



## Board of Directors Meeting

### **CAC Annotated Version**

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

6:00 pm

In Person

The Lake Merritt Room

Cal State East Bay - the Oakland Center

In the Transpacific Centre

1000 Broadway, Suite 109

Oakland, CA 94607

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#### **1. Welcome & Roll Call**

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **3. Public Comment**

*This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on any EBCE-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda. Public comments on matters listed on the agenda shall be heard at the time the matter is called. As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the Board are customarily limited to two minutes per speaker and must complete an electronic speaker slip. The Board Chair may increase or decrease the time allotted to each speaker.*

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **4. Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2023**

#### **5. Contracts Entered into (Informational Item)**

#### **6. Treasurer's Report**

Report on EBCE's cash position as of Sept 30, 2023

## 7. Department of Energy Conflict of Interest Policy

Adoption of DOE conflict of interest policy

## 8. CSA with Project6

Direct CEO to negotiate agreement with Project6 for Web Development services

## 9. CQuant Contract Renewal

Renewal of cQuant CSA

### REGULAR AGENDA

## 10. CEO Report

## 11. CAC Chair Report

**Net Billing Tariff (NBT):** The CAC requests that the Board hear this item with enough time to make a recommendation that allows staff to create an alternative to NBT if that is the Board's direction. Dec 2024 seems too far out to ask the Board for direction.

### **Community Innovation Grants:**

- Desire to see smaller grants and easier applications for Small, Local, and Emerging Businesses and Community Based Organizations.
  - Recommend a couple smaller (50k) multi year grants.
  - Request a few small 1 time grants for pilot projects/ proof of concepts
- Looking to see a presentation of an issue and an RFP issued on how to address those issues, as opposed to entirely prescriptive grant offerings.
- Recommend the same selection process as used last round. (a combination of Board and CAC members received, reviewed, and selected the grantees)
- Strongly support staff's idea of providing technical assistance to small, local, and emerging businesses and CBOs who want to apply for grants.
- Support the Resilience Hubs and Clean Energy Jobs concepts, with less enthusiasm in Energy Education/Awareness and Community Ownership of EV charging stations as presented. Innovation grants should be separate from marketing and advertising budgets.

## 12. Emissions Overview (Informational Item)

### Informational Overview on Emissions

Great job on lower increases in electricity rates than other CCAs. Good trajectory to achieve 75% renewables and 100% carbon free by 2030 without nuclear. Our CO<sub>2</sub>e/MWh is falling behind other similarly sized CCAs who also do not have nuclear and also offer cost savings. Pleased to see the nuclear allocation is not as significant a factor as previously projected.

We could be cleaner, would like lower CO<sub>2</sub>e/MWh and would prefer to see more local renewables. The new accounting method measures the emissions in the air our constituents breathe, it is important to reduce environmental pollutants here.

CAC expressed concerns regarding staff portrayal of the 'trade-off' between nuclear and greenhouse gas emissions. In 2020, the Board voted to take the nuclear allocation and sell it, but were unable to do so due to lack of demand.

## 13. Joint Powers Authority Amendment (Action Item)

Adopt an amendment to change name to Ava Community Energy

*Support staff's recommendation: passed with 1 abstention and all others yes.*

## 14. Legislative Update (Informational Item)

Informational update on the 2023 state and federal legislative process

## 15. Sunzia Project Agreement (Action Item)

Requesting approval of long term Agreement for 150 MW of Wind online by 9/30/26

CAC discussion ensued about need and desire to fund local projects, ultimately supporting the project by a vote of 5 (yes) to 4 (abstentions).

## 16. Board Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future Board agendas

- \$14.75M from the budget meeting that was to return to us before the end of the year to make a decision on its use.
- The same funds from this year's budget to decide the desired use
- status update on bringing the call center in house
- intentions with the acquired property in Oakland

## 17. Closed Session

· Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code § 54957: Chief Executive Officer.

## **18. General Report Out of Closed Session**

## **19. Adjourn**

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm.