

# Board New Director Orientation Minutes—196th Meeting

February 24, 2022

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**Board members present:** Elee Jen, Henry Lorenzen, Melissa Cribbins, Peter Therkelsen, Roland Risser, Silvia Tanner, Susan Brodahl, Janine Benner (Oregon Department of Energy special advisor, ex officio)

**Board members absent:** Alexia Kelly, Anne Haworth Root, Eric Hayes, Ernesto Fonseca, Erik Andersson, Letha Tawney (Oregon Public Utility Commission, ex officio)

**Staff attending:** Amanda Thomson, Amber Cole, Bayo Ware, Cheryle Easton, Debbie Menashe, Elaine Dado, Elizabeth Fox, Emily Findley, Hannah Cruz, Jay Ward, Julianne Thacher, Lizzie Rubado, Mia Deonate, Michael Colgrove, Steve Lacey, Tracy Scott, Tyrone Henry

**Others attending:** Anna Kim (Oregon Public Utility Commission)

Energy Trust Board President Henry Lorenzen opened the orientation session at 1:04 p.m. Henry welcomed the new board members, Silvia Tanner and Peter Therkelsen.

## Overview of Energy Trust

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Energy Trust Executive Director Michael Colgrove explained that this orientation is the first of two for new board members, with the second to be scheduled later in the year after new board members have had a chance to learn and experience Energy Trust and their board roles. All board members present introduced themselves. Then, Mike presented an overview of Energy Trust, its history, funding, and oversight structure.

## Board Calendar and Meeting Schedule/Committee Introductions

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Cheryle Easton, Energy Trust Board Administration Services Manager, provided information on scheduling of board meetings and board workshops. Cheryle also reviewed the board committee structure then explained the committee structure. Board committee chairs, or their representatives, presented information on the board's committees. Roland Risser described the work of the Compensation & Human Resources Committee. Susan Brodahl, chair of the committee, described the work of the Finance & Audit Committee. Roland Risser, chair of the committee, described the work of the Nominating & Governance Committee. Melissa Cribbins, chair of the ad hoc DEI Committee, described the upcoming work of that committee as well. New board members asked questions about the committees and their schedules.

## History of Energy Policy in the Northwest

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Hannah Cruz, Senior Stakeholder Relations and Policy Manager, presented background and information on the history of energy policy in the Pacific Northwest; this information provides context and foundation for understanding the creation and role of Energy Trust. Board members present had a good discussion on the history and evolution of energy policy, from the Northwest Power Act, passed in 1980, until now. New board members expressed appreciation and compliments for the presentation and how it grounds the work of Energy Trust in context.

## 2020-2024 Strategic Plan

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Hannah Cruz and Lizzie Rubado, Senior Program Strategies Manager, presented information on the Energy Trust 2020-2024 Strategic Plan. Hannah and Lizzie are the chairs of Energy Trust's staff Strategic Planning Committee. This staff committee supports the board's work in developing Energy

Trust's 5-year strategic plans and monitoring plan performance. Hannah and Lizzie explained the structure of the plan: its five Focus Areas and corresponding Progress Indicators and Metrics. Hannah and Lizzie also explained how the plan was developed, the scenarios considered and envisioned to develop it. On an ongoing basis, staff and board members monitor the plan as well as organizational and market changes. If there are changes that could have a foundational impact on Energy Trust, staff and the board would revisit the plan. Currently, discussions regarding the plan are covered by the Finance & Audit Committee, but an ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee will be appointed for the development of Energy Trust's next strategic plan.

### **Oregon Public Utility Commission (Anna Kim)**

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Anna Kim, OPUC Senior Utility Analyst and OPUC liaison to Energy Trust, made a presentation on the work of the OPUC and Energy Trust. Anna started with the mission of the OPUC: "To ensure Oregon utility customers have safe, reliable, and high-quality utility services at just and reasonable rates." Anna noted that as of 2022, as the result of laws passed in the 2021 Oregon legislature, the OPUC must now also consider equity and environmental justice in its work and policy-making. Anna explained the structure of the OPUC, as well as its legislative, executive, and judicial functions.

Energy Trust's funding for delivering cost effective energy efficiency and certain renewable energy resources is subject to Energy Trust's Grant Agreement with the OPUC. Anna explained the structure of the OPUC/Energy Trust Grant Agreement and, through it, oversight of Energy Trust. The OPUC monitors Energy Trust for its transparency, fiscal prudence, efficacy and cost-effectiveness. To track and effectively monitor Energy Trust, the OPUC has many levers including, but not limited to, performance measures, regular reporting, the appointment of an OPUC commissioner as an ex officio member of the board, and ongoing interactions among OPUC and Energy Trust staff.

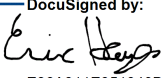
Board members thanked Anna for her presentation.

### **Adjourn Meeting**

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The orientation session ended at 4:04

**The next regular meeting of the Energy Trust Board of Directors will be held Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. held virtually on Zoom.**

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