

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 1:30-3:30pm**  
**Main Conference Room**  
**City Council Ward 6**  
**3202 E 1st Street**  
**Tucson, AZ 85716**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **1) Call to Order/ Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 1:31pm by Chair Stormont

#### **Present:**

Dan Stormont (remote, Teams)	Representative, City Manager
Katy Brown (in person)	Representative, City Manager
Adriana Bachmann (in person)	Representative, Ward 2)
Ojas Sanghi (remote, Teams)	Representative, Ward 3
Garrett Weaver (remote, Teams)	Representative, City Manager
Vanessa Gallego (remote, Teams)	Representative, Ward 1
Rocky Rivera (remote, Teams)	Representative, Ward 5
Natalie Shepp (in person)	Representative, Ward 6

#### **Staff Members and Guests:**

Michael Catanzaro	Energy Manager, Environmental & General Services Department (EGSD)
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#### **Absent:**

Camila Martins-Bekat	Representative, City Manager
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### **2) Approval of minutes**

Jan 14 minutes reviewed:

Commissioner Weaver suggested page numbers and noted that all Franchise subcommittee had been present for the noted approval of minutes.

No other amendments

It was moved by Commissioner Stormont to accept the minutes as revised, and seconded by Commissioner Weaver, approved by voice to submit.

### **3) Report from the Chair**

The Mayor and Council have been busy, so there was much to keep up on.

- CCES members attended the Heat Summit

- CCES tabled with good interaction and outreach for the visibility of the work of the Commission. It was a worthwhile event.
- Large Water User and zoning code changes are in public comment period
  - The Last opportunity will be in the second week of March - related to large water and large energy users
- Marana has a data center on the ballot - keep in our sights

#### 4) **Commission By-laws revision discussion**

Bylaws must be submitted annually to the City - due by end of February

After submission, Commissioner Stormont requests that the Executive Subcommittee and other commissioners review the by-laws to make sure that they fit the role of this commission rather than are a standard, generic commission copy.

Today's goal is to approve the by-laws as revised for the February submission deadline, and continue to review for a later version to be submitted.

Discussion:

- Of subcommittees and processes for formation
- Revisions made to align with other Boards and Commissions documents.
- Section 3. Qualifications: currently reads that the membership of the Commission shall not be employees of the city or county. - Chair Stormont will look into the origin of this statement. If other Commissions do not have this restriction, we recommend removing this requirement. Appointed Ward 6 Commissioner is a County employee - need to clarify and amend.

Commissioner Sanghi read City code and Article 13, Sec 10A134 subsection F (about Boards and Commissions) only restricts City employees to advisory. No listed restriction on County

Commissioner Weaver suggested: the Voting Memberships of the Commission shall not be employees of the City

It was moved by Commissioner Brown to accept the Bylaws as revised to be submitted this month, and seconded by Commissioner Bachmann, approved unanimously .

#### 5) **Annual Report discussion**

Note: The annual report is due in March.

A draft report has been sent for comment and revision to CCES commissioners. Request that comments be noted and returned to Chair Stormont through Energy Manager Catenzaro for CCES approval in March.

Discussion:

- Some of the work done in committee may not be reflected in the current draft. Requests that subcommittees add comments about what has been done within the goals
- Our request for Plan Tucson to include a traceability index or cross-reference may be counted as part of our Goal about library

- We have not talked about goals for next year
- Events and speakers from our meetings have been added

Discussion of working documents, how to communicate and revise within open meeting law compliance.

Discussion of the fact that the Commission can not react as quickly as desired on current topics. There is a need to request and receive tasks from Council, Mayor and Chief Resilience Officer. How to put our experience to best use for them in a timely manner.

Each appointee suggested to meet with their appointer - The City Manager has 4 appointees so there is a need to split 2 by 2 so that there is no quorum.

The Annual Report is a good time to begin to think about the work plan for 2026.

Note: Meeting paused 2:22pm: Alarm sound and request to leave the building.

Meeting resumed 2:37pm

Commissioner Rivera joined - 2:38pm

## **6) Data Center Report discussion**

The initial urgency of the report has changed because Project Blue decisions have been made and current data center projects such as Marana or DM possibilities are not within our scope. There is still value in the information compiled, but our slow moving ability makes it less timely.

Discussion:

The current document, as compiled, has information that needs to be added and some items that may need to be removed for a generic and more easily understandable report.

Add recommendation that TEP align with City's goal for carbon neutral.

Missing note about back-up generators and their public health impact.

No mention of modular nuclear reactors (mnr).

Need to mention information from our meeting visitors.

Consider how to make this general and summarized so it is digestible by people less familiar with the technical items.

Sub Committees will continue to work

Anyone can make 'revisions' or comments to the Word doc. Send the revisions to Commissioner Stormont through Energy Manager Catenzaro.

It was moved by Commissioner Bachmann to re-form the subcommittees due to changes in Commissioners and seconded by Commissioner Weaver, approved unanimously as listed:.

Water Subcommittee: Commissioners Stormont, Brown and Rivera

Energy Subcommittee: Commissioners Weaver, Sanghi, and Shepp  
Policy Subcommittee: Commissioners Stormont and Bachmann

**7) Discussion of concerns about Los Reales Sustainability Campus led by Commissioner Shepp**

Commissioner Shepp made clear that she was speaking as a citizen and not in her professional role during this discussion.

Commissioner Shepp discussed her concerns about the Los Reales Sustainability Campus and the plans to locate a public park at that location.

- Conditions related to leaking methane pose health related problems for people who would be playing and exercising in that location.
- This issue is not being addressed and plans for the park location appear to be moving forward.
- Methane is not the only environmental hazard posed by the landfill
- The public health impact poses an environmental justice issue
- Question: Are the City Environmental Services and Parks and Recreation talking with each other about the implications
- What is the status of plans to cap and capture methane for use?
- The permit from the Department of Environmental Quality is up for public comment and review soon and Commissioner Shepp suggests that that would be an appropriate time for CCES to make a comment on the issue.
- The landfill is not the place for a park.

Discussion:

- Suggestion that CCES work with the Parks Commission to develop a recommendation on this topic.
- Three issues: Health issues of methane, recovery of methane, permit issue
- Environmental issues and Park issues may or may not be compatible for a joint report
- In the 2024, CCES worked with the Parks Commission about Rio Vista Park and a watering plan

It was moved by Commissioner Stormont to form Los Reales Landfill subcommittee, seconded by Commissioner Shepp, and approved unanimously as listed:

Subcommittee on Los Reales Landfill: Commissioners Shepp, Brown and Bachmann

**8) Committee reports:**

Community Engagement and Communications Subcommittee:

- Tabled at the Heat Summit - There was information about the Commission. There were good interactions and connections, We let people know that we have open seats,
- Still working on past minutes to bring to the March meeting for approval.

- Please submit information for submission to the newsletter published by the Chief Resilience Officer Luna to Commissioner Bachmann.

No other subcommittee reports

**9) Energy Manager Reports:**

There are currently no Franchise Agreement updates.

No public comment is open at this time.

**10) Update from Chief Resilience Officer**

February Heat Summit had 250 participants

Comments confirmed that the Youth panel was an inspiring component

Commissioner Sanghi asked if feedback forms are able to be submitted anonymously

**11) Call to Audience - None**

**12) Future agenda items**

Standing agenda item to review Data Center report

Minutes review and approval

Goals

Annual Report

**13) Adjournment**

Meeting adjournment called at 3:32pm by Commission Chair Stormont

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