

SOUTHEAST COMPACT COMMISSION

ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 11, 2021

MINUTES

The 113th meeting of the Southeast Compact Commission was held via a virtual Zoom meeting. Chairman John Williamson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum of the Commission was verified by Donna Hodges, Chairman-Elect.

Members participating:

John Williamson (Chairman)
Donna Hodges (Chairman-Elect)
Paul Burks (Secretary-Treasurer)
Karl Frost
Steve Harrison
B.J. Smith
Jack Storton
Debra Shults
David Turberville

Staff participating:

Ted Buckner

Others participating:

Les Foldesi

Approval of Minutes

Paul Burks moved that the Commission approve the minutes of the June 25, 2020, meeting and Steve Harrison seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as drafted.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public present.

Executive Director's Report

Ted Buckner, Executive Director, noted that he did not have anything to report beyond what had already been reported during the three committee meetings

Treasurer's Report

Paul Burks reviewed the Treasurer's Report and noted that the annual expenditures continue to be less than revenues. There were no comments or questions from the Commission. The report is attached.

State and Liaison Reports

Virginia – Steve Harrison reported that the NRC conducted a hybrid virtual and in person review of the state’s agreement state program and found the program satisfactory in all respect and fully protective of public health and safety. North Anna reactor facility plume exposure and ingestion pathway exercises were completed and yielded no findings. The Surry facility will undergo the same exercise in October 2020. Steve announced his retirement from the state’s radioactive protection program.

Mississippi – Donna Hodges reported that Chris Wells who has been serving as interim Executive Director has been approved as the Executive Director.

Alabama – David Turberville reported on the operations, exercises, evaluations, and drills at the nuclear power plants in the state. The state radiation control program is currently working on three decommissioning sites in the states that involve radioactive contamination. The program has received a request from an individual in the state to discuss the development of a micro-reactor and has requested assistance from the NRC.

Georgia - Paul Burks reported that Georgia Power continues to work toward completing construction of the additional two reactors at Vogtle. Estimated completion for the two units has been pushed out to 2022 and 2023 due to construction complications.

Florida – John Williamson reported that the St. Lucie power plant had an ingestion pathway drill in November 2020 which had been delayed because of Covid 19. There was a successful plume exercise at Turkey Point in February 2021. There is an upcoming plume exercise at St. Lucie in February 2022. The Crystal River site is undergoing demolition and rubble is being shipped to Clive, UT as radioactive waste. He noted that the National Academy of Science is releasing a report on radioactive sources applications and alternatives to radioactive materials.

Tennessee – The state had ten licensees, who had decided to no longer use radioactive materials, to end their licenses during the last year. In October 2020 the state had the first in person emergency exercise since the start of Covid 19 at the Sequoia facility. There is an emergency exercise coming up at Watts Bar in October. The state program also had its impact review by the NRC.

New Business

Report of the Finance Committee

Paul Burks, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported on the following items

- **Report on Financial Status of Commission** - Bynum Satterwhite of Raymond James gave a detailed report to the Committee on the financial status of the Commission and its investments.
- **Proposed Budget for 2021/2022** - Ted Buckner presented the proposed budget for 2021/2022 and the supporting documentation to the Committee. He explained the significant differences between the proposed budget and the 2020/2021 approved budget and noted that projected

revenues exceed the proposed budgeted expenses. The budget was referred to the Administrative Committee for further review.

- **Implications of Financial Support of Generators Disposing of Disused Sealed Sources** – The Committee discussed and endorsed the concept of providing financial support for the disposal of disused sealed sources but deferred providing any funding.
- **Future Investments of Commission Funds** – The Committee discussed the process that will be used in the future to have the Bynum Satterwhite to discuss new investment options with the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Commission before making the investments. In the future the Executive Director will not participate in the investment process but will provide logistical support to the officers.

Report of the Administrative Committee

- **Discussion of Proposed Budget for 2021/2022** - Steve Harrison, Chairman of the Administrative Committee, reported that Ted Buckner presented the proposed budget for 2021/2022 and the supporting documentation to the Committee. The proposed budget had been reviewed by the Finance Committee the previous day and referred to the Administrative Committee for further review. The Committee voted to recommend that the Commission approve the proposed budget.

Commissioner Burks moved that the 2021/2022 budget be approved as reported and Commissioner Storton seconded the motion. The budget was approved unanimously.

- **Records Retention Policy** – Commissioner Hodges reported on the Committee’s discussion of the Records Retention Policy and public access to Commission records. She noted that since the Committee meeting, she had reviewed the Retention Policy and the Commission’s Bylaws and noted that there is a provision in the Bylaws that specifically addresses the issues related to the record retention and public access. We may only need to tweak the records retention policy in the future.
- **Staff Transition** – Steve Harrison recused himself from this portion of the meeting because of his possible interest in the new position of a contract Executive Director. John Williamson continued with the presentation related to this portion of the Administrative Committee report. He presented the most recent version of the notice of the position opening. There were no comments on the draft.

Commissioner Storton moved to approve the draft and Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Williamson then presented a revised version of the draft personal services contract to be used to engage a new Executive Director and discussed the most recent changes. There were changes made to the language of Paragraph 10.2 and 10.4 regarding governing law and location of dispute resolution locations.

The Commission then discussed the creation of an ad hoc search committee. Commissioners Storton, Shults, Hodges, and Williamson were named to the ad hoc committee.

Commissioner Shults moved that Commission approve the formation of an ad hoc committee with the named commissioners to conduct the search for a new Executive Director. Jack Storton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Burks volunteered to serve on the ad hoc search committee.

Commissioner Storton moved that Commissioner Burks be named to the ad hoc search committee. David Turberville seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Commissioner Harrison abstaining.

Report of the Policy and Planning Committee

David Turberville, Chairman of the Administrative Committee, reported on the following items:

- Presentation on Activities of the Low-Level Waste Forum’s Disused Sources Working Group (DSWG) – Michael Klebe, consultant to the DSWG, noted that small holders of disused sources are not as willing to get those sources to a permanent disposal site because of the costs involved. The Committee discussed the possibility of using some of the Commission’s funds to provide some financial assistance to those licensees to encourage disposal. The ad hoc committee will continue to study the question with the addition of Commissioners Storton and Burks joining the ad hoc committee.
- Policy Statement on the Management of Low-Level Radioactive Waste -The Committee reviewed the policy and did not recommend any changes and agreed that it is useful to leave the policy in place.
- Strategic Plan – Mr. Turberville summarized the discussion of the Strategic Plan as follows:
 - Goal 2, Objective 2., Action D. - The Committee recommends that the Commission delete “Staff and” so that only officers are designated as primary spokesperson with the media and public.
 - Goal 2, Objective 4., Action C. – The Committee recommends that the Commission delete “Staff and” so that only commissioners are allowed to serve as officers and/or Executive Committee members of the Forum.
 - Goal 2, Objective 4., Action D. - The Committee recommends that the Commission delete “administrative assistance and.”
 - Goal 2, Objective 1., Action E. - The Committee recommends that the Commission delete “volunteer to plan for and” to limit indirect support for Forum meetings to hosting the meeting.
 - Goal 4, Objective 1., Action A. - The Committee recommends that the Commission delete “Staff” and add “the Executive Director in conjunction with the Finance Committee.”
 - Goal 4, Objective 2., Actions A. B. & C. - The Committee recommends that the Commission delete “staff” and include “the Finance Committee.”
 - Goal 4, Objective 2., Action D. - The Committee recommends that the Commission delete “staff” and include “with the assistance of the Executive Director,

- Goal 4, Objective 2., Action E. - The Committee recommends that the Commission change the beginning to read “Annually, the Executive Director in conjunction with the Finance Committee will...”
- Goal 4, Objective 3., Action A. - The Committee recommends that the Commission include the Executive Director.
- Goal 4, Objective 3., Action C. - The Committee recommends that the Commission delete “staff” and include “the Finance Committee and the Executive Director.”
- Goal 4, Objective 3., Actions D. & E. - The Committee recommends that the Commission delete “staff” and include “the Executive Director.”

Commissioner Burks moved to accept the reported recommended changes to the Strategic Plan with the understanding that changes to the Goal #3 Objectives will be made later. Commissioner Storton seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Hodges made a motion to approve the addition of Commissioner Burks and Commissioner Storton to the ad hoc committee studying possible financial support of generators in the region holding disused sealed sources. Commissioner Shults seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Storton introduced the following underlined changes to Goal 4, Objectives 1.-18. for consideration by the Commission:

As delegated by the Commission, the Executive Director shall:

1. Hire additional contract support approved by the Commission as may be necessary for the performance of the Commission’s functions with the prior written consent of the officers of the Commission.
2. Enter into agreements for other professional services and consultants, not to exceed \$10,000, recommend to the Commission the approval of contracts for professional services exceeding \$10,000, and manage the work conducted under these contracts. Continue to allow??? I think that some level of responsibility in conjunction with the Treasurer is reasonable.
3. Establish such rules of procedure as may be necessary for the orderly transaction of daily business.
4. Implement all policies and resolutions adopted by the Commission.
5. Ensure that the Commission complies with tax laws.
6. Assure that the Commission and the Executive Director are adequately insured.
7. Maintain a system of accounts and audit; pay bills and obligations of the Commission after approval of the Treasurer.
8. Annually coordinate an audit of the Commission accounts and incorporate the audit report into the development of the Annual Report.
9. Reimburse Commissioners and the Executive Director and other contract personnel for travel expenses in accordance with the Commission travel policies and after approval of the Treasurer.
10. Plan, prepare for, and staff Commission meetings in accordance with the ByLaws.

11. Plan, prepare for, and staff as many meetings of standing and ad hoc committees as necessary to conduct the business of the Commission
12. Maintain up-to-date files of Commission correspondence, meetings, and other materials in accordance with the Document Retention Policy adopted in March 2011.
13. Maintain administrative support for the work of the Commission.
14. Perform other duties specifically delegated by the Commission.
15. Analyze and research issues raised by Commissioners and develop recommendations for consideration by committees and the Commission.
16. Develop presentations and/or white papers to bring issues to the attention of the Commission for study and possible action.
17. Annually conduct a meeting of officers and committee chairs to review progress and plan future activities of the Commission.
18. Annually assist the Policy and Planning Committee to review and update as necessary a Strategic Plan.

The Commission discussed these items and changed Objective 1. To read “consent of the Chairman of the Commission.” The Commission deleted Objective 2. in its entirety. There was no discussion of Objectives 19.-25.

**Commissioner Burks moved to accept the changes to Goal 3., Objectives 1.-18.
Commissioner Storton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

There was no further new business to discuss.

Commissioner Burks moved to adjourn, and Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public present.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M.