

APPROVED MINUTES

Submitted by Marc Brown

Commission to Investigate the Implementation of Next Generation Nuclear Reactor Technology in New Hampshire

October 11, 2022

Attendance:

Commission Members: Representative Michael Harrington, David Shulock, Bart Fromuth, Marc Brown, Representative Keith Ammon, Cathy Beahm, Dan Goldner, Christopher McLarnon.
Absent: Senator Bill Gannon, Alex Fries, Matthew Levander

Public: Representative Doug Thomas, Michele Roberge, Douglas Maily, Jodi Grimblas, Bruce Berke, Vikram Mansharamani, Alvin See

Meeting:

1. Representative Harrington opened the meeting and followed with introductions from each Commission member; then members of the public introduced themselves.
2. The Commission members then voted on officers and unanimously voted for:
3. Chair — Representative Keith Ammon
4. Vice Chair – Representative Michael Harrington
5. Clerk – Marc Brown
6. A sign-up sheet was passed around for Commission members and guests.
7. Representative Ammon referenced the need to tap into resources; Representative Harrington brought a copy of Nuclear News Magazine and Marc Brown mentioned that the Nuclear Energy Institute and Georgia Power are members of Consumer Energy Alliance and could be helpful.
8. Representative Ammon emphasized that focus be on next generation technologies; Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin committed Virginia to be the centerpiece of SMR manufacturing. Hopes that this will be a consensus building process.
9. Christopher McLarnon voiced skepticism on feasibility of nuclear power in the US because we don't build nukes here; China builds them cheaply and poorly
10. Bart Fromuth asked if we are getting any components from China
11. Representative Harrington responded that the US is not getting parts from China; referenced Sumner's failures in South Carolina; brought up the success that South Koreans have had constructing reactors. Stated that SMRs are generally 50-80 MW, can be shipped via rail. Commented that nuclear generation plant has ever been built by investors assuming risk—always been rate based. NuScale has a design approved by the Nuclear Regulatory

Commission.

12. Representative Thomas stated that he is personally bullish on nuclear technology; he is a de facto member of the NCSL energy supply task force; there are no less than 80 nuclear technologies out there—which ones survive? Mentioned that abandoned coal plants are good locations for SMRs. Asked Commission to focus on PR re: “new, safe nuclear technology.”
13. Representative Harrington thought Rep. Thomas’ comments regarding PR were well-stated and mentioned Germany’s overreaction to Fukushima.
14. Representative Ammon hopes that this Commission will utilize as many relationships as possible.
15. Commission scheduled next meeting for Monday, November 21st at 8:30 AM
16. Meeting adjourned ~ 11:00 AM