

MIGREENPOWER COMMUNITY IMPACT PILOT
LOW-INCOME SOLAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
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Minutes transcribed from recording by Jessica Jamieson

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 AM by Jessica Jamieson.

At 11:04 AM Jessica Jamieson informed the Council that Janis Hazel had requested an additional section in the New Business portion of the agenda, which had recently been added. Jessica then asked if everyone had a chance to review the meeting agenda for August 19th, 2025, and if any changes needed to be made. There were no comments. Jessica then requested the Council to motion to approve the meeting agenda. Boratha Tan moved to approve, and Darryl Folks seconded the motion.

At 11:05 AM Jessica Jamieson asked the Council if they had read the meeting minutes from August 5th, 2025, and if any changes needed to be made. There were no comments. Jessica then asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Janis Hazel noted in the chat that she was experiencing audio issues and could not hear the meeting. Jessica waited for Janis to resolve her technical difficulties before continuing with the vote. After a few minutes without a response from Janis, Chandler Kielbas suggested postponing the vote until the end of the meeting, when she would hopefully be able to rejoin. Jessica agreed and said they would hold that vote during the round-table section.

At 11:11 AM Jessica Jamieson introduced the first item on the agenda: a Solar For Savings round two awards and federal funding discussion. She handed the conversation over to Chandler Kielbas, who explained that, as many Council members have probably seen, the Solar For Savings round two awardees had been announced, and subsequently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ended funding for the state's Solar for All program. However, he elaborated that it does seem like the State of Michigan and other entities will try to fight this decision in court. At present, everyone is in a period of uncertainty, and it will be difficult to predict how long these proceedings will take to play out. Chandler then moved on to speaking about the announcement of the round two awardees. He explained that from the original \$29 million available, after round one, an additional \$7 million was awarded to other grant recipients in round two, leaving \$14 million still available for future distribution for round three. If the funds are unsuccessfully clawed back, there will be over half of the Solar For Savings funds available for round three, and he believes the Council would still be in a good position to get funds after the September 30th round three deadline closes. He then welcomed any questions or feedback. Boratha Tan asked if any timeline or additional information has been announced by EGLE or the state government. Chandler said that he did not have an answer himself and asked if other members of the Council had any insight. David Binkley said he had not heard anything. Chandler stated that he knows Cory Connolly, the former head of the Office of Climate and

Energy, has recently accepted another position. Since Cory had been leading the Solar For Savings program, certain details about it are now even more uncertain. Boratha agreed and added that litigation confuses the timeline further. Chandler asked for any additional questions and there were none.

At 11:18 AM Jessica Jamieson moved to discussing the planning of a lunch-and-learn. Chandler Kielbas asked if Janis Hazel was still unable to hear the call, and there was no response. Chandler proceeded in saying that in the last meeting, the Council had agreed they liked the idea of putting together another lunch-and-learn for this year. He believes a good date for this would be sometime in September to give a few weeks of preparation for a polished presentation. He asked for suggestions and said last year's lunch-and-learn was around noon and thinks it is a good idea to stay around a similar timeframe. He asked if anyone had any dates, days, time frames, or suggestions about the lunch-and-learn and there were none. He then requested the Council to email him any additional input if they had any. Chandler said it would be a good idea to do the lunch-and-learn on Tuesday at 11:00 AM or 12:00 PM on a week when there would be no LISC meeting. He said they would most likely do something similar to last year's lunch-and-learn because of how successful it was, while making a few updates and small improvements, including mentioning the LISC partnership with the Canton Community Foundation. He said in the next couple of weeks, Jessica and he would share a good foundation presentation and send it out to the Council for feedback. He asked for any thoughts or feedback and Darryl Folks mentioned that Tuesdays at 11:00 AM or 12:00 PM would work for him. Chandler thanked him for the input and said the presentation will likely take place in late September or early October, and he would like as much of the Council as possible to be in attendance. Chandler then checked if Janis had overcome her technical difficulties and there was no response. He said there might be a bit of an agenda shuffle due to this and asked Jessica to move to the action item registry.

At 11:26 AM Jessica Jamieson moved to the action item register. She explained that with Sarah Hutchinson's great work, the LISC has been connected with the Michigan Land Bank Authority, and there is a meeting scheduled with them for Wednesday the 27th of August. She added this update to the registry. Boratha Tan then mentioned that Juan Shannon had contacted him saying that he was also having technical difficulties. Chandler Kielbas said that this is very unusual. He then continued that he had spoken to Julie Jozwiak about her potential GIS findings, but she said there are currently no updates on that effort. However, she did mention that she is very supportive of helping the LISC secure a position on an upcoming DONcast presentation. Chandler said that Jessica, he, and whoever else is interested will begin developing a presentation for that, and Julie will let him know a feasible date shortly. He said he is looking forward to the community engagement happening in the next month or so and believes there will be a couple of hundred people in attendance between the lunch-and-learn and DONcast presentations. Chandler then said he followed up with Alex Smith from Wayne County and he has not heard back from him.

At 11:30 AM Jessica Jamieson opened the roundtable discussion and asked for any thoughts LISC-related or otherwise. Chandler Kielbas said he had nothing else to add, but that he would try to get ahold of Janis Hazel or Juan Shannon again to see if they could now join the meeting. Boratha Tan said that Juan was struggling to join even by phone. They waited to see if Janis or

Juan would join the meeting and they did not. Chandler said before the next meeting they might have to try some IT troubleshooting and thanked everybody for joining. Jessica agreed and said she hopes to resolve this by the next meeting. The vote on the meeting minutes from August 5th, 2025, was postponed until the next LISC meeting.

At 11:41 AM the meeting was adjourned.