

Clean Energy Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2026

Call to order at 1:00 pm

Attendance:

Present In-person: Richard Smith

Present via Zoom: Andrea Bennett, PJ Klein, Sean Sullivan, Valjeanne Estes, Jeff Zuba, Matt Massarelli

Not Present: Phyllis Goodson

City Staff Present: David Ingram, Rachel Schuler, Kara Spencer

Approval of February minutes: Chair Richard Smith called for any comments or edits to the February minutes. None were offered. All ayes, and approval of the February minutes passed.

Item #1: Guest Speaker: Dr. Roger Shew, Dept. of Earth and Ocean Sciences – Adjunct, UNCW

Richard Smith introduced Dr. Shew, who gave a presentation on the history of climate and energy in North Carolina, with a focus on the Wilmington area.

Item #2: Wilmington 2026 State and Federal Legislative Agenda

David I. introduced Kara Spencer, Wilmington Director of Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs, and Patrick Buffkin - Attorney for the NC League of Municipalities, who gave a presentation on the City of Wilmington 2026 State and Federal Legislative Agenda, and provided information on the Committee's agenda item #3 – the joint public comment letter on Duke Energy's CPIRP.

Item #3: Joint Public Comment Letter on Duke's 2025-26 CPIRP

David I presented the final version of the Joint Public Comment Letter on Duke Energy's Carbon Plan-Integrated Resource Plan (CPIRP) to the Committee. The final version of the letter has incorporated edits from the Committee and from other local governments across the state. Chair Richard Smith motioned for a Committee vote of support for the Letter, and a recommendation that it be presented to City Council. The motion was seconded. The Committee was unanimous in voting aye. The motion was passed.

David I will present the Comment Letter to City Council at their March 24th meeting.

Adjourn Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm

Next meeting is Monday, April 13, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.