

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Draft Minutes for March 17, 2023

Attendees:

Board Members: Ryan Clouthier (Southern NH Services); Michael Crouse (OCA); Ray Burke (NH Legal Assistance) via Teams; Chris Ellms (DOE); Representative Michael Vose (NH House of Representatives); Rep. Kat McGhee (NH House of Representatives) via Teams; Mark Sanborn (DES); Mark Brown (BIA Designee); Bruce Clendenning (The Nature Conservancy) via Teams; Patrick McDermott (AARP)

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

Others: Andrew Hatch (Resilient Buildings Group) via Teams; Jody Carmody (DOE), Amanda Noonan (DOE) via Teams; Erin Cosgrove (NEEP) via Teams; Griffin Roberge (DOE) via Teams; Karen Cramton via Teams; Philip LaMoreaux (DES); Mary Downs (Unitil) via Teams; Andrew Hatch (Resilient Buildings Group); Aisha Khiyaty; Kimberly Drago, Elizabeth Nixon (DOE); Rebecca Owens; Tanya Wayland (DOE); Matt Sista; Joe Fontaine (DES)

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 9:10am

1. Greetings and Roll Call
2. Review of Draft Minutes from February meeting of the EESE Board
 - Motion by Patrick McDermott and seconded by Bruce Clendenning to approve February minutes.
3. NH Department of Energy VDER Study Update
 - Presentation on Website
4. Future Agenda Items (Offshore Wind Presentation, Building Codes Discussion, Others)
 - The Chair discussed the EESE Board meeting format going forward. Effort on trying to keep the meetings short.

- Starting with operational items, administrative items and the remainder of the time reserved for presentations except for any items that the Board needs to deal with.
- There was discussion about the upcoming scheduled presentations, first one being a presentation on Offshore Wind by the DOE.
- Other suggestions were building code, energy efficiency plan and workforce development.

5. HB 622 Update

- Representative Vose gave an update on House Bill 622 and the amendment.
- The amendment was not viewed very favorably by some on the committee, so the committee retained the bill so that this fall additional work can be done on an amendment that will suit everyone.

6. Board & Program Updates

- Legislative Activities
 - i. HB 609 ran into headwinds with its 15 page amendment, there were a couple of areas of dispute and whether or not public members should be introduced into the process
 - ii. All of the 13 bills that are before the STD need to be reported on by November 1st. All 13 will go to the House floor in January.
 - iii. In the coming week the house will in session for two full days and STD has three bills on the calendar for adjudication.
 - iv. Discussion on what would be lost if the EESE Board was rolled into the DOE in terms of the value of a Stakeholder Board that has public meetings. It would become more insular and less transparent.
 - v. It was noted that part of HB 622 has some inconsistencies in some RSAs that it quotes.
 - vi. Brief insight into HB 208
- Department of Energy
 - i. The second public comment session on federal funds for grid resiliency was held on 3/17/23.
 - ii. The Department anticipates hearing from the Federal Government next week on the Inflation Reduction Act funds.
 - iii. The State of New Hampshire is receiving approximately \$70 million through two programs. The Feds are allowing states to apply for their administrative funds first.
- Department of Environmental Services
 - i. Update on the REGGIE program. The quarterly auction was held and allowances sold for 412.50, New Hampshire's revenues for the auction were a little less than \$10.4 million.

- ii. Update on the Clean Air Fund Grants. Looking to provide a position that will work on other grant fund opportunities.
 - iii. Update for the EM&V committee – preliminary report came in on the market barriers and it is due by the end of the month.
 - Energy Efficiency Committee
 - i. Discussion on the 65% interpretation from the PUC and the possible upcoming law changes
 - Outreach and Education
 - i. RFP has been issued for research study.
 - ii. The Committee is now working on developing an RFP for the actual implementation for the vendor to do outreach, marketing and communications etc.
7. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 10:10
A unanimous roll call vote to adjourn was made by the Chair and so moved by the Vice Chair