legislators may have one more special meeting prior to that date to discuss the tolls. Mr. Shea walked the Committee through his handout, highlighting the major issues for 2020 along with a brief explanation of each. Mr. Shea and the Committee discussed the potential issues to come before the Energy and Technology Committee. Discussion ensued with focus on how CMEEC's business model fits into the state's plans.

**F Review and Possible Vote to Adopt Lobbying Policy (Special Committee Recommendation)**

The Legislative Committee reviewed the proposed Lobbying Policy. Ms. Kipnis noted the difference between a lobbyist and a registered lobbyist, who has additional filings. The Policy directs CMEEC to review retention of lobbyists every three (3) years, and assigns oversight of the Policy to the CEO, the Legislative Committee, and the General Counsel.

**Motion by Committee Member Staley, second by Committee Member Winslow to approve the Lobbyist Policy.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Connell raised awareness of the American Public Power Association's annual Legislative Rally "Fly In" in Washington, DC. Companies and representatives of public power across the country meet in DC each year to discuss many areas of the industry as well as visit with federal legislators to seek support, develop relationships, and educate legislators on current issues facing the industry.

**As there was no further business to come before the Legislative Committee, a Motion to adjourn was made by Committee Member Demicco, seconded by Committee Member Staley.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.**