

**Cape Light Compact JPE
Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 8, 2026**

The Cape Light Compact JPE Board of Directors met on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was held as a hybrid meeting (in-person and through remote participation) through a Zoom videoconference for members of the Board with audio call-in available for members of the public, pursuant to St. 2025, c. 2, which, among other things, extends the temporary provisions pertaining to remote meetings of public bodies under the Open Meeting Law to June 30, 2027.

PARTICIPATING IN-PERSON WERE:

1. David Anthony, Chair, Executive Committee, Barnstable
2. Tom McNellis, Secretary, Executive Committee, Eastham
3. Robert Schofield, Executive Committee, Bourne
4. Nate Mayo, Provincetown
5. Joyce Flynn, Executive Committee, Yarmouth

PARTICIPATING REMOTELY WERE:

1. Alan Strahler, Edgartown
2. Colin Odell, Vice Chair, Executive Committee, Brewster
3. Nicola Blake, Executive Committee, West Tisbury
4. Valerie Bell, Executive Committee, Harwich
5. David Jacobson, Executive Committee, Orleans
6. Brad Crowell, Dennis
7. Chris Palmer, Truro
8. Scott Mueller, Falmouth
9. Wayne Taylor, Mashpee

ABSENT WERE:

1. Forrest Filler, Aquinnah
2. Brian Miner, Chatham
3. Timothy Carroll, Chilmark
4. Tristan Israel, Dukes County
5. Peter Meleney, Oak Bluffs
6. Leanne Drake, Sandwich
7. Russ Hartenstine, Tisbury
8. Susan Ryan-Ishkanian, Wellfleet

LEGAL COUNSEL PARTICIPATING REMOTELY:

1. Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Esq., KO Law, P.C.

STAFF PARTICIPATING IN-PERSON:

1. Margaret Song, Chief Administrative Officer
2. Briana Kane, Deputy Director
3. Emily Webb, Executive Assistant
4. Mariel Marchand, Power Supply Planner

STAFF PARTICIPATING REMOTELY:

1. Phil Moffitt, Chief Financial Officer
2. Rebecca Martin, Outreach Coordinator
3. Jason Bertrand, Marketing & Communications Coordinator
4. Kim Grant, Town Energy Manager & Outreach
5. Angela Hurwitz, Senior IT Services & Data Management Analyst
6. Miranda Skinner, Senior Regulatory Analyst
7. Anneliese Haskell, Data Services Coordinator
8. Tatsiana Nickinello, Senior Analyst
9. Steph Spadoni, Energy Efficiency Analyst
10. Dan Schell, Technical Services Manager
11. Stephen McCloskey, Residential Programs Manager

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS:

1. Sakiko Isomichi (MVC)

David Anthony called the meeting to order 2:04PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No written comments were received in advance of the meeting, and no public comments were made.

NEW STAFF MEMBER INTRODUCTION:

David Anthony introduced Emily Webb who recently joined Cape Light in the Executive Assistant position. Emily introduced herself and summarized her professional background. Emily expressed excitement at joining the Compact and thanked the Board for their warm welcome.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board considered the June 10, 2026, Open Session Meeting Minutes.

No corrections or comments were noted.

Joyce Flynn moved the Board to accept the minutes and release them, seconded by Robert Schofield.

David	Anthony	Barnstable	Yes
Robert	Schofield	Bourne	Yes
Colin	Odell	Brewster	Yes
Brad	Crowell	Dennis	Abstain
Tom	McNellis	Eastham	Yes
Alan	Strahler	Edgartown	Yes
Scott	Mueller	Falmouth	Yes
Valerie	Bell	Harwich	Yes
Wayne	Taylor	Mashpee	Yes
David	Jacobson	Orleans	Yes
Nate	Mayo	Provincetown	Yes
Chris	Palmer	Truro	Yes
Nicola	Blake	West Tisbury	Yes

Joyce	Flynn	Yarmouth	Yes
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Motion carried in the affirmative (13-0-1)

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

David Anthony proposed that the August Board meeting be cancelled unless anything unexpected arises. The Board and staff were in general agreement with the proposal. The next meeting of the Board will be in September.

David Anthony commended Cape Light Compact staff for their communication with the towns on Cape Cod and Martha’s Vineyard. Specifically, he highlighted a recent communication on power supply from Mariel Marchand noting that it was clear, concise and informative. He recognized all the work that the staff does behind the scenes.

DPU PROCEEDINGS UPDATE – MARIEL MARCHAND:

Mariel Marchand presented an update on three DPU proceedings relevant to Cape Light Compact: DPU 26-20, DPU 26-44 and DPU 26-62. The three proceedings relate to Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) which could allow Cape Light Compact to offer time-varying rates to customers. The Compact participated in a previous AMI stakeholder working group at the state level prior to these dockets.

Mariel first reviewed Advanced Metering Data Access Protocol Implementation Plan Investigation (DPU Docket 26-20.) The Compact’s petition to intervene in the proceeding was approved by the DPU. The Compact will be submitting discovery. The key concern for the Compact in DPU 26-20 is ensuring municipal aggregators and their competitive suppliers can access data collected by AMI for their customers in near real time at reasonable cost and that the data can be used to offer time-varying rates (TVR) to customers. Tom McNellis asked if it is possible that the Electric Distribution Companies (EDCs) might not provide the data. Mariel indicated the anticipated agreement terms that would be required to access the data had caused concern for the Compact as a municipal entity.

Mariel next reviewed the Investigation of the Use of Interval Data Collected by AMI to settle Load with ISO New England (DPU Docket 26-44). The Compact provided initial comments and is waiting for next steps from the DPU. The key concerns for the Compact in DPU 26-44 are ensuring Eversource conducts load settlement with ISO-NE using individual customer usage data collected by AMI as opposed to load profiles. Load settlement based on actual usage would allow the Compact to offer time-varying rates. David Anthony and David Jacobson both noted that this would be a significant change in the amount and type of data collected and how it is used. David Jacobson asked if the DPU has been planning on implementing these changes since earlier dockets. Mariel noted that it became clear that this was going to be an issue following the AMI stakeholder working group, resulting in the DPU opening this docket. Tom McNellis asked if alternatives have been considered or proposed. Mariel responded that the EDCs had proposed alternatives but they are not workable.

Colin Odell noted that time-varying rates will impact energy efficiency programs. Mariel agreed.

Nate Mayo asked if the DPU could rely on how time-varying rates have been implemented in other countries and regions. Mariel indicated yes, time-varying rates have been implemented in other regions in the United States. The group of competitive suppliers that the Compact collaborated with on comments has referenced this and has requested that EDCs reach out to their counterparts in other regions.

Lastly, Mariel summarized Time-Varying Rates Investigation (DPU Docket 26-62). Comments on the docket are due to the DPU at the end of July 2026. The key concern is ensuring that the Compact can offer customers time-varying rates once the issues of AMI data access and ISO-NE load settlement are resolved. The Compact seeks to ensure that basic service will not be able to offer time-varying rates before municipal aggregators. Nate Mayo asked if this is a major concern. Mariel noted DOER previously convened an interagency rates working group and an electric rates task force which had recommended to begin implementing time-varying rates for basic service first. The Compact does not support this and will be submitting comment in opposition.

Nicola Blake asked if an upgrade will be required to customer meters for time-varying rates to be implemented. Mariel said yes, smart meters are replacing current meters which is projected to be completed on the Cape and Vineyard in 2027.

David Anthony asked if homeowners will be able to see their own smart meter data. Mariel said yes, based on Eversource's plan, customers would be able to see their own data on the online platform.

Joyce Flynn asked if the usage data referenced in DPU 26-20 is individual customer usage data. Mariel noted that the EDC's proposal is that individual customer usage data would only be shared with their supplier in order to implement time-varying rates. Customers could opt out from sharing data but then they could not be on a time-varying rate.

Nate Mayo asked if customers can opt-out of smart meters. Mariel confirmed that customers will be able to opt out of receiving a new meter. Margaret added that opting out may require customers to pay a fee to stay on old non-smart meters.

ENERGY AFFORDABILITY LEGISLATION UPDATE – MARGARET SONG

Margaret Song provided an update on the current Massachusetts Energy Affordability Legislation process. Margaret walked through the legislative activity from May 2025 to present. Margaret noted that the House and Senate versions of the legislation remain very different. Margaret highlighted points of interest in the current version of the Senate legislation including: an updated date for the EEA Secretary GHG goal, establishment of an oversight committee to review energy efficiency program costs, and additional seats on the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (EEAC). Margaret noted that there are likely more changes to come.

David Anthony asked if there is an understanding of why an oversight committee is being proposed in the legislation. Margaret noted that affordability is the impetus of the legislation so the oversight is expected to be focused on cost containment.

David Anthony asked how Mass Save fared in Senate bill. Margaret noted that House version included a \$1 billion dollar reduction to the Mass Save Three-Year Plan budget. In Senate bill, a budget cut to Mass Save is not proposed.

David Anthony noted that the Compact has an important advocacy role on behalf of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard ratepayers at the state level.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – MARGARET SONG

a. Executive Session Meeting Minutes Review Announcement

Margaret Song announced that she has reviewed all sets of unreleased or partially released executive session minutes along with the Compact's Secretary and Compact counsel and it has been determined that the August 14, 2013, January 9, 2019 and March 11, 2026 meeting minutes should be released in their entirety.

The following sets of executive session minutes will continue to be withheld with partial redactions as continued nondisclosure of the redacted material is warranted under the Open Meeting Law: March 10, 2021, October 8, 2014, September 29, 2021, November 6, 2025 and November 18, 2025.

The December 13, 2023 and July 10, 2024 executive session minutes will continue to be withheld in their entirety as continued nondisclosure is warranted under the Open Meeting Law.

b. Staff Achievements

Margaret highlighted recent trainings and certifications completed by Compact staff, including:

- i. Briana Kane – Massachusetts Municipal Association Human Resources certificate completed
- ii. Dan Schell and Tatsiana Nickinello – Building Operator Certification completed
- iii. Managers – International City/Town Management Association (ICMA) supervisor training completed. Lindsay Henderson, Dan Schell and Stephen McCloskey participated in this training.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE (RESERVED FOR UPDATES ON MEMBER ACTIVITIES THE CHAIR DID NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATE WOULD BE DISCUSSED – NO VOTING)

Nate Mayo asked if the recent localized brownouts had any nexus with the Compact's work. David Anthony noted the recent outages were localized. Margaret noted that the Compact participates in regional groups such as attending Restructuring Roundtable to stay up to date on activities related to grid infrastructure upgrades etc.

Motion to adjourn was made at 2:52pm moved by Robert Schofield, seconded by Nate Mayo.

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Motion carried in the affirmative (14-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Emily P. Webb

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS:

- Meeting Notice/Agenda
- June 10, 2026, Draft Open Session Meeting Minutes
- DPU Proceedings Update
- Energy Affordability Legislation Update