The Connecticut Clean Economic Council

Launch Meeting

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What is the Connecticut Clean Economy Council?

Governor Lamont created the CT Clean Economy Council through EO 21-3

There is established a Connecticut Clean Economy Council ("CCEC") that shall advise on strategies and policies to strengthen our climate mitigation, clean energy, resilience, and sustainability programs, thereby lowering emissions and advancing the state of economic and environmental justice for our residents.

The CT Clean Economy Council will:
- Identify opportunities to leverage state and federal funding to scale economic opportunities associated with clean energy, climate, and sustainability investments; and maximize local economic development benefits from investments needed to meet climate and sustainability goals;
- Ensure Connecticut's workforce is trained to deliver climate and sustainability solutions;
- Support equitable and diverse participation in climate and sustainability economic development opportunities from both diverse employers and diverse job seekers; and
- Form working groups to address workforce development in specific sectors within the fields of clean energy and sustainability.
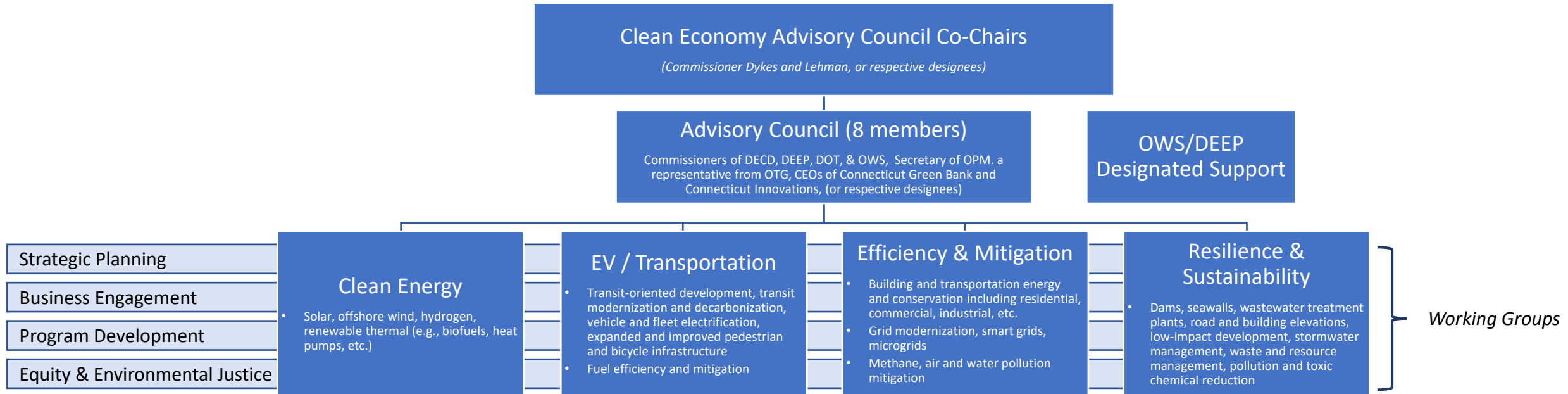
The CCEC is expected to convene quarterly at a minimum.

The CCEC is expected to report out on its work annually, beginning with a report due November 1, 2022.

The Council will include leaders across state government and industry, including:

- The Commissioner of DECD, or the Commissioner's designee, who shall also serve as co-chairperson;

- The Commissioner of DEEP, or the Commissioner's designee, who shall also serve as co-chairperson;

- The Secretary of OPM, or the Secretary's designee;

- The Commissioner of DOT, or the Commissioner's designee;

- The Commissioner of the Office of Workforce Strategy, or the Commissioner's designee;

- A representative from the Office of the Governor;

- The Chief Executive Officer of the Connecticut Green Bank, or the Chief Executive Officer's designee;

- The Chief Executive Officer of Connecticut Innovations, or the Chief Executive Officer's designee; and

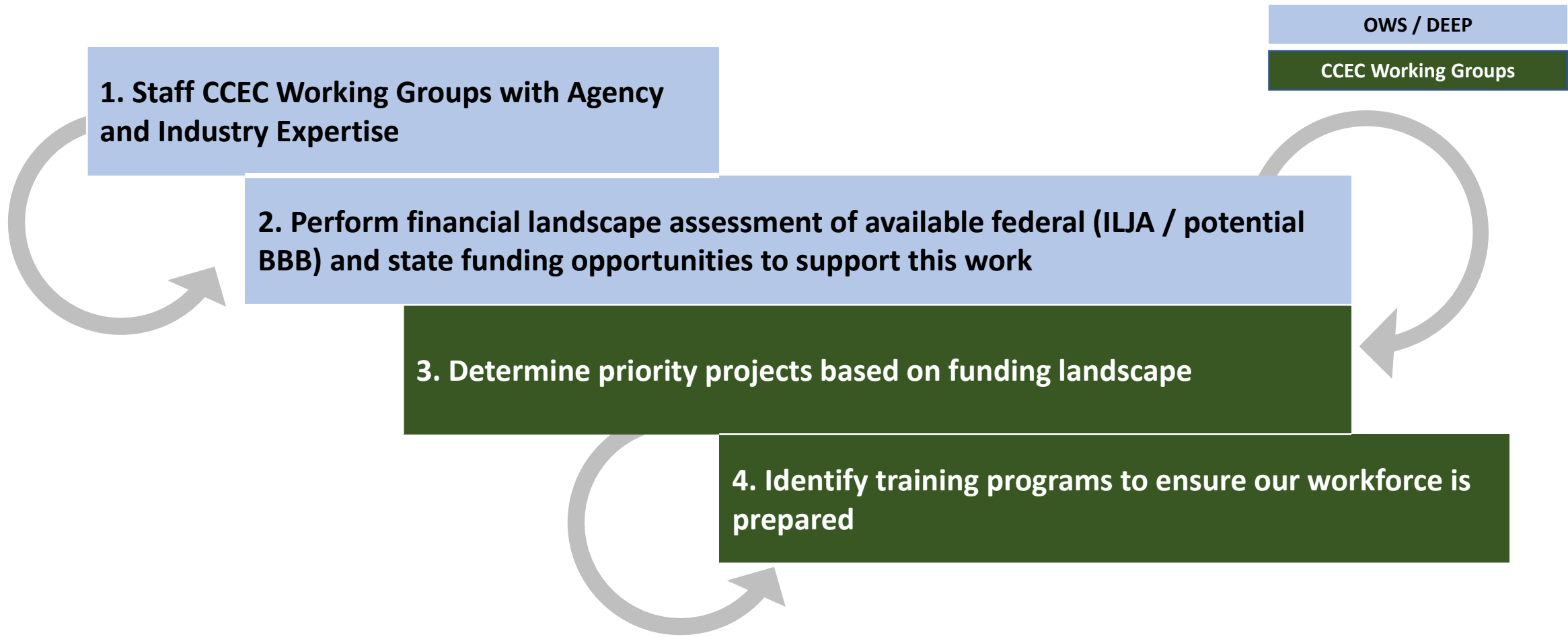- **Any other member so designated by the co-chairpersons.**

The Council will be divided into core working groups aligned to each focus area:

Clean Economy Advisory Council Co-Chairs

(Commissioner Dykes and Lehman, or respective designees)

Advisory Council (8 members)

Commissioners of DECD, DEEP, DOT, & OWS, Secretary of OPM. a representative from OTG, CEOs of Connecticut Green Bank and Connecticut Innovations, (or respective designees)

OWS/DEEP Designated Support

Strategic Planning

Business Engagement

Program Development

Equity & Environmental Justice

Clean Energy
- Solar, offshore wind, hydrogen, renewable thermal (e.g., biofuels, heat pumps, etc.)

EV / Transportation
- Transit-oriented development, transit modernization and decarbonization, vehicle and fleet electrification, expanded and improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure
- Fuel efficiency and mitigation

Efficiency & Mitigation
- Building and transportation energy and conservation including residential, commercial, industrial, etc.
- Grid modernization, smart grids, microgrids
- Methane, air and water pollution mitigation

Resilience & Sustainability
- Dams, seawalls, wastewater treatment plants, road and building elevations, low-impact development, stormwater management, waste and resource management, pollution and toxic chemical reduction

Working Groups

- **Composition:** Each Working Group will include participation from relevant businesses / employers, community-based organizations, and state agencies
- **Core Roles & Responsibilities:** The CCEC Working Groups will be expected to (i) help perform needs assessments that will inform the State's road map for the relevant CCEC topic, (ii) inform the development of workforce training program, (iii) communicate about opportunities within the CCEC topic, and (iv) advise the CCEC in approaches to deploy funding on the previously identified needs and opportunities
- **Expectations:** *Working Groups are expected to meet on a monthly basis and will be facilitated by designated staff support at OWS & DEEP*

Council's goals will align funding streams to promote equity through decarbonization:

1) Leverage **state and federal funding and incentives** as much as possible to scale investment in and achieve Connecticut's climate and sustainability goals.

2) Maximize **local economic development benefits** of investments needed to meet climate and sustainability goals.

3) Support an **equitable and diverse participation** in climate and sustainability economic development opportunities, including ensuring through collaboration that Connecticut's environmental and economic policies are **sustainable, equitable, and inclusive.**

4) Ensure an **adequately trained workforce** is available to deliver climate and sustainability solutions.

5) Ensure CT's climate and sustainability policies are a competitive advantage for **business retention and attraction** in the state.

6) Develop a list of investment priorities consisting of projects that align with federal, state and local climate and sustainability goals. Identify and implement practices that **align funding, projects, and benefits** with priorities.

7) **Leverage the CCEC as a platform to showcase** the important work being done by various businesses across the applicable CCEC working group topics and harness the collective power of these businesses to inform workforce development needs

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OWS / DEEP

CCEC Working Groups

1. Staff CCEC Working Groups with Agency and Industry Expertise

2. Perform financial landscape assessment of available federal (ILJA / potential BBB) and state funding opportunities to support this work

3. Determine priority projects based on funding landscape

4. Identify training programs to ensure our workforce is prepared

What Project Management support will be made available by CCEC members to support these next steps?

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Appendix

The Council will be focused on core areas that promote decarbonization across the state

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Federal Reference:

Relevant CCEC Committee

Transportation	• Roads, Bridges, and Major Projects • Passenger and Freight Rail • Public Transportation • Airports and Federal Aviation Administration Facilities	• Ports and Waterways • Safety • Electric Vehicles, Buses, Ferries	**EV / Transportation ; Resilience & Sustainability**
Climate, Energy, and the Environment	• Water Infrastructure • Power and Grid • Resiliency • Environmental Remediation		**Clean Energy; Efficiency & Mitigation**
Reconnecting Communities	Funds for projects that remove barriers to opportunity caused by legacy infrastructure. The program will provide dedicated funding for planning, design, demolition, and reconstruction of street grids, parks, or other infrastructure		**Resilience & Sustainability**
Broadband	Grants to states for broadband deployment, makes broadband access more affordable for low-income families, expands eligible private activity bond projects to include broadband infrastructure, and supports middle-mile deployment efforts		**??**

What is the best way to administer the available funds?