



Meeting Minutes

Energy Solutions Center
Board of Directors Meeting (hybrid)
DoubleTree by Hilton Nashville Downtown
Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Attending in-person:

Greg Anderson, Atmos
Shawn Pingleton, Liberty Utilities
Cory Minshew, Southern Company Gas
Jerry O'Keefe, Dominion
Randy Niederer, Cambridge (Affiliate representative)
Jerry Ryan, New Jersey Natural Gas
Mark Ernst, Black Hills Corp.
Jon Beck, TECO
Mike Mihalick, Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia
Alan Garcia, NW Natural
Andrew Barrowman, Hearthstone Utilities
Michael Yee, SoCal Gas
Marc Francouer, Energir
Patrick Jardini, American Gas Lamp (Affiliate representative)
Michelle Kisil, ATCO
Keith Sperling, National Grid
Steve Roberson, Spire
Larry Oswald, MDU Resources
Shane Breakie, Chesapeake Utilities

Attending virtually:

Jackie Caille, Enbridge
Vivian Sabatini, Peoples Gas
Jennifer Eugene, Washington Gas
Rafi Sohail, CenterPoint Energy
Erik Solomon, National Fuel
Victor Bautista, Avista
Becky Esbach, UGI
Scott Hultz, Xcel
Nick Mart, Exelon

Voting by Proxy (in-person):

Florian Teme, Philadelphia Gas Works
(Sherif Youssef, Philadelphia Gas Works)
Mike Peacock, Rinnai (Kevin Morgan, Rinnai)

Phil Agee, Piedmont Natural Gas (Carl Peterson, Piedmont Natural Gas)
Laura Nelson, Southwest Gas (Michael Favela, Southwest Gas)

Present (in-person):

Ashley Duckman, Energy Solutions Center

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 CST.

Greg Anderson, 2023 ESC Board Vice Chair, welcomed board members and made introductory remarks. Jackie Caille, immediate past Board Chair, made introductory remarks.

Greg Anderson acknowledged that Rasha Prince (SoCal Gas), who had been elected 2023 Board Chair, announced her retirement in December 2022.

Antitrust guidelines were provided in both written and verbal formats. Jackie Caille established that a quorum was present for official board business.

Support materials for this board meeting were provided on the ESC website for all board members to review in advance of the meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes

The September 28, 2022 minutes of the fall board meeting were previously made available to board members. The Vice Chair asked for any additions or corrections. There were no proposed changes to the meeting minutes. **A motion was made and seconded. The September 28, 2022 meeting minutes were approved.**

III. Approval of 2023 ESC Board Officers

Greg Anderson acknowledged that because of Rasha Prince's retirement, the Executive Committee agreed that he should move into the Board Chairman position for 2023, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Jackie Caille called for additional nominations for 2023 Board Chair. Hearing none, Jackie called for a vote to elect Greg Anderson as 2023 Board Chair. **A motion was made and seconded. Greg Anderson was approved as 2023 ESC Board Chairman.**

Greg Anderson noted that Jackie Caille agreed to step in as Vice Chair for 2023, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. He also acknowledged an Executive Committee vacancy and recommended Katrina Mancini from Corning Natural Gas to fill the position. Greg called for additional nominations for either Vice Chair or the Executive Committee from the floor. Hearing none, Greg called for a vote to elect Jackie Caille to Vice Chair for 2023 and Katrina Mancini to the Executive Committee. **A motion was made and seconded. Jackie Caille was approved as 2023 Vice Chair and Katrina Mancini was elected to the ESC Executive Committee.**

IV. Executive Director Update

Ashley Duckman provided an update on ESC operations, programming, website project, and goals for 2023.

Ashley provided statistics on TMAF and highlighted other key ESC events. Ashley discussed the future of ESC's print publications.

Ashley discussed the ongoing brand evolution project. Phase two includes a full website redesign. With oversight and approval from the ESC Executive Committee, a vendor has been selected and the process has begun. Ashley presented the timeline and budget specs to the Board of Directors.

Ashley highlighted her 2022 goals and accomplishments and outlined ESC objectives for 2023.

Ashley gave a human resources update, including announcing the hiring of Manger-Marketing & Communications, Briana Jeter.

Ashley discussed the FY 2022 year-end budget and 2022 audit process. She presented the 2023 budget proposal for the Board's review and approval.

V. Approval of 2023 Budget Proposal

Greg Anderson asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the 2023 budget proposal. Hearing none, Greg Anderson called for a vote to approve the 2023 ESC budget. **A motion was made and seconded. The 2023 ESC budget was approved.**

VI. Roundtable Discussion

The Chair facilitated a roundtable discussion focused on the future of ESC and its programming given the current state of the natural gas industry.

VII. Meeting Conclusion

With no other business before the board, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 CST.