



**AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2019**

The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

**Chair Kathie Tovo called the committee meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.**

**Committee Members in attendance:**

Council Member Kathie Tovo, Chair  
Council Member Leslie Pool, Vice Chair  
Mayor Steve Adler  
Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza  
Council Member Gregorio Casar  
Council Member Paige Ellis  
Council Member Jimmy Flannigan  
Council Member Sabino “Pio” Renteria  
Cary Ferchill, Electric Utility Commission Chair

**Committee Members absent:**

Council Member Alison Alter  
Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison  
Council Member Ann Kitchen

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Approve the minutes of the August 14, 2019 Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting.**

The minutes of the August 14, 2019 meeting were approved on Council Member Ellis’ motion, and Council Member Casar’s second, on a 6-0 vote. Mayor Adler, and Council Members Alter, Harper-Madison, Kitchen, and Renteria were off the dais.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- 2. A maximum of five speakers signed up before the meeting is called to order will each be allowed three minutes to address topics not posted for committee action. Speakers may also sign up for specific items that the committee may take action on.**

There were three speakers:

- Danny Fetonte stated the Fayette coal plant needs to be closed, described how coal ash can affect the environment, and said the City of Austin should make sure its share of coal ash is contained properly.
- Gilbert Starkey clarified some of the statistics factoring into the climate emergency and how some of the factors in the scenarios were not completely accurate.

- Paul Robbins said Austin needs to get involved in technology development such as compressed air energy storage and concentrated solar. He offered to make a presentation at an upcoming meeting.

## **BRIEFINGS**

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

- Upcoming recommendations for Council action: turbine maintenance, Kramer Building E renovation.
- Resource plan update.
- Recent awards.

(Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, CO 1: Council Member Leslie Pool, CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler)

Jackie Sargent, General Manager, provided the report. Discussion included Kramer Lane renovation and status of finding other locations for the remaining operations at Ryan Drive.

### **4. Decker Creek Power Station decommissioning and workforce planning update.**

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Charles Dickerson, Deputy General Manager and Chief Operations Officer, provided the update. Discussion included trainings offered to affected employees.

## **FUTURE ITEMS**

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

This item was not addressed.

## **ADJOURN**

Chair Tovo adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m. without objection.

**The minutes were approved on this the 23rd day of October 2019 on Council Member Casar's motion, and Council Member Kitchen's second, on a 7-0 vote. Chair Tovo, Mayor Pro Tem Garza, and Council Members Ellis and Harper-Madison were off the dais.**