
**Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3)
Mitigation Progress Working Group
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: July 27, 2020
Meeting Time: 10:30-11:35 A.M.
Meeting Location: Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Working Group Member	Title	Organization	Present
John Humphries (Co-Chair)	Coordinator	CT Roundtable on Climate and Jobs	Y
Charles Rothenberger (Co-Chair)	Climate and Energy Attorney	CT Fund for the Environment	Y
Brenda Watson	Executive Director	Operation Fuel	Y
Paolo Campos	Associate Principal	Patriquin Architects	Y
Patrick Carleton	Deputy Director	Metropolitan Council of Governments	Y
Tony Cherolis	Coordinator	Transport Hartford Academy at the Center for	Y
Jillian Corley	Commercial/Industrial New Construction	Eversource	N
Sam Dynowski	State Director	Sierra Club	Y
David Elder	Planner	CT DOT	Y
Bill Finch	Executive Director	Discovery Museum & Planetarium	Y
Deb Geyer	Vice President, Sustainability	Stanley Black & Decker	Y
Patrice Gillespie	Municipal Outreach Coordinator	CT Clean Water Fund / CT Energy Network	Y
Melissa Kops	Associate	Pirie Associates	Y
Pat McDonnell	Vice President, Regulatory Affairs	United Illuminating (Avangrid)	N
Stanley McMillen	Visiting Asst. Professor	University of Connecticut, Department of Economics	Y
Bernie Pelletier (Co-Chair)	Vice President	People's Action for Clean Energy	Y
Rob Schmitt		Connecticut Green Bank	Y
Tom Swarr	Liaison to MPWG	GC3 Equity & Environmental Justice	Y

Associated Staff	Title	Organization	Present
Jeff Howard	Environmental Analyst	Bureau of Energy & Technology Policy	Y
Mike Li	Bureau Chief	Bureau of Energy & Technology Policy	N
Dino Pascua	Assoc. Rate Specialist	Bureau of Energy & Technology Policy	Y
Donna Wells	Assoc. Research Analyst	Bureau of Energy & Technology Policy	N

James Albis	Senior Advisor to Commissioner	Commissioner's Office	N
Mary-beth Hart	Senior Coastal Planner	Planning Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse	N
Rebecca French	Director, Climate Change Planning	Commissioner's Office	Y
Doris Johnson	Outreach & Education Coordinator	Commissioner's Office	Y
Michael Malmrose	Research Analyst	Bureau of Energy & Technology Policy	Y

Other stakeholders present	Organization
Tyler Anderson	Robinson & Cole
Henry Auer	New Haven Energy Task Force
Lynne Bonnett	New Haven Energy Task Force
Leticia Colon de Mejias	Energy Efficiency Solutions
Daphne Dixon	Live Green CT
Kathy Fay	Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven
Eric Hammerling	Connecticut Forest & Park Association
Lisa Hayden	New England Forestry
Chris Herb	CT Energy Marketers Association
Gannon Long	Operation Fuel
Chris Phelps	Environment CT
Peter Millman	Eastern CT Green Action
Jon Slifka	Department of Aging and Disability Services
Kai Starn	Steven Winter Associates
Sena Wazer	Sunrise CT

AGENDA & NOTES

Welcome and Announcements

Timeline for sector and WG reports

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- Timeline for sector and Working Group reports.
 1. Sector teams submit draft reports to Mitigation WG, July 29
 2. Sector teams continue to refine drafts, if they wish, July 29 – Aug. 10
 3. WG submits first draft of report to EEJ & Science/Tech WGs, Aug. 12
 4. Sector teams respond to EEJ and Sci/Tech WG feedback, Aug. 12 – Sept. 10
 5. Public comment period and WG presents draft recommendations to GC3, Sep. 10 – Oct. 19
 6. WG presents final report to GC3, Nov. 6.
 7. Phase 1 report presented to Governor, Jan. 2021
- Tony Cherolis suggests developing a readable and less technical executive summary of the mitigation report in order to facilitate more meaningful public comment. Brenda Watson and Lisa Hayden concur.
- Tom Swarr suggests focusing on broad public outreach during phase 2. Advocacy network might be better prepared to make the report more accessible and to get the public more engaged.
- Bill Finch suggests creating a single one-page flyer with a simple, consolidated message would be most effective. Perhaps focus on how a specific recommendation can save an individual money in energy costs.
- Kathy Fay asks, how do we message how broadly applicable GC3 is? And how will we make sure that people can find all of the areas on which we are soliciting public comment?
- Jon Slifka asks whether GC3 we be staggering release of WG reports, or whether WG reports be competing with each other for the public's attention. Rebecca French indicates they will be released simultaneously.

Sector reports

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Status updates:

- Buildings (Bernie Pelletier, People's Action for Clean Energy) – 40 page document needs to be whittled down to 15.

- Cross and Non-Energy (Charles Rothenberger, CT Fund for the Environment) – Draft expected to be sent to the team by today. Meeting on July 29 and will send by COB on Wednesday.
- Electricity (Dino Pascua, CT DEEP) – Draft being developed.
- Transportation (John Humphries, CT Roundtable on Climate and Jobs) – Equity considerations built in from beginning. Reviewing EEJ recommendations tomorrow to implement into the draft report. Anticipating initial draft for Wednesday.

Organization of reports:

- Minimize the number of new recommendations brought forward; reframe some recommendations as strategies. 12-15 pages per team. Teams have flexibility in where and how to cover equity and adaptation/resilience.
- For Sept. 10, will include summary table, glossary of acronyms, and appendices.

Prioritization of recommendations:

- Tentative prioritization helpful for July 29 draft and needed for Aug. 10 draft. Address: (a) equity and environmental justice; emissions reduction efficacy; enhancement of adaptation and resilience.

Team work beyond July 29 – Main focus has been preparation of reports due July 29, but additional efforts will be very helpful: further refining texts; responding to feedback from EEJ and S&T WGs; reviewing edits.

Working Group report

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Aug. 12 draft – For review by Equity & Environmental Justice and Science & Technology WGs. Will be primarily a compilation of team reports, with tentative introduction and minimal editing.

Sept. 10 draft – For public comment. Will be fully edited, and presumably will require WG to be make decisions on: incorporating EEJ and S&T WG feedback; streamlining; review of edits; etc.

Next meeting

Next meeting of Mitigation WG scheduled for Aug. 25. At that point WG will be incorporating feedback from EEJ and S&T for the documents that will go out for public comment. Invitation for meeting has already been sent out. If you don't have it email Jeff.L.Howard@ct.gov.

Public comments (none)

Adjourn

NOTE: *Slides have been sent to attendees via e-mail.*