



**AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 23, 2018**

**The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Leslie Pool called the committee meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.**

**Committee Members in attendance:**

Council Member Leslie Pool, Chair  
Mayor Steve Adler, Vice Chair  
Council Member Alison Alter  
Council Member Gregorio Casar  
Council Member Jimmy Flannigan  
Council Member Ora Houston  
Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria

**Committee Members absent:**

Council Member Delia Garza  
Council Member Ann Kitchen  
Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo  
Council Member Ellen Troxclair

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Approve the minutes of the April 25, 2018 Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meetings.**

The minutes of the April 25, 2018 meeting were approved on Council Member Houston's motion, and Council Member Alter's second, on a 7-0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Tovo and Council Members Garza, Kitchen, and Troxclair were off the dais.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- 2. The first five speakers signed up before the meeting is called to order will each be allowed three minutes to speak.**

There were two speakers:

- Roberta Tsukahara spoke about the need to start the studies called for in the most recent update to the Resource Plan.
- Gus Pena thanked employees who work to avoid disconnecting utility services to customers.

## **BRIEFINGS**

### **3. General Manager's report:**

- **Upcoming items to be brought to Council:** district cooling project; engineering services for Electric Service Delivery; electric transmission, substation, and distribution hardware; electric grid system control and protection software; site improvements for energy storage system in Mueller neighborhood.
- **Extreme weather moratorium on disconnecting residential utility service.**
- **Innovation update: fast electric vehicle charging.**
- **Awards and recognition of Austin Energy employees.**

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Jackie Sargent, General Manager, provided the report. Discussion included recognition of staff and appreciation for 311 staff and the outage mobile application during the recent storms.

### **4. Austin Sustainable and Holistic Integration of Energy Storage and Solar Photovoltaics (SHINES) project update.**

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Dan Smith, Vice President of Electric Service Delivery, provided the update and Kurt Stogdill, Manager, Green Building and Emerging Technologies, responded to questions. Discussion included the project's next steps, location of the Mueller battery and its use as an educational resource, and the scale of electric vehicle efforts.

### **5. Information security.**

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Khalil Shalabi, Vice President of Strategy, Technology, and Market Operations, and Kevin Williams, Chief Information Security Officer with Communications and Technology Management, provided the briefing. Discussion included types of information security threats, appreciation for employees who protect the systems, and the need to stay vigilant.

### **6. Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) market update and summer readiness.**

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Khalil Shalabi provided the update, and Jackie Sargent responded to questions. Discussion included the relationship between our generation production and usage, use of renewables in the market, explanation of summer forward price activity, and demand response efforts to try to mitigate peaks.

### **7. Customer service report.**

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Kerry Overton, Deputy General Manager and Chief Customer and Compliance Officer, provided the report, and Jerry Galvan, Vice President of Customer Care, responded to questions. Discussion included the Community Connections Resource Fair, outreach efforts in Council districts, the trend in the amount of accounts receivables, and collaboration with other City departments and social service agencies.

## **FUTURE ITEMS**

### **8. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.**

This item was not addressed.

## **ADJOURN**

Chair Pool adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m. without objection.

**The minutes were approved on this the 26th day of September 2018 on Council Member Casar's motion, Council Member Kitchen's second on a 6-0 vote. Council Members Alter, Garza, Houston, Renteria, and Troxclair were off the dais.**