



## BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022, 4:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT VIA TELEPHONE

*City of Arts & Innovation*

PRESENT: Chair Gildardo Ocegüera and Members Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville, Rosemary Heru, and Gary Montgomery

ABSENT: None

Chair Ocegüera called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Tom Evans and Brian Siana spoke regarding the study to achieve carbon neutral energy by 2040.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Member Montgomery and seconded by Member Heru to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously.

### MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2021, were approved as presented.

### BOARD ATTENDANCE

The Board of Public Utilities excused the absence of Member Sanchez-Monville from the September 8, 2021, meeting.

### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

#### STUDY AND DEVELOPMENT APPROACH TO ACHIEVE CARBON NEUTRAL ENERGY BY 2040

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Sanchez-Monville and seconded by Member Montgomery recommending that the Board of Public Utilities (1) receive and order filed staff proposal to study and develop approaches for Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) to achieve carbon neutral energy by 2040; (2) direct staff to work with the United State Department of Energy, National Renewable Energy Laboratory to develop a proposed scope of work including optional tasks for the preparation of a study to evaluate various scenarios and approaches for Riverside Public Utilities to achieve carbon neutral energy by 2040; and (3) direct staff to bring a proposal for the preparation of the RPU Carbon Neutrality by 2040 Study to the Board of Public Utilities by the end of May 2022. The motion carried unanimously.



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### ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Member Sanchez-Monville requested a briefing regarding the progress of the City's Decarbonization Task Force. Member Montgomery requested information regarding Public Utilities' infrastructure and plan to handle the decarbonization process in the future.

The Board of Public Utilities Electric Committee adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LORENA VERDUSCO  
Deputy City Clerk