

Florida Energy and Climate Commission Meeting
January 15, 2009
10:30am-3:15pm
Cabinet Room, The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Meeting was called to order by James F. Murley, Chairman of the Florida Energy and Climate Commission at 10:30am.

Members Present:

James F. Murley, Chair
John "JB" Clark
Nils J. Diaz
Howell L. Ferguson
Nicholas C. Gladding
Debra S. Harrison (via telephone)
Timothy T. Jackson
Kathy Baughman McLeod

Excused Absence:

Christian H. Poindexter

Chairman Murley welcomed the Florida Energy and Climate Commission members and members of the public present. All PowerPoint presentations for the meeting were provided in hard copy to the Commission members.

Senator Lee Constantine remarked to the Commission.

Chairman Murley thanked Senator Constantine.

Members were asked to introduce themselves and give brief remarks. All members present spoke. Chairman Murley then introduced Jeremy Susac, Staff Director for the Commission. Mr. Susac then introduced the Commission staff; who are available at any point in time for questions, comments, and requests.

Pat Gleason, Director of Cabinet Affairs and Special Counsel for Open Government, provided an overview Government-in-the-Sunshine laws as outlined in Ch. 119, F.S.

Virindia Doss with the Florida Commission on Ethics presented an overview of state ethics laws.

Governor Charlie Crist remarked to the Commission.

Chairman Murley thanked Governor Crist for his leadership and remarks.

Chairman Murley asked Mr. Susac to begin his presentation.

Mr. Susac presented on the overview of Commission responsibilities.

Mr. Susac presented on the consideration of proposed rules. The Commission adopted a motion to give staff the authority to move forward with the rule adoption process.

Mr. Susac presented on the consideration of grants awarded in 2008. The Commission adopted a motion to give the Executive Director signature authority to execute the 2008 grants.

Mr. Susac presented on the consideration of Solar Energy Systems Incentive Program Rebate Ineligibility Letter. The Commission adopted a motion to give the Executive Director and Commission Clerk signature authority to execute the solar rebate ineligibility letter.

Dr. Tim Anderson, Director, Florida Energy Systems Consortium presented a review of the Florida Energy Systems Consortium's 2008-2009 Report.

Chairman Murley opened the meeting to public comments

Susan Glickman remarked

Mr. Bill Tucker remarked.

Prof. Patricia A. Tucker, MSN remarked.

Mr. Jamie Schlinkmann remarked.

Mr. David E. Bruderly, PE remarked.

Chairman Murley opened the meeting for commissioners to make final remarks and direction to the staff.

Comment 1 – Commissioner Jackson asked staff to put together a list of actions that the state has already taken as to not have the Commission focus their time on something already accomplished. Commissioner Jackson also stressed the importance of energy conservation across all sectors.

Comment 2 – Commissioner Diaz asked that staff bring the Commission up to date on what is critical for them top function. What issues have already been analyzed, what issues are coming in that they need to be made aware of and what issues will be ongoing through the process?

Comment 3 – Commissioner Clark asked if the FECC would use the Florida Energy Commission’s report as starting point for their work.

Mr. Susac responded that it was up to the Commission what materials they reviewed.

Comment 4 – Commissioner Gladding asked if there would be advisory or technical working groups to help the commission on certain issues.

Mr. Susac responded by saying that there could be and it would be up to the Commission if they wanted to look into a specific issue.

Comment 5 – Chairman Murley discussed the possibility of inviting ex-officio members to the FECC meetings.

Commission members were advised that the next meeting will be Monday, January 26.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by FECC staff.