

# AGENDA

## COUNCIL LEAD SESSION

Monday, April 29, 2024 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM

President's Dining Room, Donovan Dining Center  
Rhode Island College, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave, Providence, RI 02908

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<b>12:45 – 1:00 PM</b>	<b>15 min</b>	<b>Arrival, Refreshments &amp; Welcome</b>
1:00 – 1:05 PM	5 min	Public Comment
1:05 – 1:30 PM	25 min	Introductions & Icebreaker Facilitated by Vice Chair Peter Gill Case – <i>How do you interact with EE programs in your professional and/or personal life?</i>
<b>1:30 – 2:25 PM</b>	<b>55 min</b>	<b>Future of Gas Docket Update</b>
1:30 – 1:45 PM	15 min	- Stakeholder Committee Update from Consultant Team
1:45 – 2:25 PM	40 min	- Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team
<b>2:25 – 2:40 PM</b>	<b>15 min</b>	<b>Break &amp; Refreshments</b>
<b>2:40 – 3:25 PM</b>	<b>45 min</b>	<b>EE &amp; Climate Public Awareness Campaign</b>
2:40 – 2:45 PM	5 min	- Discussion Framing by Consultant Team
2:45 – 3:25 PM	40 min	- Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team
<b>3:25 – 3:55 PM</b>	<b>30 min</b>	<b>Building Decarbonization Bill &amp; Potential Vote to Support Letter</b>
3:25 – 3:40 PM	15 min	- Presentation by Emily Koo, Acadia Center and Amanda Barker, Green Energy Consumers Alliance
3:40 – 3:55 PM	15 min	- Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team & Potential Vote
<b>3:55 – 4:00 PM</b>	<b>5 min</b>	<b>Wrap Up</b>

### OBJECTIVES

#### *Future of Gas Docket Update*

As a follow-up to the March presentation on the Future of Gas Docket proceedings, the Consultant Team will report on the two most recent stakeholder meetings and facilitate a discussion on policy implications and potential areas for Council input.

### *Energy Efficiency & Climate Public Awareness Campaign*

The Consultant Team will facilitate an internal discovery session to kick off the Council's Energy Efficiency and Climate Public Awareness Campaign. This focus group style conversation will gather Council member perspectives on goals, priorities, target audiences, and key messages to establish a foundation and direction for this effort. The selected vendor, PivotPath, will listen in but not participate.

### *Building Decarbonization Bill*

Emily Koo, Senior Policy Advocate & Rhode Island Program Director at Acadia Center and Amanda Barker, RI Policy Advocate at Green Energy Consumers Alliance, will brief Councilors on a bill that has been introduced in the Rhode Island General Assembly to promote energy efficiency and decarbonization in buildings. Along with other stakeholder groups, the Council has been invited to sign on as a supporter of the bill and submit testimony at the upcoming Senate hearing. Councilors will have the opportunity to ask questions, discuss, and consider voting on such support.

## **DISCUSSION FRAMING QUESTIONS**

### *Future of Gas Docket Update*

- Should Rhode Island consider multiple Greenhouse Gas (GHG) accounting frameworks to make sure the State is not at risk to unforeseen changes to said frameworks in the future?
- What challenges or opportunities do you see for a managed versus an unmanaged transition?
- What do you think we should do with the gas system?
- Are there specific policy areas that the Council would like to weigh in on?

### *Energy Efficiency & Climate Public Awareness Campaign*

- What outcomes would indicate a successful campaign?
- What key messages, themes, or calls to action do you want the campaign to focus on?
- Are there specific demographics or segments of the population you want to target?
- Are there any existing or potential partnerships that the EEC could leverage to promote the campaign?
- Should the campaign address any misconceptions or challenges related to energy efficiency?

### *Building Decarbonization Bill*

- Do you have any clarifying questions about the purpose, scope, or implications of the bill?
- To what extent do you support or have concerns about the proposed bill?
- What do you see as the Council's role in the state's policymaking process?

## **RESOURCES**

### *Future of Gas Docket Update*

- [Future of Gas Update - Consultant Team Presentation \(March 2024\)](#)
- [Future of Gas Docket Documents - Apex Analytics \(Refer to Stakeholder meetings 10 and 11\)](#)

### *Energy Efficiency & Climate Public Awareness Campaign*

- [Full List of Discovery Questions from PivotPath](#)
- [PivotPath Technical Proposal](#)
- [Request for Proposals](#)

### *Building Decarbonization Bill*

- [Bill Summary - S2952 Building Decarbonization Act of 2024](#)
- [H7617 / S2952](#)
- [Sample Letter of Support – Acadia Center](#)
- [Sample Letter of Support – Green Energy Consumers Alliance](#)
- [Sample Letter of Support – US Green Building Council](#)
- [Sample Letter of Support – Institute for Market Transformation](#)