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MICHIGAN COUNCIL ON CLIMATE SOLUTIONS MEETING Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021 – 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Find meeting information at [Michigan.gov/Climate](https://www.michigan.gov/Climate)

Attendees

Paul Ajegba	Marnese Jackson
Frank Beaver	Gary McDowell
Liesl Clark	Phyllis Meadows
Susan Corbin	Jonathan (Peck) Overpeck
Mary Draves	Tanya Paslawski
Kerry Duggan	Cynthia Render-Williams
Dan Eichinger	Phillip Roos
Rachel Eubanks	Dan Scripps
Aaron Ferguson (on behalf of Elizabeth Hertel)	Derrell Slaughter
Jim Harrison	Samuel Stolper
Brandon Hofmeister	Ronald Vogelwede

Meeting Goals

- Establish the timeline for this group's work, governance procedures for meetings, the values and vision for this process, and how this group will interact with other groups.
- Discuss the vision for this work as laid out by the Governor's Executive Orders and other governing authority for this process.
- Look at the current Michigan profile and potential pathways to reach short-term and long-term decarbonization goals.

Meeting Notes

- **Welcome, Introductions (Liesl Clark, Director, EGLE)**
 - The meeting commenced at 3:30 p.m.
 - The creation of the Council on Climate Solutions is grounded in Executive Order 2020-182, which is available online at https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3306_88771_102482---,00.html

- A welcome message video from Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II was shared.
- Attendance was taken, and all council members present introduced themselves and shared introductory remarks. Council Member Paul Ajegba shared that when he is not available to attend meetings, Niles Annelin of MDOT will attend in his place.
- **Council Business (Liesl Clark, EGLE)**
 - Mary Draves moved and Jim Harrison seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - Ron Vogelwede moved and Derrell Slaughter seconded a motion to approve the Governance Procedures. The Governance Procedures were approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - Vote on approval of Council officers – Vice Chair and Secretary
 - Nomination from Derrell Slaughter for Phil Roos as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations and no discussion. The nomination was approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - Nomination from Dan Scripps for Derrell Slaughter for Secretary. There were no other nominations and no discussion. The nomination was approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - Dan Eichinger moved and Cynthia Williams seconded the motion to approve the 2021 meeting schedule. There was no discussion. The 2021 Meeting Schedule was approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - Interaction with other groups—plan to cross pollinate with other groups doing similar work, including:
 - Michigan Advisory Council on Environmental Justice
 - Council on Future Mobility and Electrification
 - Energy Transition Impact Project
 - UP Energy Task Force
 - Workgroups—each led by two co-chairs, one outside government with deep expertise on the topic, and one government agency representative. Council members are invited, but not required, to attend workgroups meetings.
 - Timeline
 - Grounding presentations and conversations beginning February 2021. Agendas will shift towards focus on workgroups.
 - Draft report by September 2021.
 - Final report by December 2021.

- **Presentations on Current State of Clean Energy in Michigan, Pathways to short and long-term decarbonization goals (Liesl Clark and Brandy Brown, EGLE; Karl Hausker, WRI)**
 - Karl Hauser of WRI provided key take-aways from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 1.5 degrees report, four key strategies we need to apply in the U.S. to get our energy system to zero carbon, and information about renewable energy.
 - Liesl Clark, EGLE, shared information about the importance of considering emissions by sector and the need for collaboration and partnership to develop robust solutions
 - Dr. Brandy Brown, EGLE, shared information on decarbonization, which has begun both globally and in Michigan.
 - The presentation materials and meeting recording are available at Michigan.gov/Climate.

Liesl shared that we are working with Michigan Advisory Council on Environmental Justice and the Climate Brain Trust, as well as via data collection being done by EGLE, to collect data on disproportionately impacted communities across Michigan.

- **Next Steps (Liesl Clark, EGLE)**
 - Next meeting is March 23 (fourth Tuesday of every month), 3-4:30 p.m. ET.
 - Workgroup co-chairs will communicate with the workgroups, which will then report their work back to the Council.
 - Meeting materials will be distributed to council members prior to each meeting and posted at michigan.gov/climate.
 - Regarding workgroups: EGLE staff will support workgroups ability to access and look at data sources – resources can be sent to Liesl Clark or Brandy Brown; anybody from the public can sign up via a link on the Council website; workgroup chairs will be introduced at the March meeting.
- **Adjournment**
 - The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Approved at March 23, 2021, Council on Climate Solutions meeting.