

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Minutes for April 21, 2017

Attendees:

Board members: Ben Frost (NH Housing Finance Authority); Ryan Clouthier (SNHS); Scott Emond (Home Builders & Rem. Assn); Michael Mooiman (The Jordan Institute); Kate Epsen (NH SEA); Cindy Carrol (Unitil); Becky Ohler (NH DES); Kate Peters (Eversource); Rep. Herbert Richardson (NH House); D. Maurice Kreis (NH OCA); Karen Cramton (NH PUC); Rep. Robert Backus (NH House); Steve Tower for Dennis Labbe (NH Legal Assistance); Matthew Labonte for Jeffrey Cyr (State Fire Marshal); Myles Matteson (NH OEP); Michael Behrmann (Revolution Energy).

Guests: Tanya Wayland (NH PUC); Liz Nixon (NH PUC); Scott Albert (GDS Associates); Bruce Clendenning (TNC); Rick Minard; Brian Buckley (NH OCA); Stephen Eckberg (NH PUC); David Borden (New Castle Energy Committee); Dorothy Currier; Otto Rademacher; Sam Nutter (CLEARResult)

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Meeting started at 9:07 am. Coffee and bagels were provided by David Borden.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from March 17, 2017 were approved. Final minutes will be posted on the EESE Board's website.

3. EESE Board Committee Updates:

- Outreach and Education (O & E) Committee Update:
 - The Outreach and Education Committee did not hold a meeting since the last EESE Board meeting. The committee is available to assist the Board should they wish to provide a specific objective to achieve.

- EERS Committee Update:
 - The EERS Committee held two meetings since the last EESE Board meeting. At the meeting held on April 4th, the key subject was Evaluation, Measurement and Verification (EM&V). The Committee agreed unanimously to support an approach of using New Hampshire-relevant features of the Massachusetts EM&V process model, including the establishment of an EM&V working group comprised of PUC staff, utility staff and the EM&V consultant to be chosen by the PUC. Committee members representing the utilities abstained from the Committee vote. The Committee Chair moved that the EESE Board accept the Committee's recommended EM&V approach. The motion was carried unanimously by the EESE Board. Karen Cramton of the PUC abstained from the vote.
 - The EERS Committee meeting held on April 11th focused on Financing. The Committee agreed unanimously to adopt the recommendation that the program administrators continue to engage and explore new financing channels and other funding opportunities to facilitate program participation and encourage comprehensive energy efficiency investments.

Committee members representing the utilities abstained from the Committee vote. The Committee Chair moved that the EESE Board accept the Committee's recommendation on Financing for EERS, and the motion was carried unanimously. Karen Cramton of the PUC abstained from the vote.

- The Committee Chair will consult with VEIC to schedule weekly EERS Committee meetings (likely on Tuesdays), after the utility's draft EERS plan is submitted to the EESE Board on May 31st. The first weekly EERS Committee meeting topic of discussion will be Non Energy Impacts (NEI).

4. Board and Program Updates:

- Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Updates:
 - DE 16-576, the Net Metering hearings were held at the end of March. Two settlement agreements were filed in advance of the hearings. Deliberations are ongoing at the Commission. Per the docket's procedural schedule, the target date for the Commission to issue an Order is June 2, 2017.
 - Biodiesel Rules (DRM 16-829) – the PUC with stakeholder input is working to develop rules for the manufacturing of biodiesel to qualify for Renewable Energy Certificates. Two Technical Sessions have been held for stakeholder input. The Commission is drafting an outline of preliminary rules to be sent out in late May for public comment.

- Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) Updates:
 - The OEP continues efforts with GDS Associates to further the Home Energy Score work with VT and the VT/NH MLS system.
 - The Weatherization Policy Council will hold its annual meeting next week and will be updating the policy manual.
 - Questions exist regarding LIHEAP's federal funding for the next fiscal year.
 - Looking forward to the State Energy Conference scheduled for May 5, 2017. The conference is hosted by DAS and is open to state employees and legislators.

- Department of Environmental Services (DES) Updates:
 - Volkswagen settlement funding has named a trustee, but the details are not yet finalized. DES is working with OEP and the Governor's office.
 - The New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers adopted an interim climate change initiative during last year's meeting. Staff are now working to update the action plan in preparation for this year's meeting.
 - Funding is available through the Diesel Reduction Act and competitive fund through the EPA.
 - Natural Resources Defense Council report: Driving Out Pollution: How Utilities Can Accelerate the Market for Electric Vehicles <https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/driving-out-pollution-report.pdf>. This report describes why electrification of the transportation sector, which is essential for achieving this century's carbon reduction goals, can, with proper management, capture and utilize a larger portion of current and future renewable energy generated through managing charging times and utilizing the energy stored in vehicles (and in EV batteries that get re-purposed for energy storage upon a vehicle's end of life) and, in the process, reduce electricity rates for all customers.

- Other Updates:

- A compressed air workshop was held at Anheuser Busch last week. They will be at the State Energy Conference next week.
- Code training will be held on May 23rd. There has been significant interest and the training is almost fully booked. A second training may be added.
- Net Zero Challenge is underway, which is a challenge to builders to build net zero homes. Enrollments are still being accepted. More information is available on NH Saves.

5. Next Meeting – Friday, May 19, 2017 – at the Public Utilities Commission

- Preliminary Topics:
 - a. Committee Updates

6. Adjourned at 10:50 am