

# Greenfield Community Energy and Technology (GCET) Board Meeting

**Minutes Date: March 10, 2026 Time: 6:00 PM**

**Attendance: Commissioners Farrell, Stromsten, Goodwin, Marcum**

**Also in attendance. J. Lunt, W. St. Denis,**

**Location: Hybrid (GCET Offices and Virtual)**

## 1. Minutes

Minutes for January 28th, January 13th, and June 10th approved. February 24th minutes pending — transcript not yet available.

## 2. Public Comment

None.

## 3. Outage Follow-Up

- Network has run normally for one month — ten times the length of the outage.
- Final attrition from the outage: 14–15 customers (~0.5% of customer base).
- New customer acquisition is recovering; GCET was net negative last month but roughly even this month.
- Jeff and Mike commended for professionalism in customer outreach.

Juniper update:

- HP's acquisition of Juniper has caused a rep gap; GCET is working to identify a new contact.
- GCET has learned of Juniper's courier service (not publicly listed) — this would allow GCET to retrieve hardware directly, saving ~24 hours in a future emergency.
- Whether to upgrade the second routing engine now or wait is being evaluated with Juniper; firmware upgrades carry their own risks.
- A formal after-action review with Juniper will occur once a rep is identified. Board suggested agenda items: evaluate alternative vendors and request a spare/loaner unit as a concession.

## 4. Communications Plan

Updated draft shared. Roles and responsibilities have been distributed. Final version to be presented for board acceptance next month, then published on the GCET website.

## **5. Recording / GCTV**

Zoom logs confirm missing meetings were recorded; the gap is in the city's transfer process. GCET is working with city IT to resolve. John will report back next month with a resolution or a decision to revert to GCET's own hosting.

## **6. Weldon Building — Fiber Installation**

Drilling is underway. The building (built 1905) has no existing conduit chases; crews are drilling through up to 4 ft of concrete per floor, and 8 ft between the 4th and 5th floors where a historic roof was built over rather than removed. Hallway work will be the most time-consuming phase. Residents were briefed and are cooperative. Possible bats on the 5th floor are being managed per protected species requirements.

## **7. Executive Session**

Board entered executive session under Reason #10 (open discussion may harm the public body's negotiating position) to discuss the proposed budget.

Motion to enter Executive Session moved by Commissioner Stromsten, seconded by Commissioner Marcum, and approved by roll call vote.

Recording stopped per Massachusetts General Law requirements. Board to reconvene in open session following executive session.

## **8. Return to Open Session**

Motion to approve the FY2027 GCET Budget moved by Commissioner Stromsten, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, unanimously approved

Motion to adjourn moved by Commissioner Goodwin, seconded by Commissioner Marcum, unanimously approved