



Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2020

Conference Call Meeting of the Florida Advisory Council on Climate and Energy

Introduction and Roll Call: The Florida Advisory Council on Climate and Energy (FACCE) provides perspectives on a broad range of energy industry issues based on the information and findings of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) Florida Energy and Climate Plan. The kickoff meeting of the FAACE was organized by FDACS Office of Energy (OOE) as a conference call at **11am on March 20, 2020.**

OOE Director Kelley Smith Burk initiated the meeting with a welcome to participants on the call, and an outline of the morning's agenda. The roll call of the 26-person membership for the FACCE indicated the 22 following members were on the call:

- Dr. David Norton, Director of Florida Energy Systems Consortium and Vice President of Research, University of Florida
- Dr. Amy Albee-Levine, Dean of Workplace Development, Lake Sumter Community College
- The Honorable Janet Long, Commissioner, Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
- Megan Houston, Director, Palm Beach County Office of Resilience
- Doug Kettles, Director, Central Florida Clean Cities Coalition
- Luis Nieves – Ruiz, Economic Development Manager, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- Frank Stewart, Manager, FLFM Stewart & Company
- Steve Chriss, Director of Energy Services, Walmart
- The Honorable Matt Surrency, Mayor, City of Hawthorne
- Andrew Sauber, Director of Corporate Sustainability, Florida Crystals
- Emily Gorman, Sierra Club Organizing Representative and Miami Climate Alliance Steering Committee Chair
- Susannah Randolph, Senior Campaign Representative, Florida, Sierra Club Beyond Coal Campaign
- Mark Bubriski, Director of State Regulatory Relations, NextEra
- Tony Guillen, Director of Engineering & Operations, Talquin Electric
- Keith Rizzaedi, Professor of Law, St. Thomas University School of Law
- Morgan Higman, Doctoral Candidate, Florida State University
- Dr. Jennifer Languell, President, Trifecta Construction Solutions
- Patricia "Pat" Steed, Executive Director, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- Sean Sullivan, Executive Director, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- William Blake, Director Alternative Fuels, Tampa Electric Company
- Anddrikk Fraizer, President & CEO, Integral Energy
- Jennifer Szaro, Vice President, Smart Electric Power Alliance

Overview of Objectives: OOE Director Kelley Smith Burk provided the group with information about the importance of their participation, stating that they will be able to share perspectives “on what we can do to move the state forward on energy and climate change.”

Frank Stewart asked if there is a written policy statement and was answered that FDACS released the Florida Energy and Climate Plan in October of 2019.

Overview of Ethics and Sunshine Laws: FDACS General Counsel, Steven Hall, provided the members with information about meeting requirements and member obligations, specifically that: meetings are publicly noticed and should be held on the dates posted; comments will be published; members must refrain from talking about Council business to each other either on the phone or in person; public records laws apply to information and emails about business before the council; the public officer gift ban laws apply to them; no per diem or travel expenses will be authorized; and that penalties exist for violations including removal from the council.

The Honorable Janet Long had a comment and Megan Houston a question about telecommuting.

Logistics: OOE Director Kelley Smith Burk discussed how future in-person meetings will be run. The following was communicated: a meeting in May in Orlando is in planning but contingent upon the status of an existing declared emergency; meetings will be conducted by facilitators from FDACS; meetings will be focused on one or a few areas from the nine areas of the FDACS Energy and Climate Plan; meetings will be located centrally, in or near the Orlando-Tampa corridor; prior to meetings members should review the FDACS Energy and Climate Plan as well as the 2019 Annual Report.

The Honorable Janet Long had a comment and Megan Houston a question about to whom the audience is that the Council is making recommendations.

Conclusion: OOE Director Kelley Smith Burk opened up questions to members of the public and none were heard; then invited members of the press, if any on the call, to contact the FDACS’s communications office. The meeting was recapped and concluded at 11:32am, March 20, 2020.