



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SA Climate Ready Technical & Community Advisory Committee**  
**January 17, 2023 / Municipal Hall – WebEx**

SA Climate Ready Technical & Community Advisory Committee Members:

DeeDee Belmares At large	Dr. Neil Debbage At large	Dr. Jimmy Perkins At large	Vacant At large
Ashley Bird At large	Ashley Harris*	John Plescia At large	Vacant At large
Rick Cavender* At large	Stephen Lucke At large	David Walter At large	Jesus Garcia-Gonzalez
James Cooper Jr.* At large	Dr. Kelly Lyons* At large	Ryan Weber At large	Dr. Adelita Cantú
Estella Cota-Treviño At large	Francisco Manon* At large	Matt Cox* At large	<i>*Indicates Not Present</i>

Melissa Bryant Partner Agency, SARA	Miriam Juckett Research Partner, Southwest Research Institute
Karen Guz Partner Agency, SAWS	Marvin Pair Partner Agency, Joint Base San Antonio
Kammy Horne* Partner Agency, VIA	Angela Rodriguez Partner Agency, CPS San Antonio

Office of Sustainability Staff: Douglas Melnick, Leslie Antunez, Olga Montellano-Campos, Office of the City Attorney: Alma Lozano, Sean Beiter

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Melissa Bryant at 4:32 p.m.

Garcia-Gonzalez shared the meeting norms, Melnick presented the Land Acknowledgment

**II. Public Comments**

*"I'd like to invest in community solar, as my roof is not suitable to host solar. When will there be a new round of community solar options? What is San Antonio doing to promote community or roofless solar? From an equity perspective, community solar is one of the only options many San Antonio residents have in order to reap the financial and environmental benefits of clean energy. Thank you."*

**III. Individual Items for Consideration**

**Approval of proposed resolution in response to approved CPS Rate Advisory Committee (RAC) portfolio selection**

Melnick shared context for the meeting, this is a very important conversation. When we look at the Climate Plan there is nothing easy in it, trying to pivot an organization and community to meet long term climate goals of carbon neutrality is a challenge, it is a challenge everywhere! San Antonio is in a good place, we have a strong commitment from council, a



good plan, and a great partner in CPS Energy. When we look at the emission profile, a big chunk is driven by power through CPS. Melnick commended Rodriguez and CPS representative for this transformative process, which was completely different from what has been done in the past. Also, recognized Belmares, Garcia, Dr. Cantú for all their work. The outcome is a great precedence, the shift from coal is great! This conversation is geared around meeting climate objectives. Also recognized, Dr. Perkins and Weber, for weighing in, for reviewing the materials and attending meetings to produce the statement. The purpose of this meeting is to share edits, comments, concerns. It is important for this committee to be on the record somehow.

Energy subcommittee chair Weber shared his and co-chair Perkins's assessment of the Portfolios and the draft statement of response. Members were given time to share suggestions before the meeting. The goal of today is to incorporate any suggestion/feedback from the committee. Ryan shared an overview of the document. Portfolio 9 performed well in individual categories and performed best versus Portfolio 2. It is worth noting that CPS is increasing net production and it is unlikely portfolio 2 will meet compliance.

Cantu noted that both CPS and RAC recommend Portfolio 2. The CPS board will vote on the implementation of a portfolio at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Committee Comments: The document is well written, provides background and a clear stance on the committee's position; a suggested edit, to assist with clarity, include a couple of sentences stating what we are comparing and adding a footnote to source Table 1; anything we can do to reduce consumption is key; how much community input was shared with the CPS board?; results were based on RAC's priorities of the 5 community objectives they identified early on; one thing missing is that portfolios were not ranked numerically; supporter of P2 – makes significant strides on environmental sustainability and reliability; in terms of affordability P9 rates higher than P2 when you factor extreme weather; if the committee recommends P9 or another portfolio, add a note to the statement highlighting P2 strengths; all members are in agreement that coal must go but do not agree that natural gas does not have an impact on the environment and health; do not see how P2 will meet 2030 CAAP targets; are not in favor of the tradeoff, that natural gas is better - methane is accelerating, natural gas has failed us in so many ways and so much pollution comes from natural gas; we need to consider P9's elimination of natural gas production; P2 does not align with a lot of the long-term CAAP targets; P9 is a better option to move forward; we oversee the total CAAP – not just transportation and P9 may meet the targets.

In conclusion, the Energy subcommittee is in support of P9. The committee will vote on a resolution to submit the statement of response with proposed changes and the addition of a footnote. The edits will be made and sent to the committee for a final review. The letter will be sent to CPS Board and to the Mayor on behalf of the committee, signed by the Chair of the Technical Committee.

Motion:	Weber motioned to approve the committee's statement of response
	Lucke seconded
Vote	No: Walter



Yes: Pair, Plescia, Weber, Perkins, Lucke, Debbage, Cota-Treviño, Bird,  
Belmares

Abstain: Juckett, Rodriguez, Guz, Bryant

Action: 9 in favor, motion passed

**Open Space: Updates/New Business:**

- Next meeting February 28, 2023
- Will the two committees continue to meet as one?
- Implications of District 7 Councilwoman resignation

**IV. Adjournment**

Motion: Walter motioned to adjourn the meeting  
Horne seconded

Vote: All in favor

Action: Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm

Approved

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Melissa Bryant, Chair  
Technical and Community Advisory Committee

City of San Antonio, Texas

Date