

# Washington State Energy Strategy Advisory Committee

Meeting 1

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Washington State  
Department of  
**Commerce**

# *Advisory* **Committee Charge**



# Advisory Committee Charge

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- Review and update of State Energy Strategy authorized in 2019 leg. session (RCW 43.21F.090)
  - Commerce to complete review by end of 2020
- Advisory Committee to *“provide guidance to the department in conducting the review”*
- Statute establishes committee member positions, with Governor-appointed Chair
- Commerce can establish technical advisory groups *“as necessary to assist in the development of the strategy”*
- Commerce to convey written report to Governor and legislative committees
  - Advisory Committee dissolved within three months after report conveyed
- Commerce *“shall provide for extensive public involvement throughout the development of the strategy”*
  - Includes a public hearing *“regarding the advisory committee’s advice and recommendations for revisions to the energy strategy”*

# State Energy Strategy

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- **State Energy Strategy must:**
  - Balance state energy goals (RCW 43.21F.010): competitive energy prices, fostering a clean energy economy, and meeting greenhouse gas reduction obligations
  - Align with state energy strategy principles (RCW 43.21F.088)
- **Statute focus the strategy on compliance approaches for the state's clean electricity laws and newly revised statewide emissions reductions:**
  - Clean Energy Transformation Act (Chapter 19.405 RCW): 100% clean electricity generation in the state by 2045
  - Energy Independence Act (Chapter 19.285 RCW): electric utilities serving at least 25,000 retail customers to use renewable energy and energy conservation
  - Statewide greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals established by the Legislature and updated by Ecology as required by RCW 70.235.040: By 2050, reduce emissions 95% below 1990 levels—and achieve net zero GHG emissions

# *Advisory* **Committee Charter**



# Charter: Purpose

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- Provide guidance, advice, and recommendations on the State Energy Strategy as it is developed by Commerce
  - Especially helping understand high-level implications, trade-offs, and opportunities associated with implementation of strategies, from a range of perspectives
- Provide a venue for broader public involvement
- Provide review and feedback on the draft State Energy Strategy
- Describe process and guidance in written document to be conveyed by Commerce to the Governor

# Charter: Desired Outcomes

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- Meaningful consideration of Committee members' perspectives and insights
- Committee input aligns with legislative goals and principles
- Fair and accurate record of Committee deliberations and guidance
- Complete, accurate, fair and transparent planning process

# Charter: Operating Guidelines

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- **Committee members represent personal, not organizational, perspectives**
  - Encouraged to reach out to constituencies to communicate and gather input
- **Consensus and voting on proposals will not be requested**
  - Participation does not imply or presume agreement
- **Committee will not revisit state energy goals, existing energy policy, climate science, or state GHG reduction goals**
- **Alternate members are not needed**
- **Committee will refrain from characterizing views of other members through public statements**
  - Commerce and facilitator will handle any media inquiries



# Charter: Enhancing Committee Dialogue

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- Frame observations in terms of needs and interests, not positions
- Offer ideas and solutions toward a positive future of a robust, low-carbon, innovative economy in Washington
- Attend in-person whenever feasible

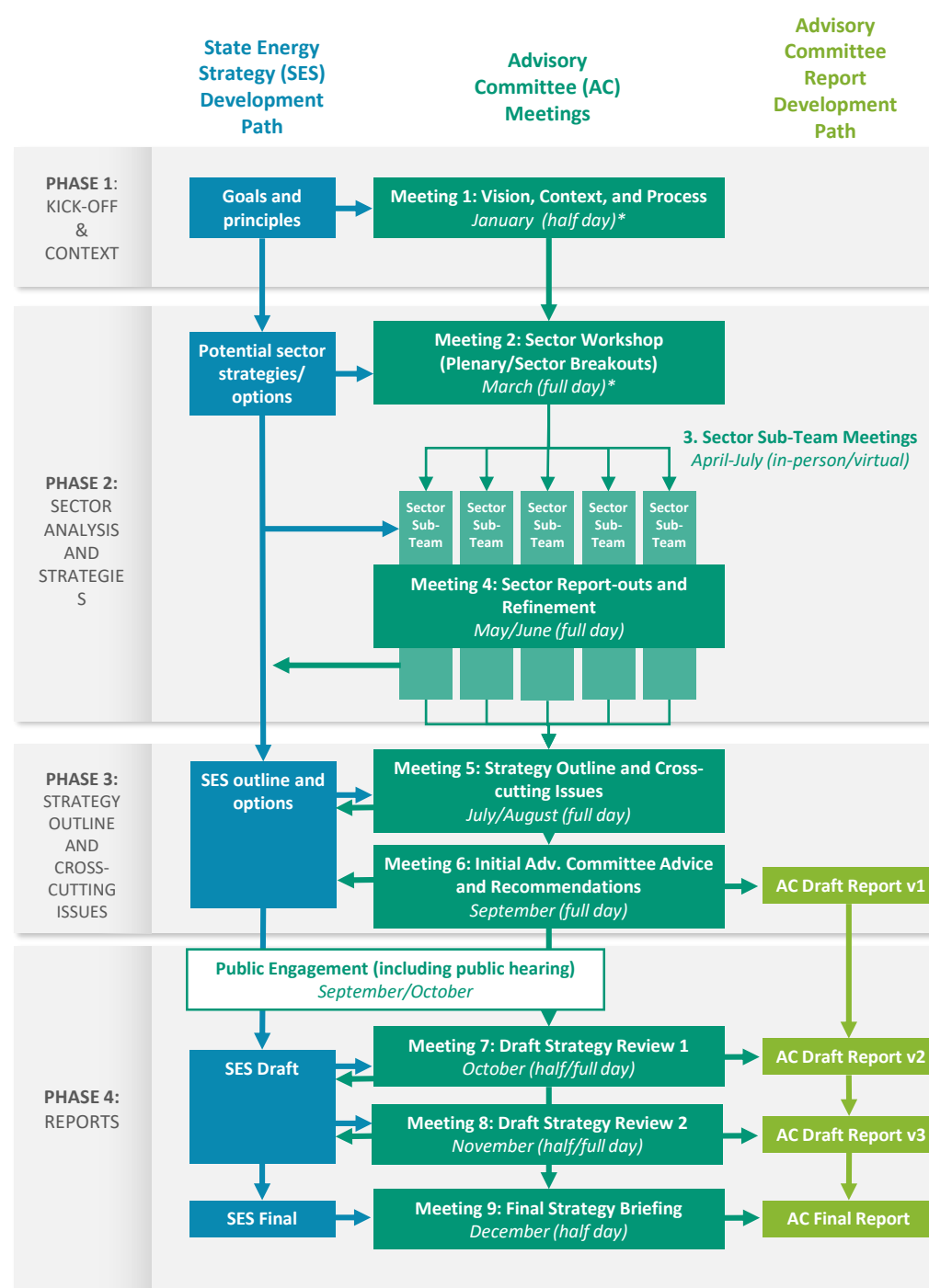
# Committee Support & Public Participation

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- Commerce will provide technical support as needed or requested
  - Plenary and/or sub-group meetings may involve subject matter experts and/or technical advisory groups
- Ross Strategic will provide facilitation support (meeting support, summaries, preparation of final report, etc.)
  - Neutral third party with no stake in the outcome of discussions
  - Works for the process and treats all members as equal clients
- Public Participation: Observers during committee meetings and through a public hearing
  - Time at end of meetings for brief public statements
  - Will be additional opportunities for public input in energy strategy development

# Advisory Committee Process





\*2020 WA Legislative Session: Jan. 13 – March 13

# Advisory Committee Meetings

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- Will include plenary sessions and sub-group “deep dives”
- Locations will rotate around Washington State
- Meeting information and materials sent via email and available at the State Energy Strategy web page: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/energy/2021-state-energy-strategy/>