
 <p>COMMUNITY POWER COALITION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES</p> <p>Meeting Type: Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Meeting Location: 14 Dixon Ave, Suite 201, Concord, NH 03301 Meeting Date: Thursday December 28, 2023 Meeting Time: Noticed for 10AM @ CPCNH.org & Lebanon City Hall</p>
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1. Welcome & Roll Call

Chair Below opened the meeting at 10:02am. Seventeen of twenty Directors were present with 5 Directors attending in person at the physical location meeting the 25% quorum requirement of five. The Directors attending remotely each stated that it was not reasonably practical to travel to the meeting location to attend in person.

Member	Director	Present/Absent
Walpole	Paul Looney	Present (Virtual)
Hanover	April Salas	Absent
Durham	Steve Holmgren	Present (Virtual)
Enfield	Kim Quirk	Present (Virtual)
Exeter	Nicholas Devonshire	Absent
Peterborough	Bruce Tucker	Present (Virtual)
Webster	David Hemenway	Absent
Portsmouth	Kevin Charette	Present (Virtual)
New London	Jamie Hess	Present (Virtual)
Plainfield	Evan Oxenham	Present (Virtual)
Newmarket	Joseph Lamattina	Present
Warner	Clyde Carson	Present (Virtual)
Cheshire County	Terry Clark	Present (Virtual)
Pembroke	Matt Miller	Present
Harrisville	Andrea Hodson	Present (Virtual)
Randolph	Kathleen Kelly	Present (Virtual)
Dover	Jackson Kaspari	Present
Lebanon	Clifton Below	Present

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Nashua	Doria Brown	Present (Virtual)
Rye	Lisa Sweet	Present

Additional staff and guests in attendance in person:

CPCNH CEO Brian Callnan

Director of Regulatory & Legislative Affairs Deana Dennis

Enfield Alternate Member Representative, Jo-Ellen Courtney

Canterbury Member Representative, Howard Moffett

Additional guests in attendance virtually:

Barrington Member Representative, Paul Panish

Berlin Alternate Member Representative, Henry Noel

Dover Member Representative, Bill Baber

Franconia Member Representative, Chuck Lukasic

Hampton Falls Member Representative, Carol Schutte

Hampton Falls, Alternate Member Representative, William Perkins

Hudson Member Representative, Craig Putnam

Kensington Alternate Member Representative, Charlie Horn

Loudon Member Representative, George Saunderson

Merrimack County Alternate Member Representative, Jessica Riendeau

Samuel Golding, Community Choice Partners

Andrew Hatch, RBG

R. Keith Gordon, Charles Willing, D. Federico, Beth Fenstermacher, Dorothy Currier,
“Property Land”

2. Approve Minutes of the 11/30/23 Board Meeting (Action Item)

Director Miller moved to approve the minutes from the 11/30/23 Board of Directors meeting. Seconded by Director Kaspari. Hearing no objection, Chair Below declared the minutes approved by unanimous consent.

3. Admit & Welcome the towns of Springfield, Temple, and Dalton as our 50th to 52nd Members and Merrimack County as our 53rd Member (Action Item)

Chair Below shared that the Town of Charlestown could be added to this list of new members as CPCNH is in receipt of their JPA, making them CPCNH’s 54th Member.

Director Sweet moved to welcome and admit the towns of Springfield, Temple, Dalton, Charlestown, and Merrimack County as Members. Seconded by Director Kaspari. Hearing no objection, Chair Below declared the motion approved by unanimous consent without objection.

Chair Below welcomed the Member Representatives listed below:

Springfield Member Representative: Steve Dzubak, Alternate: Samantha Morris



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Temple Member Representative: Robert Wills, Alternate: Bev Edwards
Dalton Member Representative: TBD
Charlestown Member Representative: TBD
Merrimack County Member Rep: Ross Cunningham, Alternate: Jessica Riendeau
Additional towns have voted to approve the JPA, but we have not yet received their signed JPAs.

4. CEO's Recommendation on Rates (Action Item)

Report on Risk Management and Finance Committee review of proposed rates from 12/21/23 joint meeting.

Director Miller shared that the Finance Committee and the Risk Management Committee met jointly to discuss the CEO's recommended rates and were all comfortable with endorsing the rates.

There was significant discussion on the differences between the different utility rates which are listed below:


Eversource - 8.285
Liberty - 9.758
Unitil - 10.718
CPCNH - 8.1

Director Miller shared that Eversource had a very large reconciliation rebate for their residential customers which might have made it more difficult for CPCNH to come in below their rate, but they did. The Eversource Commercial rate was quite high because they undercollected. As part of their motion, the two committees requested that CEO Callnan review the commercial rate for the Eversource served CPCNH communities to see if anything could be done to improve rates the coalition had offered without affecting retail rates.

Chair Below pointed out that without Eversource's reconciliation of their residential ratepayers their rate would have been 1.5 cents higher and because of their undercollection with their commercial ratepayers their commercial rate was up 1.5 cents. These are both unusual and significant reconciliations for a large utility. The reconciliation goes over a year long period, and was included in CPCNH's last rate adjustment.

CEO Callnan offered a detailed explanation of the Energy Service Rate Recommendations. Director Holmgren and Director Hodson requested clarification on the titles and explanations of the headings. The request is to make it more clear that the Estimated column is the estimated cost for a customer that used 600 KWh of power over a one month period, and that the next column over from the estimated column represents the estimated savings for the customer over six months. To make it more clear the headings will be more detailed because they are not kept to the footnotes.

Director Miller shared that it might be helpful to have the specifications be classified as small, medium, or large or residential because it becomes unambiguous and if you have the characteristic specifications of those accounts and you know which account you would fall into.

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Director Brown and Director Kaspari mentioned that they would be interested in CPCNH pursuing the option of a one-year rate for municipalities.


Director Kaspari thanked the staff for working to answer all of the questions and get the rate proposals done efficiently.

Board members were thankful that CPCNH was able to get the monthly commercial rates to be a load weighted average equal to the Granite Basic rate.

Director Hess shared that the Rate Period Budget Variance Report heading should say Spring not Fall.

Director Brown moved to adopt the recommendations for the CPCNH Energy Service spring rates as presented at the December 28, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting. Seconded by Director Miller. Chair Below called for a roll call vote on the motion. Chair Below declared the motion approved unanimously after the roll call vote.

Member	Director	Vote
Walpole	Paul Looney	Y
Hanover	April Salas	Absent
Durham	Steve Holmgren	Y
Enfield	Kim Quirk	Y
Exeter	Nicholas Devonshire	Absent
Peterborough	Bruce Tucker	Y
Webster	David Hemenway	Absent
Portsmouth	Kevin Charette	Y
New London	Jamie Hess	Y
Plainfield	Evan Oxenham	Y
Newmarket	Joseph Lamattina	Y
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5. Regulatory & Legislative Affairs Committee Report (RLAC) (Action Item)

The CPCNH RLAC met on the afternoon of 12/21/23 to review legislation that will be introduced in the new session. The committee recommended the positions CPCNH should take on certain bills. This information was included in the board meeting agenda packet. Significant

Discussion ensued, including that the RLAC Committee is working on clarifying its process for reviewing legislation to make sure that whole parties, all members of interest are evaluated before moving forward with recommendation.


Committee Chair Baber shared that the committee was given the list of bills with limited time to go over them, but they managed to have extensive discussions and grade each one as they got through them. Individual bills were discussed and explained. Directors suggested that the process be more streamlined as this process took up meeting time as each bill needed to be explained as the benefit of the discussion in the RLAC was not had by all members.

Director Hess suggested that we trust the RLAC and CPCNH staff to make these types of decisions on behalf of CPCNH members.

It was suggested by Director Hodson to focus on the top urgent legislative responses that CPCNH needs to enable the RLAC to be able to do on behalf of members. The position of the organization and bill support should align with that. The board should vote on the stance of the organization rather than the stance on individual bills.

Director Kaspari moved that the board authorize RLAC and staff to engage with the legislature as appropriate to represent the interests of CPCNH on the bills described in the spreadsheet and minutes with the understanding that this process and these bills will be revisited in January. Second by Director Sweet. Chair Below called for a roll call vote on the motion. Chair Below declared the motion approved unanimously after the roll call vote.

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6. Board Approval for Chair appointment of Mark Terry, Member Representative from Westmoreland, to the Member Outreach & Engagement Committee (MOEC).

MOEC voted unanimously at their December meeting to request this.

Director Miller moved to approve Chair Below to assign Mark Terry, Westmoreland Member Representative, as an additional member of the Member Outreach & Engagement Committee (MOEC). Seconded by Director Kaspari. Hearing no objection, Chair Below declared the motion approved by unanimous consent without objection.

7. Other updates business, questions & reflections.

The next Board meeting will be held on January 25th at the CPCNH Concord office (14 Dixon Ave., Suite 201) with virtual accommodation.

9. Adjournment

Director Kaspari moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:58pm. Seconded by Director Miller. Hearing no objection, Chair Below declared the motion approved by unanimous consent, without objection.