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**MICHIGAN COUNCIL ON CLIMATE SOLUTIONS MEETING**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, Mar. 23, 2021 – 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams  
Find meeting information at [Michigan.gov/Climate](https://Michigan.gov/Climate)

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**Attendees**

Paul Ajegba  
Frank Beaver  
Liesl Clark  
Susan Corbin  
Mary Draves  
Kerry Duggan  
Dan Eichinger  
Rachael Eubanks  
Meghan Groen  
James Harrison  
Brandon Hofmeister  
Marnese Jackson  
Gary McDowell

Phyllis Meadows  
Jonathan Overpeck  
Tanya Paslawski  
Cynthia Render-Williams  
Phillip Roos  
Dan Scripps  
Derrell Slaughter  
Samuel Stolper  
Ron Voglewede  
Brandy Brown  
James Clift  
Kara Cook  
Judd Herzer

**MEETING GOALS**

- Introduction of the Energy Production, Transmission, Distribution, and Storage workgroup co-chairs.
- Build a shared understanding (high level) on the topic of Energy Production, Transmission, Distribution, and Storage.
- Build a shared understanding of equity and energy justice and how these will be incorporated into this process.
- Understand from the council members what tools and resources would be helpful as we move forward in this process.

## Meeting Notes

- **Welcome, Introductions (Liesl Clark, Director, EGLE)**
  - The meeting commenced at 3:00 p.m.
  - Welcome from Governor Whitmer.
  - Attendance was taken.
- **Council Business (Liesl Clark, EGLE)**
  - Mary Draves moved and Derrell Slaughter seconded a motion to approve minutes from the February council meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.
  - Derrell Slaughter moved and Tanya Paslawski seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.
  - The recommendations from the five workgroups will feed into the Council on Climate Solutions which also coordinates with other advisory councils. The Council then feeds up to EGLE, which informs Governor Whitmer's office.
- **Introduction of the Energy Production, Transmission, Distribution, and Storage workgroup co-chairs (Commissioner Katherine Peretick, MPSC; Douglas Jester, 5 Lakes Energy)**
  - A brief overview of the arc of work for the workgroup and the goals that the group hopes to accomplish was provided.
  - This workgroup will focus on electricity and natural gas.
  - Process:
    - Phase 1: inviting stakeholders to present ideas – written feedback
    - Phase 2: discussion and decision-making
    - Phase 3: putting together final recommendations package
  - This workgroup will meet every other Tuesday, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. starting April 6.
- **Grounding presentations on Energy Production, Transmission, Distribution, and Storage (Dr. Brandy Brown, EGLE; Doug Scott, Great Plains Institute; Chairman Dan Scripps, MPSC) and Equity and Energy Justice (Regina Strong, EGLE)**
  - Dr. Brandy Brown, EGLE, gave a brief overview of the evolution of energy in Michigan.
  - Doug Scott of the Great Plains Institute presented on trends in energy generation, transmission, distribution, and storage followed by Chairman Dan Scripps of MPSC who gave Michigan's perspective.
  - Regina Strong, EGLE, shared information and considerations around equity and energy justice.

- The presentation materials and meeting recording are available at [Michigan.gov/climate](https://Michigan.gov/climate).
- **Open Discussion (Doug Scott, Great Plains Institute)**
  - Doug Scott facilitated a discussion around any remaining questions along with comments on what would be helpful to the council going forward.
- **Next Steps (Liesl Clark, EGLE)**
  - The next meeting is April 27 (fourth Tuesday of every month) and will focus on the buildings and housing workgroup.
  - All of the workgroups will continue to meet.
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- **Adjournment**
  - The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

**\*Meeting minutes approved at April 27, 2021, Council on Climate Solutions meeting.\***