

# GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

## WESTERN EIM GOVERNING BODY MEETING

### June 22, 2023

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The WEIM Governing Body convened the general session meeting at approximately 9:00 a.m. and the presence of a quorum was established.

#### ATTENDANCE

The following members of the WEIM Governing Body were in attendance:

Robert Kondziolka, Chair  
Jennifer Gardner, Vice Chair  
Andrew Campbell  
Anita Decker  
John Prescott

#### GENERAL SESSION

Chair Kondziolka provided welcoming remarks, including a review of some of the key accomplishments over the past year. Next, Chair Kondziolka and the WEIM Governing Body Members expressed appreciation for Jennifer Gardner's service on the WEIM Governing Body, and expressed appreciation for her dedication to the mission of the WEIM Governing Body. Chair Kondziolka read the following resolution.

***WHEREAS, Jennifer Gardner was appointed to the Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) Governing Body for a term starting July 1, 2021; and***

***WHEREAS, Ms. Gardner served faithfully and enthusiastically during her tenure, including holding the leadership position of Vice Chair; and***

***WHEREAS, Ms. Gardner took a leadership role on behalf of the WEIM Governing Body as the first Governing Body Market Expert Liaison. In this role Ms. Gardner developed criteria, RFPs, selection evaluation, contracts, on-boarding, guidance, and interface processes with the Market Expert. This required significant knowledge and skill, as well as untold hours and dedication to the Governing Body and the Market Expert; and***

***WHEREAS, prior to being appointed to the WEIM Governing Body, Ms. Gardner served as a valued member of the WEIM Nominating Committee where she worked diligently, leveraging her unique expertise and perspective, to ensure the selection of qualified Governing Body candidates; and***

***WHEREAS, prior to being appointed to the WEIM Governing Body, Ms. Gardner served for 18 months on the WEIM Governance Review Committee, where she played a leadership role, both within the committee and in stakeholder outreach, in connection with developing the Phase One and Phase Two Governance Proposals that were ultimately adopted and successfully placed into effect; and***

***WHEREAS, Ms. Gardner used her unique consulting, legal and public interest organization expertise in the electric sector to help facilitate remarkable growth and effectiveness of the WEIM; and***

***WHEREAS, Ms. Gardner made significant extra efforts to conduct outreach to WEIM participants and stakeholders throughout the Western region in order to understand their unique perspectives; and***

***WHEREAS, Ms. Gardner presided as a WEIM Governing Body Member in the approval and implementation of Joint Authority between the CAISO Board of Governors and the WEIM Governing Body; and***

***WHEREAS, Ms. Gardner has encouraged improved western regional coordination and was part of approving the Extended Day Ahead Market; and***

***WHEREAS, Ms. Gardner's voice of reason and quiet questioning often surfaced key issues to the benefit of the WEIM and WEIM Governing Body members; now therefore,***

***BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body Members hereby express their utmost appreciation and sincerest gratitude to Jennifer Gardner for her outstanding service and dedication to the Western Energy Imbalance Market and its many participants and stakeholders in furtherance of expansion and success of the market.***

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment offered at this time.

## **DECISION ON GENERAL SESSION MINUTES**

Member Decker moved for approval of the WEIM Governing Body general session minutes for the May 16, 2023, WEIM Governing Body meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Campbell and approved 5-0.

## **BODY OF STATE REGULATORS UPDATE**

Thad LeVar – Commission Chair at Utah Public Service Commission, and Chair of the WEIM Body of State Regulators (BOSR), provided an overview of activities that the BOSR has engaged in since their last update to the WEIM Governing Body. Chair LeVar stated that the BOSR is

currently focusing on the educational opportunities in relation to the WEIM, including some of ISO's planning efforts. He noted that the BOSR received an overview of the day-ahead market enhancements initiative during their May meeting and they received updates on ISO's summer readiness activities and transmission planning efforts during their June meeting. Chair LeVar stated that the July 14 BOSR meeting will be dedicated to greenhouse gas accounting coordination. Next, Chair LeVar expressed appreciation for member Jennifer Gardner's service on the WEIM Governing Body and noted that the BOSR supports the Nominating Committee's recommendations regarding WEIM Governing Body membership that will be presented later on in the meeting. Chair LeVar concluded by highlighting the annual Western Electricity Market Training Forum that will be conducted for BOSR members on August 17-18, 2023, in Portland, Oregon. Brief discussion ensued.

## **REGIONAL ISSUES FORUM UPDATE**

Josh Walter – Power Contracts and Regional Affairs Manager, Seattle City Light, and Chair of the Regional Issues Forum (RIF), provided an update on behalf of the RIF. Chair Walter first provided highlights from the June 21 RIF meeting, which included a discussion on gas management issues related to market dispatch; electrification trends in the West; and an update from Avangrid based on their experience as a new WEIM participant. Chair Walter noted that the RIF liaisons are in the process of determining how best to engage in the ISO's policy initiatives and roadmap process. Chair Walter noted that the RIF currently has no meetings scheduled. Brief discussion ensued.

## **BRIEFING ON CALIFORNIA ISO WEST-WIDE TRANSMISSION ACTIVITIES**

Danielle Osborn Mills – Principal, Infrastructure Policy Development, provided a briefing on California ISO West-wide transmission activities. Ms. Mills noted some of the regional coordination frameworks, including the FERC-approved interregional coordination framework between the ISO, WestConnect and Northern Grid. Next, Ms. Mills discussed the importance of the western interconnection for long-term planning and market opportunities. Ms. Mills highlighted transmission projects, some of which are currently being developed, that will help provide access to out-of-state wind resources as well as reviewed graphs from the ISO's Transmission Outlook and 2022-2023 Transmission Plan that further identified the need for interregional coordination. Next, Ms. Mills discussed some of the coordination efforts taking place at the federal level, highlighting the National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors, which will help remove some of the state-level barriers for large projects. Finally, Ms. Mills summarized opportunities and challenges related to regional and interregional transmission development efforts. Discussion ensued.

### Public comment

There was no public comment offered at this time.

## **BRIEFING ON WESTERN ELECTRICITY COORDINATING COUNCIL KEY PRIORITIES**

Melanie Frye, WECC's President and CEO, provided an overview of WECC's four main priorities, which included managing extreme weather events; resource and transmission adequacy; impacts

of changing resources and customer load; and mitigating cyber and physical security threats. Ms. Frye stated that transmission adequacy has been one of WECC's main priorities and highlighted some of the work they are doing to support this area, including 20 year studies to determine where transmission is needed as well as enhancements to WECC modeling capabilities. Discussion ensued.

#### Public comment

There was no public comment offered at this time.

### **DECISION ON WEIM GOVERNING BODY NOMINATIONS**

Jim Shetler from the Balancing Authority of Northern California presented on behalf of the WEIM Nominating Committee the candidate recommendations for the two open seats on the WEIM Governing Body. Mr. Shetler reviewed the current list of Nominating Committee sector representatives and then provided a brief overview of the WEIM Governing Body member selection and approval process. Mr. Shetler concluded with the Committee's recommendation to reappoint Member Decker and appoint Rebecca Wagner to the WEIM Governing Body. Discussion ensued amongst the WEIM Governing Body in support of the Committee's recommendations.

#### Public comment

The following provided comments on the proposal:

- Matt Lecar, Pacific Gas and Electric

#### Motion

##### **Vice Chair Gardner**

***Moved, that the Western Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body reappoints Anita Decker, for a term beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026, and appoints Rebecca Wagner, for a term beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, as members of the Western Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body.***

**The motion was seconded by Member Prescott and the motion was approved 5-0.**

### **ELECTION OF WEIM GOVERNING BODY CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Greg Fisher – Lead Counsel, provided a brief overview of the annual process for electing the WEIM Governing Body Chair and Vice Chair and then turned the meeting over to Member Prescott who nominated Member Campbell to serve as Chair and Chair Kondziolka to serve as Vice Chair beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Discussion ensued. The Governing Body requested to defer its discussion regarding Governing Body Member representation on the Nominating Committee.

## Public comment

There was no public comment offered at this time

## **Motion:**

### **Member Decker**

***Moved, that the WEIM Governing Body elects Andrew Campbell to serve as Chair of the WEIM Governing Body, pursuant to section 3.3 of the Charter for Western Energy Imbalance Market Governance, effective July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, or until such time thereafter as a successor is elected.***

***Moved, that the WEIM Governing Body elects Robert Kondziolka to serve as Vice Chair of the WEIM Governing Body, effective July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, or until such time thereafter as a successor is elected, whose role will include substituting for the Chair when the Chair is unable to fulfill their duties due to conflicts, absence, or unforeseen reasons.***

The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Gardner. The motion was approved 5-0.

## **BRIEFING ON WEIM BENEFITS AND MARKET UPDATE**

Guillermo Bautista Alderete – Director, Market Analysis and Forecasting, provided a briefing on the Q1 2023 WEIM benefits and market report. Mr. Bautista Alderete started by highlighting the \$418.82 million in gross economic benefits, which has resulted in \$3.82 billion overall cumulative benefits. Next, Mr. Bautista Alderete provided an overview of the benefits, including avoided curtailments of renewable generation; increased transfer capability with the onboarding of new entities; the robust volume of WEIM transfers across the region; and solar production in WEIM transfers. Mr. Bautista Alderete concluded by noting that prices were higher in January 2023 due to increased gas prices. Discussion ensued.

## **BRIEFING ON WEIM GOVERNING BODY PLANNING CALENDAR**

Anna McKenna – Vice President, Market Design and Analysis, provided an overview of the WEIM Governing Body planning calendar, highlighting the upcoming decisional and briefing items planned for the July meeting and the remainder of 2023. Discussion ensued.

## Public comment

There was no public comment offered at this time.

## **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

There were no comments or questions on the informational reports.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items.

## **ADJOURNED**

There being no additional general session matters to discuss, the general session was adjourned at approximately 11:10 a.m.