

Board Learning Session Minutes—185th Meeting

February 23, 2021

Board members present: Anne Root, Alan Meyer, Alexia Kelly, Elee Jen, Ernesto Fonseca, Henry Lorenzen, Lindsey Hardy, Mark Kendall, Melissa Cribbins, Susan Brodahl, Roland Risser, Janine Benner (Oregon Department of Energy special advisor),

Board Absent: Eric Hayes, Erik Andersson, Letha Tawney (Oregon Public Utility Commission ex officio)

Staff attending: Amanda Sales, Amber Cole, Cheryle Easton, Debbie Menashe, Elizabeth Fox, Fred Gordon, Greg Stokes, Hannah, Cruz, Jay Ward, Julianna Hairston, Kenji Spielman, Michael Colgrove, Scott Clark, Pati Presnail, Peter West, Steve Lacey, Wendy Bredemeyer

Others attending: Adam Shultz (Oregon Department of Energy), Anna Kim (Oregon Public Utility Commission, for Letha Tawney), April Lewis (Figure 8 Consulting), Carol French (Figure 8 Consulting), Rick Hodges (Northwest Natural Gas)

Welcome and Introductions

President Melissa Cribbins called the meeting to order at 1pm, then reconvened the meeting in Executive Session pursuant to Energy Trust Bylaws section 3.19.1 to discuss internal personnel matters.

Reconvene open public Board Learning Session

President Melissa Cribbins called the public meeting back to order following the conclusion of the Executive Session at 2:30 p.m.

Ad hoc Board Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

Mark Kendall, chair of the board's Ad hoc Board Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee reported on the ad hoc committee's most recent meeting. Topics covered in that meeting were board member Intercultural Effectiveness Scale (IES) survey reports, consideration of the objectives of the committee and a committee charter, working with the DAC, and engaging a consultant to guide committee discussions and objectives.

Board members asked questions about and discussed the work and objectives of the committee, including about the ad hoc committee's draft charter. The committee's draft charter was included in the board's most recent packet of materials, and Mark and Melissa requested that board members review and provide feedback. Board members also discussed the work of the other current ad hoc board committee which is addressing board structure and roles and responsibilities. The ad hoc DEI Committee would appreciate any board member feedback on the draft charter, acknowledging that it likely would not be finalized until the work of the ad hoc committee on board structure and roles and responsibilities provides direction. President Melissa Cribbins expressed appreciation for the work of the ad hoc DEI committee in putting together a draft charter for review.

Oregon Department of Energy Overview of the Biennial Energy Report

Janine Benner, Director, Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) and Adam Schultz, also of ODOE, presented on the 2020 ODOE Biennial Report. The report, which is comprehensive, provides many important and helpful resources that are helpful to Energy Trust's work. Janine and Adam provided an overview of the report's sections, structure, and linked resources, beginning with the report's Tribal

Land Acknowledgement. Janine and Adam reviewed highlights of these sections of the report: Energy by the Numbers, Timeline of Oregon Energy History, Energy 101, Resource and Technology Reviews, including articles on emerging technologies topics like solar storage and microgrids and resilience, and the final section of Policy Briefs on current topics of interest in energy. Janine highlighted several policy briefs that may be of interest to Energy Trust board members, including papers on climate change, opportunities in agricultural energy use, including irrigation, and equity in renewable energy.

Janine reported that unlike the 2018 ODOE Biennial Report, which provided recommendations, the current report calls for Oregonians to join ODOE in a conversation about Oregon's energy future. Board members offered their thoughts, including suggestions for conversations to help rural and farming communities be involved in beneficial electrification, interest in electric transportation infrastructure, appreciation for the useful data in the report and how Energy Trust and ODOE can share information gathered through their work.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the report and ODOE's work in compiling so much useful information.

Discuss Proposal for Opportunities for the Board Engagement in the Budget Process

Susan Brodahl, chair of the board's Finance Committee Budget led a board discussion on a proposed schedule for board engagement in the development of the annual budget. As background, Debbie Menashe, provided some background history on the way in which the board had participated in budget development in the early years of Energy Trust, including holding annual workshops on the strategic plan progress in order to inform staff development of annual budget themes.

The board then discussed the balance between setting long range, strategic vision for the organization through approval of the Energy Trust's strategic plan and the responsibility of the board to oversee, at a more granular level, the way in which the resources of the organization are actually allocated to support the strategic vision and to ensure that they are effective stewards of ratepayer funds.

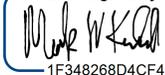
Recognizing the current maturity of the organization and its processes for annual goal setting and business planning to inform the proposed budget, Susan and Mike recommended that board members provide input into the annual organization goals at a point early in the budget development process. To that end, Mike reminded board members of the opportunity to listen in on a joint RAC, CAC and DAC meeting on April 14, the purpose of which is for the advisory councils to discuss high level themes that inform staff on developing annual goals. Following that joint advisory council meeting, and with the benefit of advisory council discussions, board members would meet in a workshop to provide feedback and significant direction for annual goals. Board members agreed to work with staff to identify a date for this workshop, likely April 19 or April 20.

Adjourn

Melissa adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Energy Trust Board of Directors will be held Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. will be held virtually with Zoom.

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Signed: Mark Kendall, Secretary

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