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Commission on Climate, Energy and Sustainability
Thursday, October 8, 2026, 4-6pm
Hybrid meeting, in person and Microsoft Teams
City Council Ward 6
3202 E 1st Street
Tucson, AZ 85716

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Meeting Minutes

1) Call to order/Roll call

Quorum achieved and meeting called to order by Chair Stormont at 4:02 pm.

Members present

Dan Stormont (in person)	Representative, City Manager, Chairperson
Katy Brown (in person)	Environmental Org Rep, City Manager
Camila Martins-Bekat (online)	Utility Representative, City Manager
Garrett Weaver (in person)	Representative, City Manager
Cassandra Becerra (in person)	Representative, Ward 1
Natalie Shepp (in person)	Representative, Ward 6
Moises Gomez (online)	Representative, Mayor

Members absent

Adriana Bachmann	Representative,e Ward 2, Vice-Chairperson
Joseph Rocky Rivera	Representative, Ward 5
There is no commissioner for Ward 3	
There is no commissioner for Ward 4	

Staff Present

Michael Catanzaro (in person)	Energy Manager, Environmental & General Services Department (EGSD)

2) Call to the audience

There were no requests to speak

3) Approval of minutes from previous commission meeting

Chair Stormont submitted corrections and suggestions.

Motion was made by Commissioner Shepp to approve the minutes of September 10, 2026 as corrected. It was duly seconded by Commissioner Weaver. The motion was passed by a voice vote of 7 to 0

4) Climate Resilience report

Chief Resilience officer not present - no report

No action taken

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5) Energy Manager report

No report. Energy Manager will offer comments during Public Power discussion.

Commissioner Weaver noted the comment passed to CCES through Energy Manager Catenzaro from COT staff about the CCES submitted Data Center Energy report.

No action taken

6) Report from the Chair

- Mayor and Council discussed a proposed MOU with Warbird National, for an education center and golf course on City land leased to Davis Monthan Airforce base. Water reclaimed by cleaning PFAS contaminated groundwater would be used for the project with additional reclaimed for City use.
- Tucson Water will receive a 14% reduction in CAP allocation for 2027. Tucson Water has also agreed to leave additional water allocations in Lake Mead with reimbursement from the Federal government, therefore water delivery for 2027 will effectively be closer to 50% of normal (71,204 AF vs 144,191 AF). Tucson will be able to withdraw an additional 20 KAF from the State Water Bank, which is currently being stored in Avra Valley. The remaining difference may be made up by pumping from the COT well field.
- Mayor and Council voted on revisions to the Large Water User Ordinance. By a vote of 4-3, Councilmember Lee's alternate motion was passed. It reduced the threshold for M&C review from 10000 CCF to 8500 CCF and directed staff to return in 120 days with a plan for requiring a conservation plan at 5000 CCF, comparing the plan threshold to peer cities and providing a list of potential users who would require a plan, and adding a notification to M&C when a large water user exceeds the 8500 CCF threshold during operations. Two of the dissenting votes (Dahl and Schubert) wanted stricter limits and more requirements in the conservation plan,
- The CCES report on Data Center Energy was sent to Mayor and Council. However, a typographical error was noted by staff in the units, which caused a gross overstatement in the energy requirement conclusion. This is an example of the limits of this body to conduct detailed analysis without a robust peer review mechanism in place.

No action taken

7) Discussion about EDF presentation to CCES in September and potential follow-up

- Update: Bonneville Power Authority in the Pacific Northwest is reconsidering their decision to join Markets+. In a letter this month, they have signalled they are leaning toward joining EDAM now that the management has become independent of the State of California
- The letter from BPA led Az Corporation Commissioner Marquez-Peterson to send a letter to the CEO of APS and to TEP requesting additional information to the ACC Docket about Arizona utilities joining Markets+.

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- Discussion of Commissioner Weaver's memo to Mayer and Council with a request to comment to the AZ CC about Docket No. E-00000A-21-0271. Due to the ACC request for information and coming response, the M and C will likely hear about the info at their regular briefing. Decision to send memo was tabled to further meeting.
- Commissioner Martins-Bekat discussed the TEP process and noted the response date of October 8 to respond to the ACC letter.
- Offer of having a TEP speaker at a future CCES meeting to discuss decisions around the regional market choice.

No action taken.

8) Discussion about Public Power Options (Mayor & Council tasking: March 3, 2026)

- Discussion about the options for public power and CCES role in relaying recommendations to M and C.
- Decision to wait until after the November 3 election to review options and make recommendations in light of a future ECA or none.
- Discussion about the possible messaging implied by yes or no votes on Proposition 421. No clear line is drawn between the votes when it comes to public power and sustainability, though some in the community feel that there is.
- Discussion about the need for public comment and engagement, but the limitations that the CCES has which restrict us from doing this.
- Request for TEP representative to expand topics for next meeting to discuss TEP thoughts on distributed capacity procurement (DCP).
- Discussion of resilience hubs and equity issues addressed through different power options. Equity issues were not in the original scope of the report.

No action taken

9) Discussion about Energy Collaboration Agreement (Mayor & Council tasking: April 7, 2026)

- It was noted that some items discussed in item #8 (above) are related to the ECA if proposition 421 passes November 3: affordability, efficiency, workforce
- The ECA is designed to address the issues of social equity and climate resilience.
- It was noted that the ECA acknowledges the City's ambitious 2045 carbon goals, which are more ambitious than Fortis and TEP. The new TEP IRP retains the Fortis goals. Questions were posed about the commitment of TEP to City goals in this agreement, and the relationship between conditions for termination of the ECA and the connection and implications for the FA.

No action taken

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10) Subcommittee reports

- Executive Subcommittee - This committee met to discuss a CCES Board retreat. There is a budget available. A facilitator will be contacted. Locations and Dates under consideration are for December, 2026 and January 2027.
- Community Engagement & Communications - did not meet
- Green Stormwater Infrastructure/Safe Streets did not meet

No action taken

11) Future agenda items and discussion about potential venue change/meeting day and time in the fall

- Continue the same day, format and time for CCES meetings
- Request for TEP presentations on DCP, regional market decisions, and IRP (Integrated Resource Plan)
- Request for Planning Commission consideration of solar battery storage discussion

No action taken

12) Adjournment

Adjournment called at 6:01 pm by Chair Stormont.

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