

Community Renewable Energy Agency Board Special Meeting Minutes

The Community Renewable Energy Agency Board met in a special public meeting on **Monday, July 14, 2025**, at Millcreek City Hall, located at 1330 E. Chambers Avenue, Millcreek, UT 84106 and participated electronically via GoToMeeting.

PRESENT:

Board Members

In person

Christopher Thomas, *Salt Lake City*

Emily Quinton, *Summit County*

Drew Quinn, *Holladay*

Jeff Silvestrini, *Millcreek*

Electronic

Dan Dugan, *Chair, Salt Lake City*

Chris Cawley, *Alta*

Lorenzo Long, *Ogden*

Randy Aton, *Springdale*

Melodie McCandless, *Grand County*

Patrick Schaeffer, *City of Kearns*

Suzanne Harrison, *Salt Lake County*

Emily Paskett, *Salt Lake County*

Alexi Lamm, *Moab*

Kyla Topham, *Springdale*

Holly Smith, *Holladay*

Dustin Gettel, *Midvale City*

Luke Cartin, *Park City*

Roger Armstrong, *Summit County*

Erinn Summers, *Midvale*

Kaitlin Myers, *Moab*

In Person Attendees: Kurt Hansen, *Millcreek*; Alex Wendt, *Millcreek*

Electronic Attendees: Nader Sobhani, *DEA*; Bob Davis, *Division of Public Utilities*; Brenda Salter, *Division of Public Utilities*; Samantha Pensari, *Stewardship Utah*

Minutes by Alex Wendt, Millcreek Deputy Recorder.

REGULAR MEETING – 1:00 p.m.

TIME COMMENCED: 1:03 p.m.

- 1. Welcome, Introduction, and Preliminary Matters**
 - 1.1 Purpose and Overview of Meeting**

1.2 Current Participation Percentages included in Board Packet

2. Business Matters

2.1 Overview of Anticipated Public Service Commission process for the Utah Renewable Communities Program Application, Docket No: 25-035-06 *Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Implement Community Clean Energy Program Authorized by the Community Clean Energy Act*

Board Member Christopher Thomas reviewed the schedule for the Program Application Docket. Agency direct testimony is due July 18th. The Division of Public Utilities and Office of Consumer Services will submit testimony as well as the Sierra Club, Western Resource Advocates, and possibly other organizations that tend to intervene in Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) dockets in front of the Public Service Commission (PSC), especially when clean energy is involved. The final hearing is scheduled for December 16th. A public witness hearing will happen on the night of December 16th. It is reasonable to expect a decision from the PSC thirty days after the hearing. It is possible that the Board will receive data requests as part of discovery. The Agency has submitted data requests to RMP asking for further information. Board Member Quinton asked how the hearings will be held. Mr. Thomas said there is a Google Meet option to attend. Mr. Thomas explained potential reasons to go into a closed session in this meeting, but it depended on the questions asked and whether they pertain to pending litigation.

2.2 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2.3 Closed Session if Needed

There was no closed session.

2.4 Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 25-08, Resolution of the Board Regarding Additional Program Design recommendations

Mr. Thomas spoke about the resolution which was suggested by the Agency's outside attorney. If the Program is terminated what should happen? Evaluate remaining funds and notify clean energy developers that a program power purchase agreement (PPA) will terminate on a date certain when remaining funds are exhausted. Notify and then unenroll Program Participants. If a dedicated resource reserve fund contains sufficient balance to cover the Program's remaining assigned share of a PPA that balance may be expended for this purpose until the reserve fund is exhausted. If the net-cost of clean energy resources is higher than anticipated, clean energy should continue to be acquired at a Program cost no more than \$3-\$4 per month for the average resident until the net-100% clean energy target is reached, even if later than 2030. There would have to be a hearing before the Commission before a termination. Board Member Silvestrini said that the cost of \$3-\$4 per month per resident has been hard fought for. They do not wish to impose a great burden on residents and having this in the resolution is important. The program is predicated on the idea that costs be manageable. It is important to clearly communicate this policy to both the PSC and RMP. Mr. Thomas continued by speaking about Board testimony. Board members, alternate board members, and experts can submit testimony on behalf of the Agency if it is done in consultation with the Agency's attorney and Program Design Committee, and it cannot be inconsistent with any Board resolution. Any settlement stipulation must be voted on by the Board. There must be acknowledgement

that final Program rates and charges and design details will be established by order of the Utah Public Service Commission. Chair Dugan said that no matter what happens with the hearing and the PSC, each community, city or county, needs to still approve the Program by ordinance in their jurisdiction. Board Member Silvestrini talked about testimony that has been already fleshed out for Chair Dugan Board Member Silvestrini and Mr. Thomas on a few different topics. The testimony is about the history of the program, why communities want to participate, and the structure adopted with respect to financing and the anchor communities. If anyone has any questions about that testimony it is confidential until it is filed but it can be spoken about in a closed session.

Board Member Gettel said that he fully trusts the testimony being developed. Board Member Quinton said she feels the Board is striking a balance between enabling this process to move forward and testimony be submitted while allow the Board to make decisions when appropriate. Board Member Paskett asked how Resolution 25-08 would impact each community's net 100% goal. Board Member Thomas explained that it would not alter any community's individual goal. The goal is still net 100% by 2030 and a board resolution could state that if it takes longer than 2030 to achieve the goal while maintaining an affordable program then the board could continue to pursue the goals on a longer timeline.

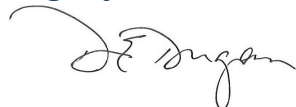
Board Member Silvestrini made the motion to adopt Resolution 25-08, Resolution of the Board Regarding Additional Program Design Recommendations. Board Member Gettel seconded the motion. Chair Dugan asked for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

2.5 Board Member Comments

Board Member Silvestrini thanked Mr. Thomas for his hard work for the Agency and wishes him the best of luck in his future. Board Member Thomas said it has been an honor to serve this Board and has been the highlight of his career. There have been 15 bids for the resource solicitation. They Agency will probably be receiving about \$200,000 for the resource solicitation bid fees.

3. Adjournment

Board Member Silvestrini made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Quinn seconded the motion. Chair Dugan asked for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

APPROVED:  Date 8/7/2025
Dan Dugan, Chair

ATTEST:


Emily Quinton, Secretary