

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Draft Minutes for May 19, 2023

Attendees:

Board Members: Donald M. Kreis (OCA); Ray Burke (NH Legal Assistance) via Teams; Representative Michael Vose (NH House of Representatives); Rep. Kat McGhee (NH House of Representatives); Mark Sanborn (DES); Bruce Clendenning (The Nature Conservancy) via Teams; Jack Ruderman (NH Housing & Finance Authority); Chris Moore (State Energy Manager) via Teams; Mark Brown (BIA);

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

Others:; Jody Carmody (DOE), Amanda Noonan (DOE) via Teams; Philip LaMoreaux (DES); Mary Downs (Unitil) via Teams; Chris Skoglund (NH Clean Energy); Meredith Hatfield (TNC) via Teams; Andy Duncan

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 9:04am

1. Greetings and Roll Call
2. Review of Draft Minutes from March meeting of the EESE Board
 - Motion by Mark Sanborn and seconded by Representative Kat McGhee to approve April Minutes with the following amendments:
 - Pg 1 3rd bullet – change “How” to “What”
 - 4th bullet I – change 25% to .025%
3. Board & Program updates
 - Legislative Activities
 - i. Senate passed House Bill 281. It included an 8 page revision which incorporated language from HB 608 to the Site Evaluation Committee which will hopefully make the SEC process go more smoothly in the future.
 - ii. It also included language from HB 622 which repealed the EESE Board

- iii. It was advised that at the next EESE Board meeting some planning be done to phase out the Board
 - iv. Some bills were pulled off consent to make needed small changes. They were deferred to next session which will be June 8th. Legislative work will be complete after the next session.
 - v. Discussion on the impetus for dissolving the committee – functions of this committee have been removed from statute except for the education piece which the Department of Energy has the capability to take on.
 - vi. HB 139 was reconstituted in the Senate and will be coming back to the House. It was an expansion of municipal net metering that allowed co-located towns to partner on projects, and it was incorporated into HP 281, which is the bill that has five items in it.
- Department of Environmental Services
 - i. Discussion about DES being added to the EM&V working group once the EESE Board is disbanded.
 - ii. It was noted that it would be beneficial to be able to have some avenue to continue the dialogue that takes place with in the EESE Board mtgs.
 - iii. Continuing work on the Volkswagen settlement funds for EV charging stations. Stimulus bills have discretionary funds for EV charging and other technologies. DES is leading the charge on the corridor-based funding. DES also applied for a grant from the IRA funding.
 - Energy Efficiency Committee
 - i. Preparing for a meeting on May 22nd. Looking for topics for discussion.
 - ii. One topic which may be beneficial is stakeholder engagement going forward.
 - iii. EMV working group and who sits on the group and how to move forward.
 - Outreach and Education
 - i. Waiting for the benchmark survey results. Hoping to issue the RFP sometime in the August timeframe and have a contractor on board in the October/November time frame.
 - EM&V Working Group
 - i. Large commercial baseline study happening and close to finalizing.
 - ii. The group is working on developing a strategic evaluation plan that would go into the next triennial plan.
4. Workforce Development Presentation – Matthew Siska
 5. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 10:40
 - A unanimous roll call vote to adjourn was made by the Ray Burke and seconded by Jack Ruderman