

**MINUTES OF THE
NEW YORK STATE ENERGY PLANNING BOARD MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

Pursuant to notice dated August 29, 2024, the fifteenth meeting of the New York State Energy Planning Board (“Board”) was convened on September 9, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Empire State Plaza, Meeting Room 6, Albany, New York. A copy of the meeting Notice is annexed as Exhibit A.

The following Energy Planning Board Members or their designees were present:

- Doreen Harris, President and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and Chair of the Board
- Richard Ball, Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Markets
- Didi Barrett, Assemblymember and Assembly Appointee
- Jackie Bray, Commissioner of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
- Rory Christian, Chair of the Public Service Commission and Commissioner of the Department of Public Service
- Marie Therese Dominguez, Commissioner of the Department of Transportation
- John King, Chancellor of SUNY and Governor Appointee
- Hope Knight, Commissioner and President & CEO of the Empire State Development Corporation
- Sean Mahar, Interim Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation
- Kevin Malone, designee of Dr. James McDonald, Commissioner of the Department of Health
- Walter Mosley, Secretary of State
- Roberta Reardon, Commissioner of the Department of Labor
- William Suggs, Senate Appointee
- Richard Dewey, CEO of NYISO (non-voting member)

Introductory Remarks

Following Board Member introductions, Doreen Harris, President and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (“NYSERDA”), and Chair of the Energy Planning Board welcomed all to the meeting of the New York State Energy Planning Board (“Board”) and noted the presence of a quorum. Chair Harris provided an overview of the new State Energy Planning Proceeding, which seeks to provide a 15-year outlook. She noted the significant changes in New York State’s energy landscape since the last meeting of the Board and NYSERDA’s role as a catalyst to bring together necessary elements to advance technologies and transition the State to the future energy economy, benefiting residents and businesses with greater reliability, affordability, and resilience.

Chair Harris noted that energy planning must be multi-interest and multi-disciplinary, relying on Board members and their respective entities to collaborate, provide insight, and to craft a plan that will account for all interests and needs. Chair Harris mentioned the recently held Future Energy Economy Summit and three themes to ensure success in the Energy Plan: (1) taking account of new technologies needed to support a deeply renewable grid in the future; (2) developing a better understanding of the current economic development opportunities established by federal policy; and (3) examining energy requirements and available technologies that will advance a zero-emissions grid policy and provide new statewide economic opportunities.

Chair Harris also noted the progress New York is making toward its 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (“Climate Act”) goals and recognized the impact that work will have on the State energy planning proceeding. The plan established through this proceeding will be informed by the recommendations of the Climate Action Council Scoping Plan, released in December 2022, and will examine the next 15 years of energy system requirements through 2040 to advance the long-term goals. She noted the continued expansion of solar energy production, the continued progress of offshore wind development, the progress of the Champlain Hudson Power Express, as well as increased electric vehicle adoption and heat pump installation. Chair Harris also noted the substantial concurrent work being undertaken to further Statewide energy policy, such as the cap and invest program rulemaking, the Zero-by-40 and Grid of the Future proceedings being conducted by the New York State Public Service Commission, as well as New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) reliability planning processes. These efforts will work synergistically with the energy planning proceeding to inform the State’s medium-term planning.

Consideration of Minutes of April 14, 2020 Meeting (Agenda Item No. 1)

The first item on the Agenda was to accept the minutes from the Board meeting held on April 13, 2020. In discussing the minutes, Chair Harris acknowledged that the most recent meeting was several years ago. Hearing no content corrections from Board members who were present at the last meeting, Chair Harris stated that the minutes were accepted and would be made available on the New York State Energy Planning Board website.

Resolution Regarding the Commencement of the Planning Proceeding and Issuance of the Draft Scope for Public Comment (Agenda Item No. 2)

Carl Mas, NYSERDA Vice President of Policy, Analysis and Research, presented an overview of the Draft Scope, explaining that the Plan will help in synthesizing and guiding the varying elements associated with each of the represented entities into one unified plan for the State. He explained that this is critical to understand the regional context, as well as other relevant forces to further advance New York’s energy goals. This will result in a mid-range plan with a 15-year time frame through 2040. The themes of the plan will be reliability, security, decarbonization, protection of public health and the environment, affordability, equity, ensuring a just transition and economic development.

Mr. Mas stated that the Draft Scope being considered for publication in the *State Register* for the purpose of receiving public comment provides an outline of major considerations for the upcoming plan. It attempts to portray the key questions that the plan should address and ensure that important themes are accounted for in all aspects of the plan. The Scope, once finalized, will require that the plan provide an overview of the energy system and forecasts for the future of the system, and proposes substantial examination into the electric system, as well as other energy sources such as nuclear, fossil fuels, alternative fuels, and renewable energy. It also calls for an examination of buildings, industry, transportation, smart growth, and system security. Mr. Mas explained that the Draft Scope examines the strength of the various New York State regions and the ability to collaborate within the broader region and with the federal government. He indicated that all examinations of these systems will be done in both a qualitative and quantitative manner, seeking to discern which pathways the Board elects to move toward and what accompanying recommendations might solidify those pathways.

Mr. Mas indicated that the Draft Scope is available on the Energy Plan website and noted that the public comment period will run through November 25. Following the conclusion of the public input

period, the comments will be synthesized, and the Draft Scope will be adjusted accordingly. Once finalized, the Board and the supporting entities will engage in the drafting of the State Energy Plan, slated for release of a draft plan next summer, when additional public comments and public hearings will be undertaken. The State Energy Plan is expected to be finalized by the end of 2025.

Commissioner Reardon emphasized the establishment of labor standards for clean energy jobs in the Climate Action Council's Scoping Plan process and indicated that those issues will be of similar importance in this planning proceeding.

Chair Harris called for a motion and a second to approve the commencement of the planning proceeding and issue the Draft Scope for public comment. A motion was made by Commissioner Dominguez and seconded by Commissioner Reardon. Chair Harris called the vote, which was unanimously approved.

Other Business

Chair Harris noted that the dates and times for future Energy Planning Board meetings will be set in accordance with the needs of the Board.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sarah E. Simpson, Secretary to the Board
Senior Counsel, NYSERDA