Via email and posting

August 31, 2023

**TO:** NAESB Board of Directors, Executive Committee (EC) Members, EC Alternates, NAESB Members, NAESB Advisory Council and Invited Guests

**FROM:** Rae McQuade, NAESB President

**RE:** Announcement & Agenda for theNAESB Board of Directors Meeting, Strategic Session and Meeting of the Members – September 7, 2023 Additional/Updated Materials Highlighted

Dear Board Members, EC Members, EC Alternates, NAESB Members, NAESB Advisory Council and Invited Guests,

As previously announced, the NAESB Board of Directors meeting, Strategic Session, and Meeting of the Members will take place on September 7, 2023 at 9:00 am Central in Houston, Texas at the Marriott Marquis Hotel.[[1]](#footnote-1) Participation will also be available utilizing the Zoom platform for those of you that are unable to travel. If you are planning to attend in-person, please RSVP at your earliest convenience so that proper accommodations can be made by the hotel. Logistical information and instructions on how to RSVP are provided below.

An agenda and materials for the meeting as has been posted to the NAESB website and is included below. As part of our Strategic Session and Meeting of the Members, we are pleased to announce the former FERC Chairman Norman Bay has agreed to provide some remarks and give his perspectives on the future direction of the industry. We will also have Mason Fried from the Climate Center at ICF review their findings from a recent report on climate data released last month.[[2]](#footnote-2) Additionally, we will discuss the results of the Advisory Council meeting with a panel of members in attendance before addressing our regular business. As are all NAESB meetings, this meeting is open to any interested party, and should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at any time (naesb@naesb.org, (713) 356-0060).

| **NAESB Board of Directors Meeting, Strategic Session and Meeting of the Members****Thursday, September 7, 2023 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Central****RSVP & Registration Information** |
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| In-Person Attendance | Location: RSVP: | Marriott Marquis Houston1777 Walker Street, Houston, Texas 77010Contact Veronica Thomason at naesb@naesb.org, (713) 356-0060 |
| Virtual Attendance | Registration Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqcuiprTooHtZlv3w8AFOYdVsCziIBjgip>Instructions for participation will be provided to you in a separate emailed confirmation notice after you register. Additional information is provided in the posted announcement. The registration will serve as your RSVP to attend.  |

Best Regards,

 Rae McQuade Jonathan Booe

President, NAESB Executive Vice President & COO, NAESB

**Virtual Attendance Instructions**

* Please register through the hyperlink provided in the meeting announcement and agenda. This will serve as your RSVP. Should you have any difficulty registering, please contact the NAESB office.
* After registration, you will receive the meeting link, phone numbers, meeting ID and password. The link you receive is individual – it is specific to your registration and should not be shared. Should you have someone that you would like to invite to the meeting, please contact the NAESB office.
* Meeting participants will be muted on entry to the meeting.
* We ask that the meeting participants remain muted until they are asked to respond to the roll call or have comments or questions. If you have questions or comments, please use the “Raise Your Hand” feature. Once recognized, the meeting participant should unmute themself. When a meeting participant is recognized to speak, the participant should please remember to identify themself and the organization they represent.
* Meeting participants may leave and rejoin the meeting at any time during the session. The session will not be locked.

| **NAESB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** **Thursday, September 7, 2023 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Central****Marriott Marquis Hotel – 1777 Walker Street, Houston, Texas 77010****DRAFT AGENDA** |
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|  | **#** | **Agenda Item** |
| 8:30 A |  | **Continental Breakfast** |
| 9:00 A | 1. | **Welcome** |
|  |  | a) | Welcome to Board members, Guests and Convene the September 7, 2023 Board meeting |
|  |  | b) | Antitrust Guidelines: <http://www.naesb.org/misc/antitrust_guidance.doc> (Guidance) |
|  |  | c) | Establish Quorum: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bod_terms.pdf> (Board Roster) |
|  | 2. | **Consent Agenda** (For Consideration and Possible Vote) |
|  |  | a) | Agenda Adoption: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd090723a.docx>  |
|  |  | b) | Adoption of Draft Minutes: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd041323dm.docx> (04-13-23 Draft Minutes) |
|  |  | c) | Adoption of 2023 WGQ Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org//pdf4/bd041323a3.docx> (Adopted by Board of Directors 4-13-23) |
|  |  | d) | Adoption of 2023 Retail Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org//pdf4/bd041323a1.docx> (Adopted by Board of Directors 4-13-23) |
|  |  | e) | Adoption of 2023 WEQ Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org//pdf4/bd041323a2.docx> (Adopted by Board of Directors 4-13-23) |
| **Meeting of the Members & Strategic Session** |
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|  |  | a) | Opening Remarks from the Chairman |
|  |  | b) | Remarks from Former FERC Chairman Norman Bay, Partner, Willkie, Farr & Gallagher, LLP |
|  |  | c) | Presentation by Dr. Mason Fried, Senior Managing Consultant, Climate Science, ICF |
|  |  | d) | NAESB Gas-Electric Harmonization Forum Report Review by Robert Gee, Dr. Sue Tierney, Pat Wood III: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/geh_final_report_072823.pdf>  |
|  |  | e) | Review of NAESB Advisory Council Meeting, & Remarks from Panel of Invited Guests |
|  |  | f) | Discussion & Additional Comments |
|  |  | g) | Identification of Action Items |
|  |  | h) | Adjourn the Meeting of the Members and Strategic Session |
| **General Business of the Board of Directors** |
|  | 4. | **Membership and Financial Reports** |
|  |  | Review of the Membership & Financial Reports: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/finance_membership_report_June2023.pdf> (June 2023) |
|  | 5. | **Reports from Board Committees** |
|  |  | a) | Managing Committee Update |
|  |  | b) | Revenue Committee Update: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd_revenue082923a.docx> (08/29/23 Agenda) |
|  | 6. | **Standards Development Efforts** |
|  |  | a) | Energy Storage & Distributed Energy Resources: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/BOD_energy_storage_Update_083023.docx>  |
|  |  | b) | Standardized Natural Gas Contract Activities: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/BOD_contract_activities_update_083023.docx>  |
|  |  | c) | Cybersecurity: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/BOD_cybersecurity_Update_083023.docx>  |
|  |  | d) | Other Development Efforts: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/BOD_other_development_efforts_083023.docx>  |
|  | 7. | **Old and New Business** |
|  |  | a) | Regulatory Filings and Related Actions, Liaisons with external groups * July 31, 2023 - NAESB WEQ Version 004 Report: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/naesb_073123_weq_version_004_report.pdf>
* July 28, 2023 – Correspondence Concerning NAESB GEH Forum Report: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/md_correspondence_072823.docx>
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|  |  | b) | Comments from Board Members, Invited Guests and Attendees |
|  |  | c) | Board Meeting Schedule 2023: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/2023_schedule.pdf>  |
|  |  | d) | NAESB Bulletin: March – July 2023: <http://naesb.org/pdf4/naesb_bulletin_vol16_issue1.pdf>  |
| 1:00 P | 8. | **Adjourn** |

**Speaker Biographies**

**Norman Bay – Partner, Willkie, Farr & Gallagher, LLP**

Norman C. Bay is Co-Chair of the Energy Commodities Group and Head of the Energy Regulatory Practice at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in Washington, DC.  His practice focuses on enforcement and compliance, energy policy and rates, mergers and acquisitions, and infrastructure development.  Bay was Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), as well as Director of the Office of Enforcement.  He was integral in shaping FERC policy on a wide range of energy market issues, including enforcement and compliance, energy storage, aggregated distributed energy resources, transmission and interconnection policy, and price formation in the RTO markets.  Bay was previously a Professor at the University of New Mexico School of Law and the U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico.  He is currently a member of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board for the Department of Energy, a non-resident Senior Fellow with Duke University, a member of the NYU Institute for Policy Integrity Advisory Board, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Irving Institute for Energy and Society at Dartmouth College.

**Dr. Mason Fried - Senior Managing Consultant, Climate Science, ICF**

Dr. Fried is a climate scientist using state-of-the-art datasets and big data solutions to understand future climate risks and develop resilience strategies for the energy sector. His work focuses on risks to energy infrastructure and systems resulting from extreme weather and other hazards, such as heat waves, winter storms, tropical cyclones, and flooding. He has published first-author research in journals such as *Geophysical Research Letters*, *Journal of Geophysical Research: Earth Surface*, and *Annals of Glaciology* and contributed to a range of reports and papers in consultancy and science.

1. Information regarding the Marriott Marquis can be found through the following hyperlink: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd090723hotel.docx> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *New Climate Data Reveals Warmer, Wetter, Future for the US*: [https://share.icf.com/MDcyLVdKWC03ODIAAAGNLFQOYk1R3DYWdS95Q-8\_vT\_rXGJpKRAz2bjM9YbKx6T\_X6MTIcHOtzFqmwPa\_mde8HUg7bE=](https://share.icf.com/MDcyLVdKWC03ODIAAAGNLFQOYk1R3DYWdS95Q-8_vT_rXGJpKRAz2bjM9YbKx6T_X6MTIcHOtzFqmwPa_mde8HUg7bE%3D) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)