



Draft Minutes
Community Advisory Committee Meeting
November 17, 2025
6:00 pm

In Person:
Board Room
Ava Community Energy
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Oakland, CA 94612

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C1. Welcome & Roll Call

Present: Members: Landry, Balkissoon, Stephenson, Swaminathan, Lakshman, Pacheco, Harper, Lutz and Vice-Chair Souza and Chair Hernandez

Not Present: Members: Weiner

C2. (2:29) Public Comment

This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on any Ava Community Energy-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 Committee are customarily limited to three minutes per speaker and must complete an electronic [speaker slip](#). The Committee Chair may increase or decrease the time allotted to each speaker.

(2:59) Public Comment: Daniela Suarez from Local Clean Energy Alliance spoke in support of bill credits for CARE/FERA customers.

C3. (5:21) Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2025

Vice-Chair Souza motioned to approve the October 20, 2025 minutes with an amendment to add Member Pacheco's comment about proposing that the board consider not providing service for new AI data centers. Member Pacheco seconded the motion which was approved 6/0/1/4/1

(yes/no/abstain/recuse/not present):

Yes: Members: Stephenson, Lakshman, Pacheco, Harper, Vice-Chair Souza and Chair Hernandez

No: none

Abstain: Members: Landry, Balkissoon, Swaminathan and Lutz

Recuse: none

Not Present: Member Weiner

C4. (14:23) CAC Chair Report

Vice-Chair Souza provided a verbal report on the October board meeting.

C5. (17:31) SmartHome Battery and Resilience Hub Budget Approval and Program Design (Board Action Item)

Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Use of Previous Budget Allocation and Program Design for the SmartHome Battery Program

JP Ross, Vice President of Local Development, introduced the item and answered questions from CAC members.

(1:31:12) Public Comment: Dohee Kim spoke in support of the CCA workforce and EJ Alliance's recommendation for different allocations to community resilience hubs, noting many resilience hubs don't have solar arrays already and would benefit from different solar financing support.

(1:34:34) Public Comment: Ann Harvey asked why running the VPP would cost Ava substantial money, and she raised concerns about whether CARE/FERA customers could participate given the upfront costs.

Chair Hernandez motioned to approve the staff recommendation. Member Balkissoon seconded the motion, which was approved 9/1/0/0/1

(yes/no/abstain/recuse/not present):

Yes: Members: Landry, Balkissoon, Swaminathan, Lakshman, Pacheco, Harper, Lutz, Vice-Chair Souza and Chair Hernandez

No: Member Stephenson

Abstain: none

Recuse: none

Not Present; Member Weiner

C6. CSA for Customer Programs Roadmap Consultant (Board Action Item)

Approve Consulting Services Agreement for consultant to support the Customer Programs Roadmap

Annie Henderson, Chief Customer Officer, presented the request for authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with Deloitte for the customer programs roadmap.

Committee members expressed concerns about several aspects of the proposal, including the selection of Deloitte as the consultant due to their contracts with ICE/DHS, though they appreciated the roadmap process itself.

(2:49:36) Public Comment: Mahal, an AVA customer, spoke in opposition to contracting with Deloitte due to their work with ICE and DHS.

Chair Hernandez motioned to reject the staff recommendation and to support the customer services program. Member Balkissoon seconded the motion, which was approved 7/0/2/0/1 (yes/no/abstain/recuse/not present):

Yes: Members: Landry, Balkissoon, Lakshman, Pacheco, Harper, Lutz and Vice Chair Souza

No: none

Abstain: Members Swaminathan and Chair Hernandez

Recuse: none

Not Present: Member Weiner

C7. (3:19:02) 2025 Legislative Wrap-up and 2026 Preview (Board Informational Item)

Review the California 2025 legislative session and a preview of the 2026 session

Sam Siddle, Legislative Lead for Ava Community Energy, provided a brief update on the legislative session and answered questions from CAC members.

Chair Hernandez opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

C8. (3:34:09) Ad Hoc Committee Update (CAC Informational Item)

There were no Ad Hoc Committee updates

C9. (3:34:16) CAC Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future Community Advisory Committee Meeting Agendas

C10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

The next Community Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm.