Clean Energy Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2026

Call to order at 1:00 pm

Attendance:

Present In-person:
Present via Zoom: Richard Smith, Sean Sullivan, Matt Massarelli, PJ Klein, Jeff Zuba
Not Present: Andrea Bennett, Valjeanne Estes
City Staff Present: David Ingram, Rachel Schuler, Aaron Cramer

Approval of August minutes: Chair Richard Smith called for any comments or edits to the August minutes. None were offered. Minutes were approved.

Item #1: Invitation to attend National Nuclear Science Week - VIP Banquet

David I introduced the invitation from the Wilmington chapter of the American Nuclear Society to attend their opening banquet for Nuclear Science Week. The invitation is for up to four members of the Clean Energy Advisory Committee to attend the banquet on Tuesday, October 20th. The invitation extends to attending any of the tours, events, and panels the week of October 20-24.
David will coordinate with the organizers on the banquet invitations for any committee members interested in attending. David will also find out about how to attend any of the other events scheduled during the week.

Item #2 – Updates

LEED for Cities Certification – David provided an update on the LEED for Cities certification application with the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). The responses to preliminary review questions were submitted in August. Following that, the USGBC reviewers had several final questions on the application, and Wilmington staff submitted responses to those questions as well. Current status is awaiting the results of the final review from the USGBC.

SB730 Memo – Rachel provided an update on the memo that it was passed along to the City Manager. Rachel also shared the City's current focus on the enormous impact of the Cape Fear Bridge Replacement project and how some of the project's considerations and concerns align with aspects of the Clean Energy Advisory Committee's work. Rachel suggested the Committee consider providing comments as a committee or as individuals at https://www.wilmingtonnc.gov/Connect-With-Us/Read-the-Latest-News/Cape-Fear-Memorial-Bridge-Replacement-Project?transfer=e5f8ce90-76c8-4a3f-b3d3-e1bacb8c2776&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Adjourn Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 2:01 pm

Next meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.