

Decarbonizing the Transportation Sector in New England: Emerging State Visions, Pathways, & Policies

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Stephanie Pollack serves as Secretary of Transportation and CEO of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), overseeing the state's highways, mass transit, aeronautics, and motor vehicle registry, in addition to planning and programming for the state's transportation needs. She also sits on the Board of the Massachusetts Port Authority and leads the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA).

Before being named Secretary by Governor Baker, Stephanie was the Associate Director of the Kitty & Michael Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University, overseeing the Center's research agenda as well as conducting her own research projects in the areas of transportation policy, transit-oriented development, sustainability, and equitable development. She also served as an adjunct professor at Northeastern.

Previously, Stephanie worked as an attorney at the Conservation Law Foundation and as a consultant on transportation, equity, and environmental issues to the public, private, and non-profit sectors, both nationally and locally.

Stephanie earned both a BS in Mechanical Engineering and a BS in Public Policy from MIT, as well as a JD from Harvard Law School.

Rob Klee is the Commissioner of Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). He was appointed Commissioner by Governor Dannel P. Malloy in January 2014, having joined DEEP in 2011 as Chief of Staff. Rob serves as Chairman of the Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3), Co-Chair of the Executive Steering Committee of the Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation (CIRCA), Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Connecticut Green Bank, Chairman of the Connecticut Blue Plan Advisory Committee, and Region One Representative to the Executive Board of the Environmental Council of the States.

Prior to joining state service, Rob was an attorney with Wiggin and Dana LLP, in New Haven, where he specialized in appellate work and energy and environmental law. He also previously served as a Research Affiliate in the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, and as a Law Clerk for the U.S. District Court in Connecticut and at the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

He holds a Ph.D. in industrial ecology and a law degree, both from Yale, and an undergraduate degree from Princeton in geology and environmental science.

Ben Haley is Co-founder of Evolved Energy. He has unique experience developing energy system models to support energy transformation decision making. His models have been utilized by parties from the California state government to support 2030 greenhouse gas (GHG) target-setting and by the research team representing the United States in the Deep Decarbonization Pathways Project (DDPP) convened at the behest of the United Nations. Ben has a passion for problem-solving and a deep technical knowledge of energy, specifically in the growing interaction between electricity and other sectors of the energy economy.

He holds a master's in international environmental policy from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies and a bachelor's in business administration from Bucknell.

John B. Heywood is the Sun Jae Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Director of the Sloan Automotive Laboratory at MIT, where he has served as a faculty member since 1968. His interests are focused on internal combustion engines, their fuels, and broader studies of future transportation technology and policy, fuel supply options, and air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions.

John has published over 230 papers in the technical literature and is the author of six books, including a new edition of his major text and professional reference, "Internal Combustion Engine Fundamentals." He has received many awards for his work, including the 1996 U.S. Department of Transportation Award for the Advancement of Motor Vehicle Research and Development, and the Society of Automotive Engineers 2008 Award for Contributions to Automotive Policy. He is a Fellow of both the Society of Automotive Engineers and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, as well as a member of the National Academy of Engineering.

John holds a Ph.D. from MIT, a D.Sc. from Cambridge University, and honorary degrees from Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden, and City University, London.

Corey Ershow is Transportation Policy Manager at Lyft. He is an attorney and policy wonk focusing on emerging technology transportation solutions. Corey joined Lyft in 2017 as a Transportation Policy Manager, working with government officials and other stakeholders to develop policies and promote Lyft's vision for the future of transportation. Prior to joining Lyft, Corey served as Senior Advisor to the EV Everywhere initiative at the United States Department of Energy, and before that, as Transportation Counsel to former Rep. Patrick Murphy of Florida.

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Évangéline Lévesque has served at the Québec Ministry of Transportation for almost 30 years. For the past twenty years, she has worked as a manager in transportation planning and environmental issues and has contributed to the government's overall efforts in transportation policy. In her current role, she is responsible for the Québec Government's Sustainable Mobility Policy and the development and implementation of the Transportation Electrification Action Plan.

Évangéline holds a master's degree in land use planning and regional development from Laval University in Québec City and a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture, including one year in civil engineering, from the University of Guelph in Toronto.

Terence (Terry) Sobolewski is Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer at National Grid, where he is responsible for customer care and engagement teams, connections, and solutions (including energy efficiency, affordability, demand response, electric transport, and distributed energy resource programs), and community support through corporate citizenship and economic development. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for The Alliance to Save Energy and GreenerU, as well as the Advisory Board of Duke's Center for Energy, Development and the Global Environment (EDGE).

Prior to Joining National Grid, Terry led East Coast Business Development for SunPower Corporation. He also worked for GE Capital in various leadership roles, including Mid-Atlantic Region Manager for GE Capital Solutions and General Manager for GE Technology Finance.

Terry also served for four years in the US Navy, where he completed training as a Naval Intelligence Officer. He received both his B.S.E. in Mechanical Engineering and his M.B.A. from Duke.

Dr. Jonathan Raab has served as the convener and moderator of the New England Electricity Restructuring Roundtable since 1995 and of the Energy Policy Roundtable in the PJM Footprint since 2016. A national leader in applying consensus building processes to energy, environmental, and regulatory issues, some of his major cases include the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI); the New England Demand Response Initiative (NEDRI); the Greenhouse Gas planning processes for the City of Boston, Maine, and Rhode Island; RPS rules for Massachusetts and Rhode Island; the energy plan for Tennessee; energy efficiency stakeholder processes in California, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts; market rules for Alberta; and Grid Modernization in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. He has also run stakeholder processes for U.S. DOE, U.S Fish & Wildlife, and U.S. EPA. Jonathan assisted both PJM and MISO in reforming their respective stakeholder processes.

Prior to establishing Raab Associates, Jonathan was the Assistant Director of the Electric Power Division at the Massachusetts DPU. He holds a Ph.D. from MIT, and an M.S. and A.B. from Stanford. He has taught courses at the University of Oregon, Stanford, UMass (Boston) and MIT. He is the author of *Using Consensus Building to Improve Utility Regulation*.