

# Governor’s Task Force on Climate Change Member Meeting

March 10, 2020, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

## Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Dreyfus University Center, UW-Stevens Point, 1015 Reserve St, Stevens Point, WI 54481

**Access:** Live coverage of this meeting was provided by Wisconsin Eye and by state agency staff using Zoom (toll-free phone audio, mobile/computer viewing). Wisconsin Eye produced a recorded version of the meeting, which is available here: <https://wiseye.org/2020/03/10/governors-task-force-on-climate-change-stevens-point/>.

**Members in Attendance:** Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes, Secretary Preston Cole, Stacy Craig, Jeffrey Crawford, Secretary Caleb Frostman, Robert Garvin, Paul Graham, Anna Haines, Bill Hogseth, Dylan Jennings, Representative Mike Kuglitsch, Amber Meyer-Smith, Senator Mark Miller, Representative Greta Neubauer, Robert Nigh, Rob Palmberg, Chris Pollack, Jeffrey Rafn, Randy Romanski, Stephanie Salgado, Kerry Schumann, Kirsten Shead, Mark Stoering, Bob Stone, Krystal Westfahl

**Staff, Facilitators, Presenters in Attendance:** Greg Engle, Tom Hanrahan, Tyler Huebner, Raj Kamal, Lorrie Lisek, Gregg May, Erinn Monroe, Colleen Moran, Joseph Oslund, Pamela Porter, Maria Redmond, Jeff Ripp, Noah Roberts, Olivia Shanahan, Justin Shell, Scott Smith, Wenona Wolf

Time	Topic
10:00	Welcome
	Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes welcomed meeting participants and discussed the administration’s ongoing efforts to mitigate the impacts of the climate crisis, such as a newly released flood prevention and recovery <a href="#">package of bipartisan legislation</a> that is intended to provide community resources and promote safety in response to increasingly frequent and severe weather events and flooding. Lt. Governor Barnes provided an overview of the meeting presentations on the topics of energy, transportation, and infrastructure. Meeting participants introduced themselves and the organizations they represent.
10:10	Presentations on Energy
	Representatives from a number of electric and gas utilities ( <a href="#">Alliant Energy</a> , <a href="#">Dairyland Power Cooperative</a> , <a href="#">Madison Gas &amp; Electric</a> , <a href="#">WE Energies</a> , <a href="#">WPPI Energy</a> , <a href="#">Xcel Energy</a> ) with service territories in Wisconsin presented on their respective goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing their generation from renewable sources. <a href="#">RENEW Wisconsin</a> , a nonprofit that promotes renewable energy in the state, provided context with data on the state’s generation mix, the decreasing costs of renewables, best practices, and available programs for increasing deployment of renewables.
11:25	Energy Discussion
	Task Force members asked questions of the presenters and discussed key takeaways in small groups.
11:40	Break
11:50	Presentations on Transportation
	Representatives from two non-profits, <a href="#">1000 Friends of Wisconsin</a> and <a href="#">Wisconsin Clean Cities</a> , discussed transportation-based solutions to climate change, such as increased use of electric and other alternative fuel vehicles, active transportation (walking and biking), and public transit. The presenters discussed related market trends, infrastructure, and policies. A third presenter from the <a href="#">Wisconsin Department of Transportation</a> discussed the long-range, asset management, and multimodal planning that the agency undertakes, and programs it administers that support emission reduction and electric vehicle infrastructure.
12:30	Transportation Discussion

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<b>12:45</b>	Working Lunch
<b>1:00</b>	Focus on Energy Presentation
Participants learned about <a href="#">Focus on Energy</a> , which provides energy efficiency incentives to residential, business, school and government customers. The presentation outlined the role of energy efficiency as an economic driver and least-cost option for reducing negative environmental impacts related to energy.	
<b>1:15</b>	Focus on Energy Discussion
Task Force members asked questions of the presenters and discussed key takeaways in small groups.	
<b>1:30</b>	Formation of Working Groups
Task Force members met in small working groups to discuss their respective interests and expertise in three topic areas (Energy, Housing & Infrastructure; Land Use & Conservation; and Healthy Communities & Strong Economy) and their plans for providing recommendations for the final task force report.	
<b>2:30</b>	Public Comments
A number of individuals and advocacy organizations, provided comment to the task force.	
<b>2:50</b>	Concluding Remarks
Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes provided closing remarks and thanks to the participants and members of the public.	
<b>3:00</b>	Adjourn
<b>4:00</b>	Optional tour + social hour at <a href="#">Central Waters</a>