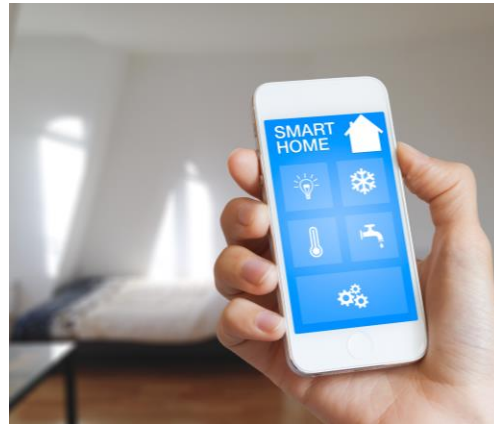


LOW-INCOME ENERGY POLICY BOARD

“Reducing the number of households with unsustainable energy burdens”



Anne Armstrong &
Andrew McNeally

Co-leaders

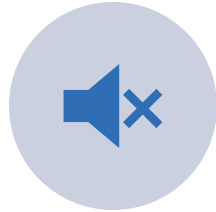
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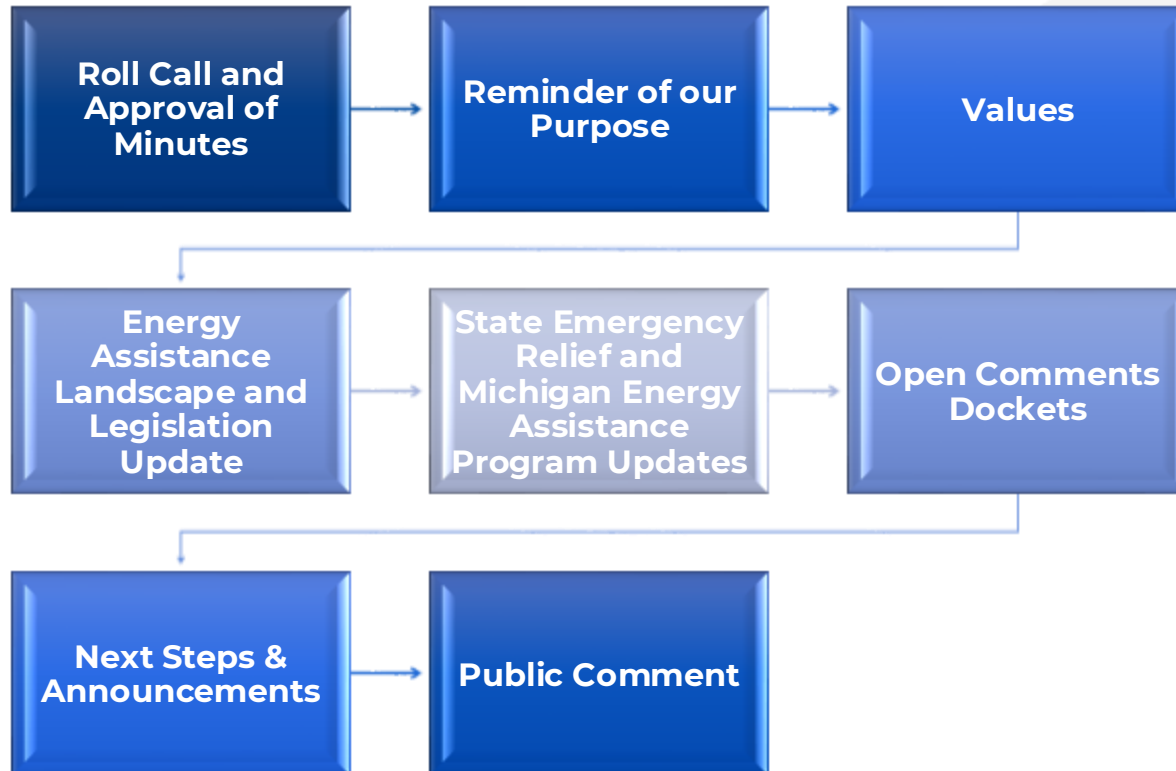
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Welcome and Agenda





Roll Call of Members with Lived Experience & Invested Parties

- ❑ Marie Touré– Board Member with Lived Experience
- ❑ Synia Gant-Jordan – Board Member with Lived Experience
- ❑ Mike Berkowitz – Elevate
- ❑ Rick Bunch - 5 Lakes Energy; Michigan Municipal Association for Utility Issues (MI-MAUI)
- ❑ Alexis Blizman - Ecology Center
- ❑ Briana DuBose- EcoWorks Detroit
- ❑ Patrick Leahy - SEMCO Energy Gas Company
- ❑ Kasey M. Grieco - Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP)
- ❑ Wende Randall - Kent County Essential Needs Task Force (ENTF)
- ❑ Gustavo Rotondaro – Michigan 211



Roll Call of Policy and Staff Experts

- ❑ Cory Connolly – Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, & Energy (EGLE)
- ❑ Nicole Denson-Sogbaka – Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
- ❑ Rachael A. Eubanks – Dept. of Treasury
- ❑ Jeff Guilfoyle – Dept. of Treasury
- ❑ Kelly Rose – Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)
- ❑ Ninah Sasy – Dept. of Health & Human Services - Social Determinants of Health Strategy (DHHS)
- ❑ Kris Schoenow – Dept. of Health & Human Services – Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity (DHHS-BCAEO)
- ❑ Derrell Slaughter – National Resource Defense Council; Governor’s Council on Climate Solutions (NRDC)
- ❑ Brad Banks – Analyst, Energy Waste Reduction
- ❑ Elaina Braunschweig - Analyst, Regulated Energy Division
- ❑ Jennifer Brooks – Outreach Coordinator, Communications Section
- ❑ Jamie Curtis - Grant Administrator, Michigan Energy Assistance Program
- ❑ Christina Forist – Manager, Compliance & Investigation Section
- ❑ Karen Gould – Manager, Energy Waste Reduction
- ❑ Reka Holley - Voelker – Manager, Communications Section
- ❑ Shatina Jones – MPSC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer
- ❑ Amy Rittenhouse - Communications Coordinator
- ❑ Jake Thelen - Departmental Specialist, Compliance & Investigation Section
- ❑ Mary Wilkins - Departmental Specialist, Customer Assistance Division

Approval of Minutes – April 22, 2024

Please respond to the poll:

- ☐ Board member name, vote on April meeting minutes
 - Approve
 - Do Not Approve
 - Abstain



Low-Income Energy Policy Board Purpose



- ❑ Purpose
 - To guide the process of assessing energy affordability and accessibility holistically, especially through linking energy waste reduction services and energy assistance programs.
- ❑ Overarching Goal
 - Reduce the number of households with unsustainable energy burdens
- ❑ Policy Pillars
 - Customer Centered Engagement & Coordination
 - Affordability & Customer Protections
 - Low-Income Energy Waste Reduction

Board Values



We value affordability and inclusion in policy actions that create measurable impact.

We achieve positive outcomes that impact home energy security, health, housing, and a healthy climate.

We build solutions through collaboration and diversity of representation, input, experience, and knowledge.

We act with respect, transparency, and integrity.

Energy Assistance Legislation Updates

Lay of the Land – June 24, 2024

MEAP Bill Package


- SB 353 (Klinefelt)
 - Expands MEAP eligibility
 - Eliminates crisis season expenditure restriction
- SBs 879 (Singh), 880 (Singh), 881 (Outman)
 - Step up LIEAF surcharge to \$2.00 over 4 years
 - LIEAF rollover
 - Expanded reporting and emphasis on statewide fund access
 - Eliminates opt out

Legislative Activities

- Committee Hearings
 - MEAP Action Day at House Energy, Communications & Technology
 - Senate Energy & Environment (June 5)
- Continued conversations and negotiations

Next Steps

- Senate Committee hearing
- Senate floor vote



State Emergency Relief and the Michigan Energy Assistance Program

State Emergency Relief Crisis Assistance

- ❑ Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
 - Status Update



Michigan Energy Assistance Program



- ❑ Michigan Public Service Commission
 - Status Update
 - Wanda Jones

Customer Assistance

- ❑ MEAP Grantee and Customer Perspective
- ❑ Kizzie Kelly, Care Coordinator Team Lead
 - Society of St. Vincent de Paul Detroit



Opportunities for Comment

Case No. U-21637:

Exploring opportunities to improve the Rate Case Process

- ❑ On May 23, the Commission issued an order, [Case No. U-21637](#) initiating this investigation to examine how the experiences of litigating and deciding rate cases can be improved, streamlined, or simplified. The order seeks comment on a variety of process issues.
- ❑ Initial comments are due by 5:00 PM on July 23, 2024. Reply comments are due by 5:00 PM on August 23, 2024.



- ❑ On May 23, 2024, the Commission issued an order in [Case No. U-21638](#) seeking comment on opportunities to expand public engagement in its decision-making processes.
 - Improvements it may make for communicating with the public
 - Explaining Commission activities,
 - Expanding accessibility and participation,
 - Enhancing the transparency of its proceedings.
 - Improving participation of:
 - ❑ Low-income residential customers,
 - ❑ Residential customers that experience high energy burdens,
 - ❑ Individuals and communities impacted by commission decisions.
- ❑ The Commission encourages commentors to consider issues raised in the MI Power Grid Customer Education and Participation Staff Report (pages 38 – 48) surrounding the challenges of public engagement at utility regulatory commissions.
- ❑ A public hearing will be held later this summer to take public comment regarding the issues raised in this docket.
- ❑ Comments must be received by 5:00 PM on September 27, 2024
- ❑ Reply comments must be received by 5:00 PM October 25, 2024.

Case No. U-21567: Energy Waste Reduction Standards and Plans

- ❑ On February 8, 2024, the Commission initiated [Case No. U-21567](#) to begin implementation work related to the new Energy Waste Reduction law.
- ❑ Comments due July 17, 2024.
- ❑ Reply comments due August 9, 2024

U-21547: Renewable Energy and Energy Storage Facility Siting

- ❑ PA 233 of 2023 provides siting authority to the Commission for utility-scale wind, solar, and energy storage facilities under specified conditions. The MPSC has engagement sessions scheduled that are open to the public to gather input on the implementation of PA 233.
- ❑ On February 8, 2024, the Commission issued an Order in [Case No. U-21547](#).
- ❑ The Order directs Staff to file recommendations on application filing instructions, guidance relating to compatible renewable energy ordinances, and other recommendations by June 21, 2024.
- ❑ Comment period until July 17, 2024.
- ❑ Reply comments until August 9, 2024.

U-21571: Statewide Storage Target

- ❑ On February 8, 2024, the Commission initiated [Case No. U-21571](#) to undertake the work required to develop the storage targets and provide guidance on the required annual storage reports.
- ❑ Staff filed its straw proposal methodology for determining a utility or alternative electric supplier's proportional share of the statewide minimum energy storage target in the docket for Case No. U-21571 on May 31, 2024.
- ❑ Interested persons may provide feedback on the straw proposal by filing comments on the docket for Case No. U-21571 by 5:00 p.m. on August 1, 2024.

How to File Comments

- ❑ Comments may be submitted via the Commission's E-dockets website for those with an E-dockets account, via the "Submit Comments" option located within the E-docket file for the case,
- ❑ E-mail Lara-MPSC-Edockets@michigan.gov.

Follow-up Thoughts and Reflections

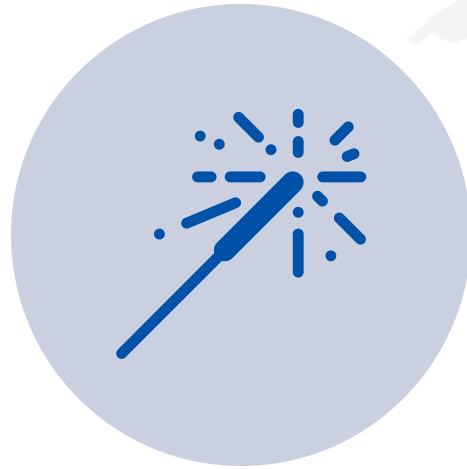


Announcements and Next Steps

Announcements

- ❑ NEW: Critical Care Collaborative
 - Coming out of the EAAC Data Analysis and Regulatory Review (DARR)
 - ❑ December 21, 2023, Case No. U-20757-0618, Recommendation 2.10
 - Session 1: Met on June 20th from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
 - Session 2: August 7th from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
 - Session 3: (IF NEEDED) August 29th, 9:30 AM. – 12:00 PM
- ❑ Upcoming workgroup and subcommittee meetings
 - EWR Low-Income Workgroup, cancelled for July.
 - EWR Health & Safety, cancelled for July.
 - EWR Workforce Development, July 12th @ 9:00 AM
 - Definitions Subcommittee, June 26th and July 17th @ 1:30 PM
- ❑ Voting Item: Board minutes result

Next Meeting Dates



22 JULY



26 AUGUST

Public Comment

