

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Minutes for January 15, 2016

Attendees:

Board members: Rick Minard (NH OEP); Karen Cramton (NH PUC); Becky Ohler (NH DES); Rep. Herb Richardson (NH House); Karen Rantamaki (NH DAS); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Kate Peters (Eversource); Ryan Clouthier (SNHS); Laura Richardson (Jordan Institute); Carol Woods (NHEC); Ben Frost (NH Housing); Kate Epsen (NHSEA); Theresa Swanick (NHMA)

Guests: Brianna Brand (NH PUC); Mark Luckes (Johnson Controls Inc.); Mike Fitzgerald (NH DES); Joe Fontaine (NH DES); Bruce Clendenning (TNC); Kristin Bahny (TRC); Nicholas Cicale (OCA); James Brennan (OCA)

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Meeting started at 9:05 am
2. **Approval of Meeting Notes.** Meeting notes from December 11, 2015 were approved. Final notes posted on the PUC's website.
3. **EESE Board Administration:**
 - a. **Annual Report:** The Annual Report was submitted the last week of December and is posted on the EESE Board's webpage:
http://www.puc.nh.gov/EESE%20Board/Annual%20Reports/EESE_Bd_Annual_Report_2015%20FINAL.pdf
 - b. **Financial Interest Forms:** Financial Interest Forms were submitted on time for all Board members.
 - c. **2016 Calendar Review:** There was discussion regarding a current conflict between EESE Board and Building Code Review Board meetings and whether EESE Board should move to the second Friday of the month if the conflict continues. It is hoped that, as the year progresses, these two meetings will no longer conflict. EESE Board meetings are generally scheduled from 9 am to noon; however, some meetings may be shorter. The Board will try to look forward two months when planning agenda items and meeting duration. However, the schedule will be flexible to account for any important legislative updates that should be discussed.
4. **EERS and the role of EESE Board:**

There was a discussion as to whether or not the EESE Board would be willing, appropriate, and able to act as an advisory board for the EERS (DE15-137). The general consensus was that it was within the statutory guidelines for the Board to perform this function, however it would require somewhat of a "mindset change". In addition, the Board would require administrative and technical support in this role. Overall, the Board was open to the possibility of becoming an advisory board for the EERS.

5. Legislative Updates:

There were several categories of current legislation mentioned and briefly discussed by the Board:

1. Building Codes (SB335, HB1282, SB446)
2. Clean Power Plan (HB1659)
3. Electric Vehicles (SB359, HB1602, SB309, HB1568)
4. Net Metering (SB333, HB1483, HB1275, HB1116, HB1367)
5. Renewable Energy Fund (SB321, SB302, HB1374)
6. Renewable Portfolio Standard (HB1691)
7. SEC (multiple)
8. Other (HB1622)

6. RGGI/Clean Power Plan Update:

It is the goal for RGGI to be NH's compliance with the EPA's Clean Power Plan with a focus on energy efficiency to achieve reductions. The next RGGI stakeholder's meeting will be held on February 5th at the Department of Environmental Services (DES) at 9:00 am.

7. Board, Agency and Program Updates:

- PUC Update:
 - The Sustainable Energy Division awarded 6 grants during FY2015 to hydro, biomass, and solar renewable energy projects in New Hampshire. The last grant was tabled at G&C until the next session. Review and interviews of the FY2016 proposals are complete and recommendations to the commissioners will commence soon.
 - Allocation of approximately \$2 million for Renewable Energy Fund (REF) programs will be released soon.
 - C&I Solar Rebate Program review continues with a possible technical session or public comment hearing to come.
 - Docket DE15-271 for management of net metering queues is in progress.
- Office of Energy and Planning Updates:
 - The weatherization program budget was raised for next year by the US DOE.
 - The Home Energy Score Project held its second stakeholder meeting with diverse attendance.
- Other:
 - DES announced an open position for Supervisor for the Mobile Sources Section, which can be found under the "Employment Opportunities" page.

8. Next Meeting:

- **February 19, 2016-** at the Public Utilities Commission. Topics include Building Code Updates and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

9. Adjourned at 10:30 am