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**Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3)  
Mitigation Progress Working Group  
Meeting minutes**

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**Meeting Date:** June 22, 2020  
**Meeting Time:** 2:15-3:30 p.m.  
**Meeting Location:** Zoom

## ATTENDANCE

Working Group Member	Organization	Present
Paolo Campos	Patriquin Architects	N
Patrick Carleton	CT Metropolitan Council of Governments	Y
Tony Cherolis	Transport Hartford Academy	Y
Jillian Corley	Eversource	Y
Sam Dynowski	Sierra Club	Y
David Elder	CT Department of Transportation	N
Bill Finch	Discovery Museum & Planetarium	N
Deb Geyer	Stanley Black & Decker	Y
Patrice Gillespie	CT Clean Water Fund/CT Energy Network	Y
Marissa Gillett	CT Public Utilities Regulatory Authority	N
Rob Schmitt	Connecticut Green Bank	N
John Humphries (co-chair)	CT Roundtable on Climate and Jobs	Y
Melissa Kops	Kops Pirie Associates	N
Pat McDonnell	United Illuminating	Y
Stanley McMillen	University of Connecticut	Y
Bernard Pelletier	People's Action for Clean Energy	Y
Charles Rothenberger (co-chair)	CT Fund for Environment	Y
Tom Swarr	GC3 Equity & Environmental Justice Working Group	Y
Brenda Watson (co-chair)	Operation Fuel	Y

Associated staff present	Organization
Brian Basso	Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Rebecca French	Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Jeff Howard	Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Mike Li	Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Cary Lynch	Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Adelaine McCloe	Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Dino Pasqua	Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Edith Pestana	Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Jon Slifka	Department of Aging and Disability Services
Donna Wells	Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

Others present	Organization
Ray Albrecht	National Biodiesel Board
Tyler Anderson	
Henry Auer	New Haven Energy Task Force
Lynne Bonnett	New Haven Energy Task Force
Daphne Dixon	Live Green CT
Kathy Fay	Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven
Nathan Frohling	Nature Conservancy
Hamsa Ganapathi	
Eric Hammerling	CT Forest & Park Association
Lisa Hayden	New England Forestry
Anne Hulick	Clean Water Action

Savannah Kucera	Yale University
Robert Maddox	Sterling Planet, CT Green Building Council
Amy McLean	Acadia Center
Weezie Nuara	Dominion Energy
Chris Phelps	Environment CT
Alan Poirier	
Melissa Schlag	Save the Sound
Chadwick Schroeder	Western Connecticut Council of Governments
Tim Shea	Brown Rudnick
Martin Tipton	Yale University
Mike Uhl	

## AGENDA & NOTES

### Welcome

**Welcome Rebecca French**, new director of DEEP's Office of Climate Planning

### Review of WG timeline

*Mike Li, DEEP Bureau of Energy & Technology Policy*

- Deadline for teams' completion of initial "master" drafts is now fairly close (July 15). In the interim, teams will be reviewing each others' "thumbnail" reports and providing feedback. Rebecca French points out that MPWG teams are well ahead of other WGs in deliberating and in preparing written material.

### Status of Equity & Environmental Justice (EEJ) process

*Brenda Watson, Operation Fuel and EEJ Working Group*

- EEJ WG has assigned a subgroup to review all Mitigation WG recommendations and provide feedback. The subgroup has access to all draft team reports and/or spreadsheets, and review is underway.

### Status of coordination between Mitigation Progress WG and Adaptation Planning WG

*Charles Rothenberger, CT Fund for Environment; and Jeff Howard, DEEP*

- Several conversations have been held, the most recent also involving two members of Science & Technology WG. Clear consensus that mitigation and coordination need to be coordinated and that the intersection deserves ongoing attention. Mitigation WG has provided proposed guidance to Adaptation WG, and review of this material is underway. Review of Mitigation recommendations underway within Mitigation WG; and Mitigation WG will provide its recommendations to Adaptation WG so that a more comprehensive adaptation lens can be applied.

### Team reports

*Co-chairs*

- *Cross and Non-energy* – Thumbnail report complete and master report is coalescing. High-profile recommendations: economy-wide carbon fee; enhanced accountability for state actions to meet GHG targets; accounting for co-benefits of reductions in non-GHG emissions
- *Buildings* – Thumbnail report complete; master report is sprawling and messy and has spawned multiple mini-position papers. But team is making progress in bringing it into shape. High-profile recommendations: lockbox for energy-efficiency funds; holistic quantitative approach to buildings shell improvement; proactive use of building codes; update cost effectiveness test for energy-efficiency programs; comprehensive plan for transition from fossil fuels to renewable thermal.
- *Transportation* – Thumbnail report complete; master report coming together well. Includes EEJ section. High-profile recommendations: price signals for EV adoption; emission standards for medium-duty vehicles; transit benefit for state employees
- *Electricity* – Thumbnail report being completed ASAP; master report still skeletal, but progress being made. Governor's vision of zero-carbon electricity by 2040 is driving the conversation. High-profile recommendations: need for more transmission; off-shore wind.

**Other aspects of Mitigation chapter**

*Mike Li, DEEP Bureau of Energy & Technology Policy*

- *Organization, format, and style* – Rebecca French has developed an *organizational* concept. Energy Bureau staff will convey this to teams ASAP and discuss with co-chairs.
- *Process for decision making regarding analyses and recommendations* – Teams have autonomy to make recommendations as they see fit as they report to WG in July. Contentious issues at team level should be downgraded and/or should be the subject of “minority position” to allow parties that disagree with consensus to be heard. Teams should not necessarily be ranking their recommendations at this point (but so far little clarity on if/when/how this will be done). WG members ultimately will decide on recommendations to be included in WG report. GC3 ultimately will decide on recommendations to be reported to governor.

**Timing of next WG meetings**

*Mike Li, DEEP Bureau of Energy & Technology Policy*

- End of July and end of August, to mesh with the report schedule. Energy Bureau staff will identify suitable dates.

**Public comments (none)**

**Next steps**

*Mike Li, DEEP Bureau of Energy & Technology Policy*

- Review and critique thumbnail reports; complete team reports; prepare for compiling WG report.