

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

RSA 125-O:5-a

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Draft Minutes for February 17, 2023

Attendees:

Board Members: Ryan Clouthier (Southern NH Services); Michael Crouse (OCA); Ray Burke (NH Legal Assistance); Amanda Noonan for Chris Ellms (DOE); Representative Michael Vose (NH House of Representatives); Rep. Kat McGhee (NH House of Representatives) via Teams; Doria Brown (City of Nashua) via Teams; Mark Sanborn (DES); Mark Brown (BIA Designee); Albdios Fioravante (DAS) via Teams; Meredith Hatfield for Bruce Clendenning (The Nature Conservancy) via Teams

Non-voting Participants: Marc Lemenager (Eversource); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Matthew Siska (GDS Associates); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Scott Maslansky (CDFA) via Teams

Others: Andrew Hatch (Resilient Buildings Group) via Teams; Jody Carmody (DOE), Erin Cosgrove (NEEP) via Teams; Aditi Dalal (NEEP) via Teams; Chad Ihrig via Teams; Griffin Roberge (DOE) via Teams; Dick Henry via Teams; Karen Cramton via Teams; Raelene Shippee-Rice (guest) via Teams; Mat O'Keefe, via Teams; Philip LaMoreaux (DES); Peggy Longley via Teams; Mary Downs (Unitil) via Teams; Carol Sullivan (guest) via Teams; Allison Lauer via Teams; Tom Rooney via Teams;

The meeting was held in person at the New Hampshire Department Energy with remote call-in and video capability. Mark Sanborn called the meeting to order at 9:03am

1. Greetings and Roll Call
2. Review of Draft Minutes from January meeting of the EESE Board
 - Motion by Marc Brown and seconded by Representative Vose to approve January minutes.
3. Documents on EESE Board Website Updated
 - The Chairman brought to the Board's attention that the Governance Document and the Committee member lists on the website have all been updated to reflect the current members.

4. Energy Efficiency Subcommittee will develop ideas on how EESE Board can promote Federal Energy Efficiency Funding opportunities
 - Taking note that the EE Committee is committed to come up with some ideas on how the EESE Board can help with the Federal Funding
5. EESE Board Representative to EM&V Working Group
 - Philip LaMoreaux of DES has agreed to replace Don Kreis on the EM&V Working Group
 - Motion by Ray Burke to accept, seconded by Eric Stanley
A unanimous roll call vote was made.
6. Outreach & Education Subcommittee's Recommendation for the Survey RFP Discussion and Approval
 - Presentation and review of the RFP
 - The RFP is to hire Consultants the measure the current state of energy efficiency in the state so there is a baseline against which to measure the success of future initiatives.
 - Motion by Pat McDermott to accept, seconded by Ray Bourke.
A unanimous roll call vote was made.
7. Discussion of HB 622
 - There was a short discussion on some technical matters of the Bill itself, however the discussion was tabled until next meeting.
 - There was an amendment to the bill that not everyone had access to. The decision was made to revisit after the amendment was distributed to the Board Members.
8. Board & Program Updates
 - a. Legislative Activities
 - i. The Legislature is in the height of their schedule with 40 bills assigned
 - ii. Discussion on where in the process various bills are and talk of some the language changes/updates.
 - b. Department of Energy
 - i. The Department is monitoring the IRA programs and the infrastructure programs.
 - ii. Currently, we understand New Hampshire is slated for approximately \$70 million for the two home energy rebate programs under the Inflation Reduction Act, details still to come.
 - c. Department of Environmental Services
 - i. DES is monitoring the IRA as well

- ii. Primarily the Clean Air Act, Gas Reduction Funds, Greenhouse Gas etc.
- iii. Governor and Council should be seeing a number of VW Settlement and EV charging station contracts.

Q- If the EESE Board is dissolved should a second RFP be issued? Or will the Department of Energy be taking over the Outreach & Education activities?

9. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 10:00
- Motion by Representative Vose
 - Seconded by Marc Brown
 - No abstentions
 - A unanimous roll call vote to adjourn.