



# Pueblo Energy Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 3 | 4 – 5:15 PM

Hybrid – Zoom and Mayor’s Office

Video available here: <https://www.pueblo.us/2699/Pueblo-Energy-Advisory-Commission>

Attendance				
	Larry Atencio	✓	Alan Ward	OTHER GUESTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Velma Campbell</li> <li>• Marti Osborn</li> <li>• Michael Wenzl</li> <li>• Chase Blaeser</li> <li>• Christine King</li> <li>• Tom Corlett</li> <li>• Allen Best</li> <li>• Kayla Williams</li> <li>• Jane Fraser</li> <li>• Jamie Valdez</li> <li>• Joan Seeman</li> </ul>
✓	David Lucas	✓	Edgie Walrath	
✓	Laura Getts	✓	Kenneth Danti	
	John Vigil	✓	Edgie Walrath	
✓	Tyler Surat	✓	Steve Nawrocki	
✓	Alyssa Parga	✓	Andrew Hayes	
✓	Mayor Nick Gradisar			

1. Call to Order & Updates, Chair Steve Nawrocki at 4:01 pm
  - a. Mayor Gradisar gave an update on the Xcel Energy PIESAC group which will focus on replacing the generation which will be lost from Comanche; and the electrification of the City fleet
2. [Presentation: Advanced Nuclear Industry Update](#) – Christine King, Director of Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear
3. [Presentation: What Can PUC Do for You?](#) – Gail Conners, Section Chief of Media Relations, Outreach and Engagement for Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Energy Policy Chair, Ken Danti
    - i. No updates
  - b. Municipal Energy Use & Generation for Infrastructure/Operations Co-Chair, Edgie Walrath
    - i. No updates
  - c. Energy Outreach Chair, Laura Getts
    - i. The committee is working on public education with the City, and had some concerns about sharing the PUC’s affordability page with public; asked for commission feedback/directive; PUC confirmed that this is a relatively new webpage and it has good information for the community
    - ii. Full commission was unanimously in favor of the City sharing the page with the community

5. Suggestions for Next Meeting

- a. Ken suggested watching 45-minute video by Arjun Makhijani, President of the Institute for Energy and Environment Research

6. Group Discussion

- a. Steve shared that Laura Solano said the Energy Coordinator position will be posted soon and they will be housed at SRDA.
- b. Edgie was worried about deregulation of the electric industry; PUC said nothing has been submitted for review nor is there anything under investigation.
- c. Ken shared that Xcel's PIESAC will make recommendation on how Xcel can generate energy in Pueblo County which will be used outside of Pueblo County
- d. Ken shared that during the Work Session presentation, Xcel said that renewal energy uses too much land, came off as anti-renewable energy. This conflicts with City's 2035 goal. Expects the commission to propose nuclear, which is cheap energy but most citizens are NOT in favor of this. Will the PIESAC listen to this?
  - i. Members asked for details of next meeting of PIESAC
    1. Update from Xcel Energy: Guests cannot attend, but they can review previously recorded meetings. For more information about the Pueblo Innovative Energy Solutions Committee please visit [XcelEnergy.com](http://XcelEnergy.com). Members of the public can review recorded meetings, documents, ask questions or provide feedback by emailing [PuebloEnergyStudy@xcelenergy.com](mailto:PuebloEnergyStudy@xcelenergy.com) or calling the toll-free hotline at 877.292.5918.

7. Adjourned at 5:27 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 7 at 4 – 5:15 pm

Chat Log from Zoom:

00:24:26 Christine King, GAIN (INL): I will email my slides to you after my presentation  
00:32:01 Tyler Surat: How much is the grant and any stipulations on how it's spent  
00:32:18 Tyler Surat: From excel  
01:12:12 Jamie Valdez: So does that mean the reaction itself is not dispatchable?  
01:14:26 Laura Getts, SIEA: Thank you for the informative presentation. A few of my questions:  
Is the water recycled in most new SMRs? For how many cycles? Does it require fresh water?  
What is the average permitting timeline? I've heard that tends to be about 10 years.  
What does the current fuel supply chain look like?  
Do communities that host SMRs ever undergo disaster planning scenarios, much like Pueblo does annually with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) for its stockpile of chemical munitions?

01:31:52 Laura Getts, SIEA:Hi Carol, so great to have you here! We've seen the greatest results when regulated utilities hold public info sessions to make input and the development of their plans and programs more accessible to their customers and the communities they serve. You always do a wonderful job of messaging upcoming meetings, but is there a better way for us to plan for, track, and request additional input on their formal plans (DSM, Distribution, pilots, etc.) and rate cases?

01:32:38 Laura Getts, SIEA:Sorry, Gail! Not sure why that came out as Carol.

01:37:02 Laura Getts, SIEA:<https://puc.colorado.gov/affordability>

01:45:10 Laura Getts, SIEA:It is confounding that it mentions "Just Transition" planning, but does not include Daneya Esgar, the City's Director of Just Transitions.