Agenda

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Review of Minutes from March 30, 2022 (Vote)

Review of Notes from April 27, 2022

News from the RIEC4

Outline Climate Dashboard Elements

Other Business/Announcements

Public Comment

Future Meetings - Last Wednesdays 10:30-noon
- Upcoming: June 29, July 27, August 31

Adjourn
Diane Williamson appointed by the Governor
Rachel Calabro appointed by the Governor
Amy Rainone appointed by the House
David Caldwell Jr. appointed by the House
Patrick Crowley appointed by the House
Priscilla De La Cruz appointed by the House
Eric Wagner appointment by the Senate
Kenneth Filarski appointment by the Senate
Pam Rubinoff appointment by the Senate
Sheila Dormody appointment by the Senate

• 3 Governor vacancies
EC4 ADVISORY BOARD

CLIMATE JUSTICE RECOMMENDATIONS TO EC4
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
The EC4AB supports the proposed climate justice priorities.

The EC4 should designate staff to continue to develop the priorities by partnering with frontline communities.

Frontline communities should have the final say determining the next steps in adopting the climate justice priorities and be a compensated partner in moving them forward.

Leverage federal funding for workforce development that will advance climate justice.
Recommended Actions

- Finalize the Climate Justice Priorities
- Expand State Capacity to Advance Climate Justice
- Integrate Climate Justice Across State Functions
- Develop and Expand State Partnerships
REVIEW MINUTES
REPORT FROM EC4
CLIMATE DASHBOARD
Act on Climate Mandates

On April 14, 2021, Governor Dan McKee signed into law the 2021 Act on Climate, which sets mandatory, enforceable climate emissions reduction goals leading the state to achieve net-zero emissions economy-wide by 2050. This legislation updates the previous 2014 Resilient Rhode Island Act, positioning the state to boldly address climate change and prepare for a global economy that will be shifting to adapt to clean technology.

Act on Climate as it pertains to a Climate Change Dashboard:

“To support the council’s (EC4) work, state agencies shall: Foster public transparency by developing public metrics and an online public dashboard that shall track both emissions reductions and sources of energy consumed by the state. The metrics and the dashboard shall be updated at least annually.”


www.climatechange.ri.gov/aoc
EC4 Memorandum

February 2022:

The 2021 Act on Climate requires the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4) to “foster public transparency by developing public metrics and an online public dashboard that shall track both emissions reductions and sources of energy consumed by the state” (RIGL 42-6.2-3.13).

The EC4 is requesting advice and guidance from the Advisory Board to develop a draft outline of a climate dashboard by October 31, 2022.

Guiding Principles:
- Meet the letter of the law
- Maximize transparency
- Consider facets of climate change beyond emissions
- Build on best practices
- Balance information with administration
- Consider the dashboard a living document
WHAT CATEGORIES SHOULD WE DISCUSS?

March 24th Session
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Climate justice and equity
- Resilience and adaptation
- Economic considerations
- Education, outreach
- Workforce development

March 25th Session
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Electric Sector
- Housing
- Consumption of Goods
- Transportation
- Food
- Climate justice and equity
- Resilience and adaptation

March 29th Session
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Emissions inventories, collaboration, frequency
- Climate justice and equity
- Metrics specific to EJ Communities
- Resilience and adaptation
- Buildings
- Other categories: housing, land use, development, transportation
- Opinions of Rhode Islanders, particularly those in EJ Communities; role of social science methods in tracking
Climate Dashboards across Different States

What are best practices from different dashboards?

- Manipulable/interactive data accompanied by explanations
- Easily viewable and understandable trends
- Inexpensive interface programs
- Inclusion of Climate Equity (mapping and criteria)
- Quarterly updating
- Public feedback on the website (for clarification or inquiries)
- Align dashboard metrics with data that is already collected

To View RI’s Current Climate Snapshot, visit: www.climatechange.ri.gov/climatesnapshot

To view climate dashboards from other states, visit: Linktr.ee/RIEC4
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What do different states track on their dashboards?

- ZEV & State green-fleets
- Fuel use
- Renewable energy generation
- EV Charging Infrastructure
- Sea level rise: potential and flooding
- Total energy consumption/generation
- Utility cost & savings
- Drought
- Resiliency
- Weather: storms, temperature, precipitation
- RGGI Funding