

Gwinnett County Sustainability Commission**Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 5:30pm**

Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, Second Floor,
Facilities Management Conference Room C,
75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046

Present: Robert Blatecky, Daniel Hilton, Krupesh Patel, Dr. Marshall Shepherd, Dr. Candace Timpte

Resident Attendees: In person: 3; Online: 3

Employee Attendees: In person: 4; Online: 1

1. Call to Order
Robert Blatecky, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 5:32pm.
2. Approval of Agenda
{Action: Approved: Hilton; Second: Patel; Vote: 4-0; Blatecky-Yes; Hilton-Yes; Patel-Yes; Timpte-Yes}
3. Approval of Minutes
 - Feb 21, 2024
{Action: Approved: Hilton; Second: Patel; Vote: 5-0; Blatecky-Yes; Hilton-Yes; Patel-Yes; Shepherd-Yes; Timpte-Yes}
4. Comments/update - Sustainability Officer and Commissioner's updates
Mendie White, Gwinnett County Sustainability Officer, mentioned that the Atlanta Regional Commission is developing a strategy for the electric vehicle "charging deserts". Rob Blatecky, Chairperson, encouraged GCSC members to communicate with the district commissioners to increase awareness of sustainability. Dr. Marshall Shepherd recommended a speaker to present on risk vulnerability and will attempt to have the speaker present during the GCSC meeting in April.
5. Speaker - Bryan Jacob, Solar Program Director at the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE). Bryan was a presenter/intervener at the recent Public Service Commission meeting and will provide a PPT overview on local, state, and Southeast region Sustainability related activities.
Presentation topics included a description of SACE, SACE reports, energy related policies, and what is on the horizon for energy related programs and policies.
Discussion topics included energy usage in datacenters, the change for Georgia House Bill 1312, and electric vehicle policies.
6. Public Comments
No public comments were made.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.

{Action: Approved: Hilton; Second: Patel; Vote: 5-0; Blatecky-Yes; Hilton-Yes; Patel-Yes; Shepherd-Yes; Timpfe-Yes}



Energy Policy Developments in Georgia

Presented to:

Gwinnett County
Sustainability Commission

Mar/20/2024

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ABOUT SACE



The Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE) is a nonprofit organization that promotes responsible and equitable energy choices to ensure clean, safe, and healthy communities throughout the Southeast. As a leading voice for energy policy in our region, SACE is focused on transforming the way we produce and consume energy in the Southeast.

SACE reports

SOUTHERN ALLIANCE FOR CLEAN ENERGY

SOLAR IN THE SOUTHEAST

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE SOUTHEAST

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AUGUST 2023

Under the Gold Dome (206 Washington Street)

[HB 1192 \(Carson\)](#)

Pauses the data center tax exemption for 2-years to study energy impacts.

[SB 457 \(Hufstetler\)](#)

Reinstates a Consumer Utility Counsel

[HB 300 \(Kelley\)](#)

Requires financial assurances for end-of-life solar decommissioning

[HB 73 \(Gullett\)](#)

Requires written disclosure statement ~~and a Certificate of Authorization from the PSC~~ for solar businesses to operate in Georgia

[HB 1312 \(Jasperse\)](#) → [HB 516](#)

Extends the effective date of EV taxation from Jan/1/2025 to Jan/1/2026



One Block Over (244 Washington Street)

[Georgia Power “October surprise” IRP Update](#)

2025: full IRP and rate case

[Vogtle unit 4](#)

[Elections?](#)



Note: There are 94 electric utilities in Georgia. The PSC has limited regulatory authority over the 41 EMCs and 52 municipal utilities.

On the horizon?

[New ERA: Empowering Rural America](#)

[Solar for All](#)

Community Solar ([HB 1152/Camp](#) & [SB 210/Anavitarte](#))

[Clean School Bus Program](#)

Clean Energy Generation Movement



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