

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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### Minutes for August 19, 2016

#### Attendees:

**Board members:** Ryan Clouthier (SNHS), Rick Minard (NH OEP); Donald Kreis (NH OCA); Karen Cramton (NH PUC); Joe Fontaine for Becky Ohler (NH DES); Steve Tower for Dennis Labbe (NH Legal Assistance); Matt Labonte for Jeffrey Cyr (State Fire Marshal); Ben Frost (NH Housing Finance Authority); Laura Richardson (Jordan Institute); Kate Epsen (NH SEA); Karen Rantamaki (NH DAS); Kate Peters (Eversource); Bob Reals for Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Mary Downes for Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Carol Woods (NHEC); Michael Behrmann (Revolution Energy); Joe Harrison (CDEFA)

**Guests:** Tanya Wayland (NH PUC); Liz Nixon (NH PUC); Rhonda Bisson (Eversource); Brandy Chambers (Eversource); Bruce Clendenning (TNC); Chris Skoglund (NH DES); Scott Albert (GDS Associates); Steve Eckberg (NH PUC); Natalie Treat (NEEP); Andy Duncan (LRCC); Tom Rooney (TRC); John Kauppinen (Noresco); Meghan Hoye (LighTec); Mike Sheehan (Liberty Utilities); Amanda Merrill (NH OEP); Cindy Schweitzer (CLEAResults)

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Bagels and coffee provided by NH Housing Finance Authority. Meeting started at 9:03 am.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Meeting minutes from June 17, 2016 were approved as amended. Final minutes will be posted on the EESE Board's website.
3. **Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS):**
  - Discussion of PUC Order Approving the EERS Settlement Agreement: Acting Chair, Kate Peters presented the Board with an overview of the Order issued by the NH Public Utilities Commission in EERS Docket Number DE 15-137. Program Administration, Savings Targets & Planning Periods, Costs & Funding, Recovery of Lost Revenues, Performance Incentives, Stakeholder Involvement and Regulatory Process were highlighted. The EESE Board's role in the EERS is referenced in the order to act as advisory council and to work with a consultant to assist in the implementation of an EERS.
  - Discussion of next steps: The Board recommended forming an EERS subcommittee. The subcommittee's initial tasks shall include:
    - defining the Board's role in planning and implementation of the EERS,
    - coordinate with PUC staff regarding drafting of the RFP identifying the role of the consultant and selecting a consultant,
    - assigning members to the EERS Working Group to work on the establishment of the 3-year EERS Plan (due September 1, 2017).
  - This subcommittee consists of Rick Minard, Ben Frost, Carol Woods, Kate Peters, Tom Rooney, Meghan Hoye, Laura Richardson, Steve Tower and Cindy Carroll. Rick Minard agreed to temporarily Chair the subcommittee. The subcommittee will meet prior to the September EESE Board meeting and will report back to the full Board during the September meeting.

- The Board also recommended that the Outreach & Education Subcommittee reconvene. Scott Albert, Carol Woods, Kate Epsen, Kate Peters and Mary Downes volunteered for this committee. Ben Frost reminded the committees that they are subject to the Right to Know Act and that meeting notices must be posted in two public places (one of which may be the EESE Board's webpage) a minimum of 24 hours ahead of time. Meeting minutes must be prepared and publicly available within five days.

#### 4. Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan – Overview of 2017 Transition Planning and Discussion of Non-Energy Impacts:

Rhonda Bisson and Brandy Chambers of Eversource presented an overview of Eversource's 2017 Transition Plan for Statewide New Hampshire Energy Efficiency Programs. They also lead a discussion of the non-energy impacts of implementing energy efficiency measures. The presentation will be posted to the EESE Board's webpage. <http://www.puc.nh.gov/EESE.htm>

#### 5. Board and Program Updates:

- Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Updates:
  - Renewable Energy Fund Alternative Compliance payment reports are being reviewed and reconciled. The PUC estimates the budget will be ~4 million dollars, with the final numbers to be released at the end of September.
  - The annual RFP for the C&I competitive grant program will be issued in September.
  - DE 16-576, Net Metering Technical Session is scheduled for September 27, 2016 at 9:00 am. The deadline for second set data requests was today.
  - Liz Nixon has accepted a position with the PUC's Electric Division.
  - The next Grid Modernization Working Group Meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2016 at 9:00 am.
- Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) Updates:
  - OEP will be meeting with the National Governors Association September 26, 2016 focusing on low income assistance, fuel assistance and weatherization assistance.
  - The annual docket (<http://www.puc.nh.gov/Home/ndfc.htm>) has been opened for the Nuclear Decommissioning Finance Committee (NDFC) to review the performance of the decommissioning fund and the adequacy of all funding.
  - Waste Water Treatment Improvement - OEP is working with DES to develop a benchmarking tool for Waste Water Treatment Plants. Four to six workshops will be conducted throughout the state.
- Other Updates:
  - Kate Peters announced that there will be a meeting held Thursday, September 1, 2016 from 9:00-11:00 for Non-Energy Impacts discussion.
  - Laura Richardson announced that the Town of Hanover has adopted C-PACE and has signed a contract with The Jordan Institute to administer the program.
  - Karen Rantamaki (DAS) reported Governor and Council approved a contract for energy efficiency improvements for Cannon Mountain. Implemented measures are estimated to save \$400,000 annually.

**6. Nominations and Vote for EESE Board Chair and Vice-Chair**

Kate Peters announced that she will be stepping down as acting chair. Discussion was opened for nominations. Don Kreis, the chair of the nominating subcommittee, nominated Ben Frost to serve as EESE Board Chair and Dennis Labbe to serve as Vice Chair. Ben Frost agreed to serve as Chair for one year. Dennis Labbe would serve as Vice Chair for one year, and then serve as Chair for one year. Kate Peters called a vote, Rick Minard seconded. The vote to accept the nominations was unanimous. Ben Frost accepted the position as Chair, to be replaced in one year by Vice Chair.

The Board thanked Kate Peters for the outstanding job she has done serving as the Board's Acting Chair for the past 3 ½ years. Her leadership and guidance are appreciated.

**7. Next Meeting – Friday, September 16, 2016.**

**8. Adjourned at 11:58 am**