

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

February 20, 2018

The Joint Legislative Committee of the Board of Directors of Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (“CMEEC”) and Connecticut Transmission Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (“CTMEEC”) met at CMEEC office on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

Louis Demicco, Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

The following Committee Members participated:

Jewett City - Louis Demicco (via telephone)
Groton – Keith Hedrick

The following Board Members (non-Committee Members) also participated:

Groton – Mark Oefinger, Municipal Representative (via telephone)

The following CMEEC staff participated:

Drew Rankin, CMEEC Chief Executive Officer
Robin Kipnis, CMEEC General Counsel
Scott Whittier, CMEEC Director Enabling Services
Margaret Job, CMEEC Administrative Staff

Other Participants:

Timothy Shea, Brown Rudnick
William Kowalski, Municipal Electric Consumer Advocate (via telephone)

Ms. Job recorded.

Specific Action Items

(1) Introduction of Committee Members and Tim Shea of Brown Rudnick

Mr. Rankin informed those participating via telephone of the individuals in attendance at today's meeting. He introduced Tim Shea of Brown Rudnick, government relations counsel for CMEEC. Mr. Shea provided an overview of his position at Brown Rudnick and his role representing CMEEC at the legislative level. He added that Brown Rudnick is a full service lobbying firm led by Tom Ritter, former speaker of the house. He stated his purpose today is to provide an overview of major issues happening at the State Capitol and answer any questions CMEEC may have.

(2) Review of Charter / Potential Revisions

Mr. Rankin explained that the committees were made joint committees on behalf of both Boards of Directors of CMEEC and CTMEEC in November 2013. He walked through the purpose and authority, membership and appointment, responsibilities and procedures. He stated that if any directors had any suggested changes to please forward them along. He added that it is not a requirement that it be revised, rather the charter codifies that it be reviewed annually.

Chairman Demicco observed that the Charter did not include a requirement for number of times per year the Legislative Committee should meet. Mr. Rankin explained that the previous charter did specify a specific number of times that the Committee should meet, however the 2013 revision removed that specification by requiring only that it meet during the year as warranted. Mr. Demicco noted that he believed the Committee should meet at least once or twice per year. Mr. Rankin concurred stating the Committee should consider meeting at least at the beginning, in the middle and toward the end of legislative sessions.

Mr. Rankin concluded the discussion by requesting any suggested revisions to the Charter be forwarded to either him, Ms. Kipnis or Ms. Job for inclusion in the Charter and distribution to the Committee for review and comment. He added that any revisions made to the Charter requires Board approval.

(3) State of State / Legislative General Overview by Tim Shea, Brown Rudnick

Tim Shea, of the firm of Brown Rudnick, provided an overview of the 2018 Connecticut General Assembly Legislative Session. He also provided a brief overview of the Connecticut political landscape. He noted that several new bills have been proposed to go before the legislature but their titles do not provide clear description of their purpose. He stated that he would be following up on those bills and provide any feedback on bills that might impact CMEEC.

(4) CMEEC Strategic Plan(s) and Objective(s) Consideration

Mr. Rankin noted that this agenda item was intended for discussion of topics that came up as a result of Mr. Shea's presentation however no discussion resulted.

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Demicco indicated he would entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made by Committee Chairman Demicco, seconded by Committee Member Hedrick, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote Passed.

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.