Cape Light Compact JPE
Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 9, 2026

The Cape Light Compact JPE Board of Directors met on Wednesday, September 9, 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. Colin Odell, Vice Chair, Executive Committee, Brewster
5. Valerie Bell, Executive Committee, Harwich
6. David Jacobson, Executive Committee, Orleans
7. Nate Mayo, Provincetown
8. Michael Ahern, Alternate, Yarmouth

PARTICIPATING REMOTELY WERE:

1. Nicola Blake, Executive Committee, West Tisbury
2. Tristan Israel, Dukes County
3. Alan Strahler, Edgartown
4. Scott Mueller, Falmouth
5. Leanne Drake, Sandwich
6. Chris Palmer, Truro
7. Julia Gillis, Alternate, Sandwich
8. Bill Doherty, Alternate, Bourne

ABSENT WERE:

1. Forrest Filler, Aquinnah
2. Brian Miner, Chatham
3. Timothy Carroll, Chilmark
4. Brad Crowell, Dennis
5. Wayne Taylor, Mashpee
6. Peter Meleney, Oak Bluffs
7. Russ Hartenstine, Tisbury
8. Susan Ryan-Ishkanian, Wellfleet
9. Joyce Flynn, Executive Committee, Yarmouth

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. Stephen McCloskey, Residential Programs Manager
4. Mariel Marchand, Power Supply Planner
5. Dan Schell, Technical Services Manager
6. Tatsiana Nickinello, Senior Analyst
7. Emily Webb, Executive Assistant

STAFF PARTICIPATING REMOTELY:

1. Lindsay Henderson, C&I Programs Manager
2. Phil Moffitt, Chief Financial Officer
3. Rebecca Martin, Outreach Coordinator
4. Jason Bertrand, Marketing & Communications Coordinator
5. Kim Grant, Town Energy Manager & Outreach
6. Miranda Skinner, Senior Regulatory Analyst
7. Anneliese Haskell, Data Services Coordinator
8. Steph Spadoni, Energy Efficiency Analyst
9. Laura Selmer, Senior Analyst

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS: NONE

David Anthony called the meeting to order 2:05PM.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board considered the July 8, 2026, Open Session Meeting Minutes. No corrections or comments were noted.

Colin Odell moved the Board to accept the minutes and release them, seconded by Valerie Bell.

David	Anthony	Barnstable	Yes
Robert	Scofield	Bourne	Yes
Colin	Odell	Brewster	Yes
Tom	McNellis	Eastham	Yes
Alan	Strahler	Edgartown	Yes
Scott	Mueller	Falmouth	Yes
Valerie	Bell	Harwich	Yes
David	Jacobson	Orleans	Yes
Nate	Mayo	Provincetown	Yes
Leanne	Drake	Sandwich	Yes
Chris	Palmer	Truro	Yes
Nicola	Blake	West Tisbury	Yes
Michael	Ahern	Yarmouth	Abstain

Motion carried in the affirmative (12-0-1)

Tristan Israel joined remotely at 2:07pm.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

a. Yarmouth Alternate Governing Board Appointment

David Anthony welcomed Michael Ahern who recently joined the Board as the Alternate for Yarmouth.

b. Operating Budget Timeline and Expectations

David Anthony noted that the draft 2027 operating budget is expected in November with a vote on the final 2027 operating budget planned for the December Board meeting. David advised that the November Board meeting will provide opportunity for review and questions. David also reminded the Board that the operating budget does not impact the energy efficiency budget.

c. Governing Board Elections Timeline and Expectations

David Anthony stated that the Board is preparing for annual elections and encouraged Board members to ask questions about the process, duties and nominations. Nominations are planned for the November/December timeframe with voting typically taking place in January.

d. November Board Meeting Date Conflict – Move to November 18, 2026

David Anthony explained that the November meeting currently falls on Veteran's Day and stated the intention is to reschedule the meeting to November 18th. Board members did not raise any scheduling issues with the new meeting date.

REVIEW OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY RESIDENTIAL ENHANCED OFFERINGS – STEPHEN MCCLOSKEY

Stephen McCloskey presented the Residential Enhanced Turnkey offering which is available to moderate income customers. Stephen presented the information using a new flyer that has been developed to advertise the program. The offer is called Enhanced Turnkey because there are increased incentives available to qualified customers compared to the market rate program. Additionally, through the offering, the lead vendor manages the project and contractor coordination.

Colin Odell noted that the text regarding customer self-attestation on the flyer is listed with the weatherization recommendation making it unclear that the attestation is for income qualification. Stephen stated that the text can be updated for clarity. Tom McNellis asked if the offer is only available for whole home applications or if only mini-split heat pumps are eligible. Stephen noted that they would look at any heat pump system that makes sense for the home.

Stephen noted that the income table presented on the flyer will be updated over the next month based on the annual fuel assistance income limits update expected this fall.

David Anthony asked if the Compact has a sense of how many customers would be eligible to participate given the note that this is limited to non-gas-heated customers. Briana Kane noted that an estimated tens of thousands of Cape Light Compact customers would be eligible. Margaret Song added that areas from Provincetown through parts of Eastham as well as Martha's Vineyard do not have natural gas service so many customers in those areas are eligible. Briana noted that gas-heated customers have the same program available to them through National Grid.

Colin Odell noted that the QR code copy has a typo.

Margaret stated that Board support is very appreciated with spreading the word about this offer as the Compact continues to widely advertise the offering ahead of the high heating costs anticipated this upcoming winter.

Several Board members asked questions about the types of projects that would be eligible for this offer based on heating fuel type and the current design of a home. Stephen and Margaret walked through different eligibility scenarios. Valerie asked if it would be possible to write up a few different scenarios of sample customer participation journeys. It was noted that this could also be an opportunity for a marketing video.

Board members asked for the final version of the Enhanced Residential Turnkey Offering flyer to distribute within their towns.

Moving on to the Single-Family (1-4 units) Seasonal Offers portion of the flyer, Nicola Blake noted that the deadline for some of the offers is the end of September 2026 so any edits suggested by the Board should be incorporated quickly.

Stephen noted that the single-family seasonal offers for veterans and active military, and current and retired teachers have been active for some time, and this flyer serves as a reminder and final advertising push. Stephen explained that these seasonal offers are available in the market rate program. Nate Mayo asked if the deadline is for the home energy assessment to be scheduled, or is it the deadline for weatherization work to be completed. Stephen noted that the deadline is for the home energy assessment to be completed and that there is currently a short wait time for assessment scheduling.

Stephen added that he had conducted outreach to local school districts and the Community First Partner on Martha's Vineyard when the offer was launched. Tom McNellis asked how the uptake has been so far. Stephen stated that as of the last update there were three teachers and two veterans who had self-attested at their home energy assessment. Stephen will receive updated information from RISE as the offer comes to a close.

David Jacobson asked if a customer had a previous home energy assessment within the past two years but did not yet move forward with weatherization, can they get this offer. Briana and Stephen noted that if a qualified customer had an assessment within the past two years and would like to move forward with weatherization now, they would be eligible.

David Jacobson went on to ask if outreach has been done to customers who have open weatherization contracts that they have not yet signed. Margaret responded that RISE has been following up with customers and the offer has been included in recent newsletters. Margaret noted that any outreach the Board can do in their communities about the veterans and active military, and current and retired teachers seasonal offer would be greatly appreciated.

Colin Odell noted that page one of the flyer is more for ongoing offers and the seasonal offers on page two are time sensitive. Margaret noted that the Compact could adjust the flyer to separate offers that have a longer timeline.

Nicola Blake noted that these incentives were brought up at the West Tisbury energy committee meeting noting that the Vineyard has seen an uptick in customers moving forward with weatherization.

David Anthony said that it is valuable for Board members to have information directly from the Compact so they can inform their communities, which is a key role for the Board. Tom McNellis agreed that this marketing is very helpful for customers to navigate the programs and encouraged similar offers in the future.

VOTE AND APPROVAL OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY SHARED COSTS – MARIEL MARCHAND

Mariel Marchand presented the Consumer Advocacy Shared Costs Worksheet. Mariel summarized that worksheet submission is required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (D.P.U.) when the Compact participates in a proceeding that involves both energy efficiency and power supply issues. When this happens, the worksheet explains why the Compact is participating in the proceeding, and how the Compact intends to allocate costs between the energy efficiency and power supply budgets. The Consumer Advocacy Shared Costs Worksheet requires a Board vote on the allocation of the costs.

Mariel went on to explain that the worksheet provided in the Board materials packet is regarding the D.P.U. 26-20 proceeding which was presented at the July Board meeting. In this proceeding, the concern related to the power supply program is ensuring that the Compact and its supplier have access to the advanced meter infrastructure (AMI) interval data in order to offer time-varying rates. For energy efficiency programs, the AMI data is needed for program implementation and evaluation. The proposal detailed in the worksheet is to allocate costs by actual time spent on power supply and energy efficiency issues.

David Anthony asked how the costs will actually be calculated. Mariel noted that the costs will be allocated based on the actual time spent, not a set percentage allocation. Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Compact Counsel, confirmed noting that the costs will be reported to the D.P.U. in various department filings based on actual time spent on energy efficiency and power supply issues in the D.P.U. 26-20 proceeding.

Tom McNellis asked about the rationale for why the issue of AMI data access by other third party aggregators is important to the Compact and to the Board. Mariel noted that the need for AMI data access will be brought up as the Compact participates in the D.P.U. proceeding. Mariel continued by noting that the vote before the Board during this meeting is specific to the allocation of the shared costs related to the proceeding.

Colin Odell noted that access to aggregated data for municipalities, energy committees etc. is not included in the attachments to the shared costs worksheet. Mariel noted that Eversource is still working through this and the Compact will keep this in mind as data access is continued to be considered. Margaret noted that there are many groups that are interested in data transparency, but the specifics have not been finalized.

Valerie Bell asked if other aggregators are involved in this proceeding. Mariel noted that there are several intervenors in the proceeding, but the Compact is the only aggregator. Other aggregators are working through consultants as intervenors.

Tom McNellis asked if this Consumer Advocacy Shared Costs Worksheet vote is typical and how this process differs from typical docket participation. Mariel reiterated that the worksheet requirement is specific to a docket that covers both power supply and energy efficiency issues in the same proceeding, which is why they do not often come before the Board.

David Anthony thanked the Board for their questions and called for a motion.

Robert Schofield moved the Board vote to adopt the Consumer Advocacy Worksheet for D.P.U. 26-20 and allocate costs between the Compact's energy efficiency and operating budgets as set forth in the Consumer Advocacy Worksheet.

The Compact's Chief Administrative Officer is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or appropriate to implement this vote, and to execute and deliver all documents as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this vote. Seconded by Tom McNellis.

David Anthony asked if the Board for any final discussion on the topic. David Jacobson asked about several references included in the worksheet. Mariel walked through the references and D.P.U. formatting requirements which addressed David's questions.

Margaret noted that the purpose of the Consumer Advocacy Worksheet for D.P.U. 26-20 is for cost allocation transparency for this proceeding for the Board and for the D.P.U. to be informed.

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Robert	Scofield	Bourne	Yes
Colin	Odell	Brewster	Yes
Tristan	Israel	Dukes County	Yes
Tom	McNellis	Eastham	Yes
Alan	Strahler	Edgartown	Yes
Scott	Mueller	Falmouth	Yes
Valerie	Bell	Harwich	Yes
David	Jacobson	Orleans	Yes
Nate	Mayo	Provincetown	Yes
Leanne	Drake	Sandwich	Yes
Chris	Palmer	Truro	Yes
Nicola	Blake	West Tisbury	Yes
Michael	Ahern	Yarmouth	Yes

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

Following the vote, the Board spoke generally about how AMI data has been implemented in other areas of the country and how time-varying rate design and data access may work in Massachusetts noting that this will be an ongoing discussion and the Board looks forward to continued updates.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY 2028-2030 THREE-YEAR PLAN TIMELINE – MARGARET SONG

Margaret Song presented the 2028-2030 Three-Year Plan timeline using a slide with the planning milestones displayed. Margaret noted that the Final Three-Year Plan will be due to the D.P.U. on November 1, 2027, since the statutory deadline of October 31 falls on a Sunday.

Margaret highlighted that the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (EEAC) is currently holding planning workshops to gather information from stakeholders to inform the 2028-2030 Three-Year Plan priorities. Currently, there are no big changes being discussed for budget and programming primarily due to the energy affordability concerns facing the Commonwealth. Margaret noted that if the pending legislation does not affect the timeline, the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs' letter establishing greenhouse gas reduction goals for the plan will be due on March 1, 2027. The initial plan draft will be due on March 31, 2027, including bill impacts which will be brought before the Board ahead of the initial plan filing.

Continuing to walk through the timeline, Margaret noted that the EEAC resolution on the initial plan will be released by July 1, 2027, with the Program Administrator's response due by August 14, 2027. Following the final 2028-2030 Three-Year Plan filing on November 1, 2027, the D.P.U. has 120 days to issue an Order. As in recent Three-Year Plan proceedings, compliance filings are possible which would come before the Board.

Margaret stated that the Board will be informed of important planning items and updates throughout the process and the Compact will be meeting with towns directly during the planning timeline.

David Jacobson asked why the D.P.U. order is not issued until three months into the next Plan period. Margaret noted that the dates are in statute.

David Anthony noted that the time between the Secretary's letter and initial plan due date is very tight and may require two Board meetings in March 2027. Colin Odell agreed and noted that the Board may not be able to make policy decisions until the Secretary's letter is released and that a second meeting in March will likely be needed. David Anthony noted that this will become clearer over the next two months.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY LARGE COMMERCIAL & MUNICIPAL OFFERS – DAN SCHELL

Dan Schell provided a presentation on large Commercial and Municipal offers. Dan walked through a summary of what would be covered in the presentation noting that is not comprehensive of all available offers, but rather offers that have not been previously covered with the Board.

Leanne Drake left the meeting at 3:42pm.

First, Dan walked through the engineering bench available to commercial and municipal customers including the scopes covered by the engineering firms and how customers can participate. The Program Administrators issued an RFP in 2024 for the engineering services with the Compact awarding 34 firms.

Nicola Blake left the meeting 3:43pm and rejoined remotely at 3:47pm.

Next, Dan walked through the engineering studies available to commercial and municipal customers including Portfolio Prioritization Plans, Comprehensive Building Assessments, Scoping Studies and Focused/Technical Assistance Studies. The purpose and details of each type of study were outlined and Dan noted that costs for the studies are covered up to 100%. Dan explained that a goal of this offer has been to standardize the studies and reports statewide.

Dan continued by highlighting that the municipal non-controllable lighting offering is sunsetting this fall. Incentives for controllable lighting will still be available. The focus going forward will be on building optimization, controls and weatherization.

Next, Dan walked through the Existing Building Commissioning (EBCx) offer launched this year which is being implemented by Resource Innovations, partnering with qualified service providers. Dan highlighted the examples of energy savings opportunities and incentive rates.

Dan walked through the expected timeline for a customer to participate in the EBCx process noting that it likely takes about a year to go through the process. David Jacobson asked to clarify that these projects would be done jointly with National Grid when required. Dan responded yes. Tom McNellis asked if this offer is separate from the engineering bench discussed earlier. Dan noted that it is a separate group of contractors, managed by Resource Innovations.

Chris Palmer left the meeting at 3:58pm.

Colin Odell asked how long after a building is constructed is it eligible for the EBCx offering. Dan answered that a building would be eligible beginning 3 years after construction.

Next, Dan summarized Building Management Systems (BMS) prescriptive offer. David Jacobson asked what the building size requirements are for this offer, Dan said he could follow-up with that information. David Jacobson also asked if there is a requirement for the system to be operational, Dan noted that program evaluators are flagging issues observed of non-performing measures.

Lastly, Dan gave overview of Custom Application offer noting that for heating electrification projects, the threshold for projects served through the Custom Application offer has been lowered from 150 tons to >35 tons.

In closing, Dan gave an overview of how projects can get started.

Michael Ahern asked if Yarmouth has participated in the municipal offering. Tatsiana Nickinello noted yes, but not recently. David Anthony stated that the planning process in municipalities can cause challenges to program participation based on town priorities, timeline and grant requirements. David Jacobson noted that in some towns it is a staffing challenge. Colin Odell and David Anthony provided some anecdotes about municipal projects participating in the programs.

Valerie Bell noted that smaller towns have staffing challenges as well as challenges with considering the entirety of town assets and how to approach efficiency upgrades. Colin Odell noted the Portfolio Prioritization Plan (PPP) offer is intended to help commercial customers and municipalities do this. Tatsiana provided more detail on how the PPP offer works for municipalities and how it could potentially tie to Green Communities program.

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

Tom McNellis highlighted a recent Cape Light power supply newspaper advertisement in his local paper. Tom applauded the outreach and suggested a less wordy advertisement may be more accessible for community members in the future. David Anthony noted the advertisement ran in his local paper and commended the Compact team.

David Anthony introduced a new Alternate Member who recently joined the Board for Sandwich, Julia Gillis. David said that the new alternates will have some time to introduce themselves at the October meeting.

David Anthony shared an upcoming event hosted by Cape Destinations and Cape Cod Regional Technical School celebrating new electric buses and solar array. The event is on September 18th at 10am at the bus parking lot.

Tristan Israel left the meeting at 4:16pm.

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:18pm moved by Robert Schofield, seconded by Nate Mayo.

David	Anthony	Barnstable	Yes
Robert	Scofield	Bourne	Yes

Colin	Odell	Brewster	Yes
Tom	McNellis	Eastham	Yes
Alan	Strahler	Edgartown	Yes
Scott	Mueller	Falmouth	Yes
Valerie	Bell	Harwich	Yes
David	Jacobson	Orleans	Yes
Nate	Mayo	Provincetown	Yes
Julia	Gillis	Sandwich	Yes
Nicola	Blake	West Tisbury	Yes
Michael	Ahern	Yarmouth	Yes

Motion carried in the affirmative (12-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Emily P. Webb

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS:

- Meeting Notice/Agenda
- July 9, 2026 Draft Open Session Meeting Minutes
- Residential Enhanced Offering Special Two Pager
- Consumer Advocacy Update
- CLC D.P.U. 26-20 Consumer Advocacy Worksheet
- D.P.U. 26-20 Exhibit EDC-2 Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Central Data Repository Implementation Plan
- D.P.U. 26-20 -21 -22 - Notice (4.7.26)
- Let Ray 5-6-26 CLC Petition to Intervene FINAL
- Vote on D.P.U. 26-20 Data Access Plan
- 2028-2030 Energy Efficiency Plan Timeline
- Large Commercial & Municipal Offers