



## Decarbonization Pathways, Policies, and Programs in New England

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Bios of Speakers/Moderator



**Kathleen A. Theoharides** was sworn in as Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs in May 2019. The Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs oversees the Commonwealth's six environmental, natural resource and energy regulatory agencies, which include the Departments of Environmental Protection, Public Utilities, Energy Resources, Conservation & Recreation, Agricultural Resources, and Fish & Game. She also serves as Chairman of the MA Water Resources Authority, the Energy Facilities Siting Board, and the MA Clean Energy Center.

Trained as a field biologist, Katie began her policy career working in Washington, D.C. at the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition and Defenders of Wildlife. In 2016, she was appointed Director of Climate and Global Warming Solutions in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. As Director, and later, as Assistant Secretary, she worked to implement Executive Order 569, led the development of the State Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan, and created the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program.

Katie received a B.A. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Dartmouth College and an MS in Ecology and Environmental Biology from University of Massachusetts-Boston.



**Katie Scharf Dykes** is the Commissioner of Connecticut's Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP). She was nominated by Governor Ned Lamont to serve as the Commissioner of DEEP and was confirmed in February 2019. Katie previously served as Chair of the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA), and as Deputy Commissioner for Energy at Connecticut DEEP. She also served as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc. (RGGI). Katie joined CT DEEP in 2012 after prior service as Deputy General

Counsel for the White House Council on Environmental Quality and as a Legal Advisor to the General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Energy.

Katie is a graduate of Yale College and the Yale Law School.



**Hal Harvey** is the CEO of Energy Innovation, a San Francisco-based energy and environmental policy firm.

Previously, Hal served as founder and CEO of the Energy Foundation, a philanthropy supporting policy solutions that advance renewable energy and energy efficiency. He then helped establish Energy Foundation China, the European Climate Foundation, and the Indian Sustainable Energy Foundation. He also served as Environment Program Director at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

Hal has served on energy panels appointed by Presidents Bush (41) and Clinton. He is the author of two books and dozens of articles on energy and national security issues. Hal serves as President of the Board of Directors of the New-Land Foundation; Vice Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board for Mercator Climate Center; and a Senior Fellow for Energy and the Environment at the Paulson Institute. He is a recipient of the Heinz Award for the Environment; the United Nation's Clean Air and Climate Change Award; and the California Air Resources Board's Haagen-Smit Clean Air Award. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Stanford University in Engineering, specializing in Energy Planning.



**Hannah Pingree** was appointed Director of the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future in January 2019. Previously, she served as Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives, House Majority Leader, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, and as a member of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. During her time in office, Hannah spearheaded successful legislation on energy, broadband, housing, environmental health, and health care.

Hannah has worked for a technology start-up in New York City; managed several family small businesses; led the development of rural housing, energy efficiency, and eldercare projects for a coalition of community non-profits; chaired her local school board; and served on numerous state and community non-profit boards. She holds a BA in Political Science from Brown University.



**Christopher Cook** was elevated to Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space for the City of Boston in June 2018. In this role, Chris is responsible for leading the Cabinet in achieving its mission of enhancing the quality of life in Boston by protecting air, water, climate, and land resources, and preserving and improving the integrity of Boston's architectural and historic resources. Previously, Chris served as the city's Commissioner of Parks and Recreation and prior to that, as Boston's Director of Arts, Tourism & Special Events.

Chris received a Master's in Public Administration from Suffolk University and a BA in English/Theatre from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.



**Eugenia Gibbons** is the Boston Director of Climate Policy on the Climate & Health Team at Health Care Without Harm, a global non-profit that works to transform health care worldwide by proactively reducing the sector's carbon footprint, becoming a community anchor for sustainability, and becoming a leader in the global movement for environmental health and justice. Her expertise includes energy efficiency as equity and climate justice policy. For more than a decade, she has worked to build partnerships across interests and sectors to advocate for, develop, and implement climate change strategies that are sustainable, affordable, equitable, and contribute to deep GHG emission reductions in the state.

Previously, Eugenia served as Policy Director at Green Energy Consumers Alliance, where she strengthened and grew the organization's advocacy program. During her tenure, Green Energy Consumers Alliance was co-plaintiff in *Kain v. MassDEP*; was instrumental in efforts to extend the Renewable Energy Standard (RES) in Rhode Island and increase the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) in Massachusetts; and helped to reinstate Massachusetts' consumer rebate program for electric vehicles (MOR-EV). Eugenia formerly served as Program Director with the Environmental League of Massachusetts. She holds a Master's in Urban & Environmental Policy & Planning from Tufts University and is a proud alumna of the University of Connecticut.



**Kelly Caiazzo** is an Associate in the firm's Administrative Law and Litigation Departments. She works on a variety of regulatory compliance and general litigation matters, particularly complex commercial disputes, energy, government investigations and proceedings before administrative agencies. Kelly holds a J.D., cum laude, from Boston University School of Law, an MFA from Emerson College, and a BA from the University of Hartford.



**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, and is the author of *Using Consensus Building to Improve Utility Regulation*.