



**Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 2-4pm**

**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 2:00pm by Chair Stormont

Name	Time	Affiliation
<b>Present:</b>		
<b>Commissioners:</b>		
Dan Stormont (in person)	2:00	Representative, City Manager
Katy Brown (in person)	2:00	Representative, City Manager
Adriana Bachmann (in person)	2:00	Representative, Ward 2
Garrett Weaver (in person)	2:00	Representative, City Manager
Natalie Shepp (remote, Teams)	2:00	Representative, Ward 6
Ojas Sanghi (remote, Teams)	2:00	Representative, Ward 3
Camila Martins-Bekat (remote, Teams)	2:30	Representative, City Manager
<b>Staff Members and Guests:</b>		
Michael Catanzaro (in person)	2:00	Energy Manager, Environmental & General Services Department (EGSD)
Fatima Luna (remote, Teams)	2:00	Chief Resilience Officer
Susana Zamora (remote, Teams)	2:00	Supervisor, City Clerk for Boards and Commissions
Danny Garcia (remote, Teams)	2:00	ADA Liaison for City Clerk's Office
Leslie Ethen (remote, Teams)	2:00	Planning and Development Services
Lee Ziesche (in person)	2:00	
Bruce Plenk (remote, Teams)	2:00	
Raye Winch (in person)	2:15	Ward 6, Council Aide
<b>Absent</b>		
Rocky Rivera		Representative, Ward 5

## 2) Arizona Open Meeting Law briefing from City of Tucson Boards & Commissions

- Presentation by Susan Zamora, Supervisor, City Clerk for Boards and Commissions
  - Discussed a slide presentation, adapted for CCES from the City Clerks web page / “Boards, Committees & Commissions”; “Open Meeting Law”, “Open Meeting Law Presentation” pdf.
  - Notes:
    - A meeting needs a quorum (simple majority of appointed members) (5 for CCES-ck bylaws to align). Staff doesn’t count
      - Current CCES bylaws categorize CCES as Type 2 (need 6 for quorum), but we ought to be categorized as Type 1, (simple majority of appointed).
    - If a subcommittee has 3 members, need 2 for quorum. Caution: if 2 non-committee CCES Board members also attend the committee meeting, then it counts as a full Board meeting, and notice to B&C rules apply.
    - Notices about meetings are posted online and hard copy at City Hall
    - Legal Action (LAR reports) - what is a legal action that our CCES does? Now and future?
      - Approving minutes is a Legal Action
      - Anything with a vote is a legal action
      - Anything that we discuss as advice to Mayor and Council
      - Note: Show count with the vote on all legal actions
    - Minutes must include late arrivals, early departures with time - to indicate what they were involved in.
    - Minutes due to B & C: three days for DRAFT or recording, 2 days for those approved.
    - Meeting agendas can have an opening time and not post a leaving time to leave open the option of stopping early or continuing longer.
    - Call to Audience: not required. Commissioners may not respond to comments from the audience. Exceptions: In response to a call-to-audience comment, a member may request a future meeting agenda item, or respond to direct criticism.
    - Communication between Commissions outside of meetings
      - Recommended to communicate through staff
      - Two commissioners may talk, but not with the intention to make decisions or alliances
      - No “Daisy Chain” or “Spoke and Wheel” communications
    - Violations of Open Meeting law are usually complaint driven. Violators are personally liable. A violation would void decisions made, and could result in a \$500 fine.
    - Recusal for conflict of interest: Recusal should be noted ahead with the Chair. It should be listed in the LAR with the reason for recusal
      - Discussion of the specific situation of CCES with an appointed TEP representative respective to voting and recusal
        - No financial benefit to TEP or to the commissioner personally, so clarification requested
        - LAR mention of recusal and reason will be important if it occurs

- Subcommittee meeting minutes are to be approved in a committee meeting, not the full Commission meeting. The required draft minutes will stand until final approval in the sub-committee. Draft minutes and LAR will suffice if that was the last meeting of the subcommittee.
    - Clarification of document due times: Wednesday meetings - LAR due Monday (3 days), approved minutes due Friday (2 days).
  - Question about location of CCES reports and letters or memos to Mayor and Council or other.
    - These documents are kept for one year by B & C, but not on the public facing site.
    - Some Commissions have maintained a page with reports and documents - CCES had been told that they could not have this to maintain our reports and recommendations. Intention to inquire further about this.
    - A LAR can contain the name and date of any report or letter submitted by CCES so that a person could request it through public records.

### **3) Approval of commission and subcommittee minutes**

- Full Commission minutes can be approved, not subcommittee minutes
- March 11, 2026 meeting minutes approved 7-0.
  - Chair Stormont moved, Commissioner Weaver seconded

### **4) Report from the Chair**

- April 7 Mayor and Council meeting, approved the Energy Cooperation Agreement (ECA). Draft updated to include CCES as a group to look over projects to fund and recommend.
- The consistent funding source for Tucson Resilient Together - fits our goals
- Chair Stormont suggests that we take a role in community education about ECA and Franchise. Caution: Commissioners can advocate personally, but not on behalf of CCES.
- Chair Stormont suggests that CCES invite some groups who talked at MC meetings with concerns about the ECA and Franchise to attend a CCES meeting to hear their concerns in a format where we could respond and ask questions.
- CCES still has a tasking to review public power options, unrelated to the ECA or Franchise.
- Renew Tucson Summit, April 23, 2026, Public notice sent
- CCES vacancies still open

### **5) Data Center Report progress update**

- Discussion of outstanding minutes for subcommittees and how to approve and submit.
- Policy subcommittee:
  - Commissioner Stormont is gathering the references and materials to complete that section
  - Commissioner Stormont will submit outstanding LAR and Minutes for this subcommittee
- Water subcommittee:
  - Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Stormont met and updated tasks towards

- completion of this section
  - Decision to include presentation information offered by invited visitors to CCES on pertinent topics to the appendices
  - Staff Energy Manager Catanzaro noted that the recordings from these meetings are no longer accessible
- Energy subcommittee -
  - Commissioner Weaver noted that this subcommittee has completed their section and sent to Chair to incorporate with other components
  - Will review for revisions and update as needed
- Goal is to finish full report by summer

## 6) Energy options research update

- Distributed Capacity Procurement (DCP) Outline report by Commissioner Sanghi. A report and fiscal analysis submitted to CCES by Commissioner Sanghi.

The concept - Instead of individuals installing, TEP would install solar on rooftops and own the system. This avoids land for fields of panels, reduces pressure on grid locally, and avoids the need for additional transmission lines

- TEP has capital expenditure, so gets to be counted and repaid
- Can happen more quickly than new solar fields, TEP would be able to profit.
- Can be done at scale within the rules of ACC
- Commissioner Sanghi would like CCES to consider a suggestion to the City to work with TEP to have TEP install solar and battery on City buildings.
- Part of the goal is to encourage TEP to research the financials and look into this.

Comments and questions:

- Commissioner Shepp - asked how this report relates to the commission if the City does not control the project.
  - Commissioner Martins-Bekat commented that this report is an expanded version of the Donna Liggins project. Noted that location and distribution analysis needs work. Upgrades may need to be made to a site if solar is to be added.
  - Commissioner Sanghi noted that there was a TEP program previously that was stopped by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC). He is investigating further.
  - Commissioner Martins-Bekat noted that this type of a cooperative project would need ACC approval to proceed.
  - Commissioner Weaver suggested that this could fit within the ECA and TRT 3.1 and could be an impetus for action
- Commissioner Sanghi requests that CCES consider this for a recommendation in May, 2026.

## 7) Subcommittee reports

Community Engagement & Communications:

- tabling at Cyclovia with game

- Tabling with Fatima at PCC Climate Community Day
- Chair Stormont suggested that the subcommittee consider additional ways to communicate with the public about Franchise and ECA

Executive subcommittee needs to meet for bylaws and minutes

Franchise subcommittee meeting:

- The March meeting had 7 audience members in attendance
- The letter drafter, focused on the ECA, is no longer pertinent because M and C have approved the ECA.
- Commissioner Brown suggested that the letter be placed on hold, dormant, until after the November vote to see if the Franchise passes
- Chair Stormont inquired to see if the Franchise subcommittee would like to include the task of educating the public about the Franchise and ECA?
- Commissioner Shepp stated that she would prefer that any education material come from the City rather than from CCES

Data Center subcommittees - reports during previous agenda item -done

Green Stormwater Infrastructure/Safe Streets subcommittee - no meeting

Los Reales - no meeting

## 8) Energy Manager report

None

## 9) Climate Resilience report

Chief Resilience Officer Luna covered items about the ECA

Quarterly report on Tucson Resilient Together (TRT) to M&C on April 21

Annual report happening in July to update to fiscal year timing

## 10) Call to audience

- Lee Ziesche
  - Asked for public hearing on roadmap to Public Power (PP), Energy Storage Systems (ESS), and Energy Cooperation Agreement (ECA)
  - Would like more analysis of ESS, especially
  - Noted that TEP is disseminating information about their report on these issues, but does not hear information from the City's report
  - Thanked the city for responding to the public on the ECA
  - Public feedback summary was unsatisfactory. Opposition positions not fully included
- Bruce Plenk
  - There should be an election booklet for the FA election with pro con opinions
  - FA contains a number of items from 2000 that don't make sense
  - Supports Commissioner Sanghi's work on DCP
  - Questioned the timeline -no money from ECA until December 2027?

- Would like more support for EV's
- Supports ideas for microgrids put forward by Councilman Cunningham
- Raye Winch
  - Wants to make sure that if there are voter publications with public opinion, that there be disclosure about the relationship and possible conflict of interest

## 11) Future agenda items

- Commissioner Brown requested that CCES invite audience speaker Zieche and group representative to speak as a regular CCES agenda item to share concerns.
- Discussion Item about the issue of sufficient public access to information and townhall meeting times for City topics open for public comment events.
- Commissioner Shepp requested a discussion of the time of this CCES meeting - revisit possibility of evening meeting
- Commissioner Sanghi requested a discussion and review of the DCP report for consideration of submission to Mayor and Council.
- Commissioner Weaver suggested a standing agenda item to discuss the tasking from M and C

## 12) Adjournment

Meeting adjournment called at 4:00pm by Commission Chair Stormont

**Under State Open Meeting Law, no topics other than those noticed in the agenda may be discussed.**

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