

# ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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## Draft Minutes for January 20, 2023

### Attendees:

Board Members: Ryan Clouthier (Southern NH Services); Don Kreis (OCA); Ray Burke (NH Legal Assistance); Bruce Clendenning (The Nature Conservancy) ; 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; Jack Ruderman (NHHFA); Mark Sanborn (DES); Mark Brown (BIA Designee); Albdios Fioravante (DAS) via Teams

Non-voting Participants: Marc Lemenager (Eversource); Cindy Carroll (Unitil) via Teams; Matthew Siska (GDS Associates); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities) via Teams; Carol Woods (NH Electric Coop) via Teams; Cindy Carroll via Teams; Scott Maslansky (NHCDFA) via Teams;

Others: Andrew Hatch (Resilient Buildings Group) via Teams; Amanda Noonan (DOE) via Teams; Jody Carmody (DOE), Joe Fontaine (DES) via Teams; Philip W. Lamoreaux (DES) ; Chris Skoglund (Clean Energy NH); Erin Cosgrove (NEEP) via Teams; Liz Nixon (DOE) via Teams; Tom Frantz (DOE) via Teams; Brendan Flaherty (Dupont Group) via Teams; Aditi Dalal (NEEP) via Teams; Kim Dragoo (Liberty Utilities) via Teams; Meredith Hatfield (The Nature Conservancy) via Teams; Steve Eckberg (Member Public) via Teams; Paul Friedrichs (Member Public) via Teams; Chad Ihrig via Teams; Carol Woods (NHEC) via Teams; Madeleine Mineau (Essex Hydro) via Teams; Christopher Moore (DAS) via Teams; Andy Duncan (CCSNH) via Teams; Michael Rossi (NEEP) via Teams; Jessica Slavin (Northeastern) via Teams; Mary Downs (Unitil) via Teams; Marta Ceroni (Enfield Energy Committee) via Teams; Deen Arif Faisal (DOE) via Teams; Stephen Bonanno (TRCcompanies) via Teams; Michael Fitzgerald (DES) via Teams; Griffin Roberge (DOE) via Teams; Brandy Chambers (Eversource) via Teams

The meeting was held in person at the New Hampshire Department Energy with remote call-in and video capability. Bruce Clendenning called the meeting to order at 9:02am

1. Greetings and Roll Call
2. Review of Draft Minutes from November meeting of the EESE Board
  - Motion by Chris Ellms and seconded by Mark Sanborn to approve November minutes.

3. Update from Outreach & Education Committee including requests for the Board action
  - By unanimous vote Amanda Noonan (DOE) and Doria Brown (City of Nashua) were voted in as Co-Chairs of the Outreach & Education Committee
  - Presentation by the O&E committee on the framework for the scope of work to be done by a consultant
  - HB 549 was discussed relative to the EESE Board receiving \$400,000 from the System Benefits Charge to promulgate the benefits of energy efficiency. The O&E Committee intends to use a portion of the first year to conduct a benchmark survey that will assess the current state of awareness and understanding by NH energy consumers.
  
4. Nominations & Voting for EESE Board Chair/Vice Chair
  - Discussion and nominations of Chair and Vice Chair positions
  - Secretary cast one vote for Mark Sanborn as Chair
  - Secretary cast one vote for Chris Ellms for Vice Chair
  - Without objection Unanimous motion for Mark Sanborn as Chair and Chris Ellms for Vice Chair
  
5. Discussion and action regarding replacing EESE Board Representative to EM&V Working Group
  - There was discussion on a replacement for Don Kreis to the EM&V Working Group
  - No nominations were made at this time.
  - Don Kreis agreed to serve for the next month with the intent that this would be on the agenda for next month's meeting
  
6. Presentations on Opportunities & Actions Needed for effective NH implementation of Inflation Reduction Act & Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Northeast energy Efficiency Partnerships)
  - See presentation posted to EESE Board website
  
7. Brief & Discussion on the NH Public Utility Commission's Report on energy Efficiency Planning, Programming, and Evaluation (Marc Lemenager, Eversource)
  - It was noted that the report issued by the PUC does not fully capture the responses provided by the utilities and other stakeholders and as a result it does not fully represent the overall impact that New Hampshire's Energy Efficiency programs have on the entire State and the economy.

- There was lengthy discussion about the document which resulted in the EESE Board proposing to extend an invitation to the PUC for someone to come to an EESE Board meeting to discuss the report.
  - A roll call vote was done on the motion to extend the invitation to the PUC and it passed 7 to 1. The Chair will bring the proposal to General Counsel to see best way to move forward.
  - See the PUC report posted to EESE Board website
8. Board & Program Updates
- a. Department of Energy
    - i. Departments participating in a number of concept papers looking for federal funding on both the State and Regional level.
    - ii. If folks have questions they can reach out to Josh Elliott or Griffin Roberge at the Department.
    - iii. A number of RFI's have been dropping with guidance for a number of issues and we want to make sure the State is taking advantage of the opportunities that make sense for us.
  - b. Department of Environmental Services
    - i. DES has provided feedback on the RFPs for the Inflation Reduction Act
    - ii. Focus has been on the Legislative sessions. There are 3 divisions and each division has its own committee and they have provided 3 presentations.
    - iii. DES is working on letters of testimony as informational to the bills that they support
    - iv. Making headway in the EV charging stations contracts.
  - c. Legislative Updates
    - i. Legislative session has started and there are 40 bills pending in committee
    - ii. PUC making presentation to the Legislature 1/23/23 in the morning
    - iii. Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire making a presentation to the Legislature 1/24/23 in the morning
    - iv. Legislators will be busy for next several months
    - v. One bill is to repeal the EESE Board
    - vi. Representative Harrington has submitted a bill to remove the CPI plus three-year average and this would affect the activities of the EESE Board
  - d. Energy Efficiency Committee
    - i. Next on the EE Committee agenda is to get from the Utilities something concrete about the portfolio of programs intended to be offered
    - ii. Discussion on the sector budgets being looked at after the programs are finalized
9. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 11:50  
Motion by Chris Ellms

Seconded by Bruce Clendenning  
No abstentions  
A unanimous roll call vote to adjourn.