

## **MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING of the Community Advisory Committee of the  
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California

Thursday, November 17, 2022

1:00 p.m.

*The Community Advisory Committee conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 and COVID-19 pandemic protocols.*

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Fromer called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and Christian Cruz, Community Outreach Manager, conducted a roll call.

<b>East Ventura/West LA County</b>	Angus Simmons	Remote
<b>East Ventura/West LA County</b>	Jennifer Burke (Vice-Chair)	Absent
<b>East Ventura/West LA County</b>	Debbie West	Remote
<b>San Gabriel Valley</b>	Richard Tom	Remote
<b>San Gabriel Valley</b>	Kim Luu	Absent
<b>West/Unincorporated Ventura County</b>	Lucas Zucker	Remote
<b>West/Unincorporated Ventura County</b>	Vern Novstrup	Remote
<b>South Bay</b>	David Lesser	Remote
<b>South Bay</b>	Vacant	
<b>Gateway Cities</b>	Irella Perez	Absent
<b>Gateway Cities</b>	Genaro Bugarin (Vice-Chair)	Remote
<b>Westside</b>	Cris Gutierrez	Remote
<b>Westside</b>	David Haake	Absent
<b>Unincorporated Los Angeles County</b>	Neil Fromer (Chair)	Remote
<b>Unincorporated Los Angeles County</b>	Kristie Hernandez	Remote

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

Board Chair Dr. Julian Gold provided welcoming remarks and thanked CAC members for their feedback and support on programs, scholarships, and messaging this year. Chief Executive Officer Ted Bardacke and Community Advisory Committee Dr. Neil Fromer followed with their support and thanks for the CAC's role and community perspective. Committee Member Lesser announced his resignation from the CAC, effective December 6<sup>th</sup>, and thanked staff and members for their insights during his time on the committee.

### **1. Youth Initiative Presentation**

Committee Member Gutierrez provided an overview of the goals and benefits of the youth initiative for CPA. Community Outreach Manager Christian Cruz provided an overview of the organization Grades of Green and their SOAR program. Committee Member Gutierrez provided an overview of Pando Days, the Magenta House program.

A poll was conducted during the meeting to gauge the CAC's capacity for this initiative. The poll noted that, on average, CAC members could dedicate 2 to 4 hours a month to implementing the CAC Youth Initiative.

The CAC moved to a breakout session to discuss questions related to goals, deliverables, partnerships, and capacity.

### **Break Out Session**

The CAC split into two groups. Group A consisted of Committee Member Lesser, Committee Member Gutierrez, Committee Member West, Committee Member Zucker, Committee Member Tom, and Committee Member Hernandez. Group B consisted of Chair Fromer, Committee Member Simmons, Committee Member Haake, Vice-Chair Bugarin, and Committee Member Novstrup.

Each group discussed youth engagement goals, understanding of renewable energy, equity, and sustainability, and draft deliverables for the initiative. CAC members highlighted that the initiative should focus on energy education with a flexible capacity to allow CPA to provide sponsorships, event tabling, and collaterals to educate youth about renewable energy.

### **2. CPA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan: Update and Next steps**

Director of People and Culture Tanya de Hoyos and Director of Rates and Strategy Karen Schmidt provided an update on CPA's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan. The presentation covered the plan's activities, values, pillars, and goals.

Committee Member Novstrup and Vice-Chair Bugarin asked about establishing a mentoring program and the need for accountability in these efforts. Ms. Schmidt stated that every pillar has a work plan for a different department to follow enforcing workflow accountability and collaboration.

Chair Fromer asked about the barriers hindering success of the DEI plan and the CAC's role in assisting with implementation within the community pillar. Ms. Schmidt noted that one barrier has been program enrollment due to the lack of awareness about CPA and its programs. However, the CAC is critical in assisting CPA in overcoming that barrier by sharing CPA program opportunities with their communities and advising CPA staff on how to design and advertise programs that are responsive to local needs.

3. 2022-2023 Workplan: Key Accomplishments and the Path Forward

Community Outreach Manager Christian Cruz provided an overview and review of the 2022-2023 Workplan. The presentation highlighted key accomplishments to date and the path forward for 2023.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, OR WORK-IN-PROGRESS**

No comments.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

No comments.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

No comments.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Fromer adjourned the meeting at 3:43 pm.