

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Draft Minutes for November 18, 2022

Attendees:

Board Members: Ryan Clouthier (Southern NH Services); Don Kreis (OCA); Ray Burke (NH Legal Assistance); Bruce Clendenning (The Nature Conservancy) ; Chris Ellms (DOE) ; Patrick McDermott (AARP); Representative Michael Vose (NH House of Representatives); Rep. Kat McGhee (NH House of Representatives); Doria Brown (City of Nashua) via Teams; Philip Biron (State Fire Marshalls Office); Jack Ruderman (NHHFA); Mark Sanborn (DES); Mark Brown (BIA Designee)

Non-voting Participants: Marc Lemenager (Eversource); Mary Downs for Cindy Carroll (Unitil) ; Matthew Siska (GDS Associates) via Teams; Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Carol Woods (NH Electric Coop); Scott Maslansky (Community Development Finance Authority) 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); Becky Ohler (DES) via Teams; John Davis (PSD Consulting) via Teams; Eric Cosgrove (NEEP) via Teams; Liz Nixon (DOE); Deandra Perruccio (DOE); Dave Wiesner (Member Public); Paul Dexter (DOE); Tom Frantz (DOE); Erica Horne (DOE); Jacqueline Trottier (DOE); Tim White (Air Resources); Mike Moser; Brendan Flaherty (DOE); Aditi Dalal (NEEP); Brett Charrington (Hillsboro Energy Commission); Kim Dragoo (Liberty Utilities); Matt Leahy (Forest Society); Megan Ulin (ReVision Energy); Meredith Hatfield (The Nature Conservancy); Steve Eckberg (Member Public); Tom Sottile (Sun Amp);

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. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of Draft Minutes from October 21, 2022 meeting of the EESE Board
 - Motion by Chris Ellms and seconded by Mark Sanborn to approve October minutes.
3. Review and approve amendments to Governance Document

- Discussion continued on the current requirement for the Chair or Vice Chair to be a State Employee. Also discussed was whether the voting should occur in December or maybe November instead of January. Moving the deadline for the Annual report to the Legislature was also considered. It was explained that the deadline for the Annual report is included in the Board's enabling legislation and can only be changed by the Legislature.
 - Lengthy conversation on the makeup of the EESE Board, comparing this board to similar board in bordering state.
 - It was brought up that the EESE Board has never had "full time" administrative help.
 - Motion to accept the housekeeping amendments and to remove the requirement that Chair & Vice Chair be State employees, with no further changes to the Governance doc. Motion made by Mark Sanborn and seconded by Rep McGhee. These amendments were passed on a roll call vote.
4. Update and decisions from Outreach & Education Committee
- An update was presented to the Board on the Committee's meeting and progress towards drafting an RFP for the outreach services discussed at the previous O&E meeting.
 - Discussion on the possibility of two RFPs, one for performing a survey(s) to assist in evaluating consumers' knowledge of energy efficiency and a second RFP for the more extensive project of advertising and marketing to increase consumers' understanding of the benefits of energy efficiency. The pros and cons of one RFP or two were discussed at some length.
 - There is a potential concern held by the regulated Utilities that if we are providing information and education that could create confusion with the NH Saves site.
 - Discussion on how to effectively meet the statutory requirements of the funding.
 - There was discussion on the question of if there is an education problem or a sales problem? Selling the public on the benefits of saving energy.
 - Motion for two RFPs, one for benchmark survey(s) and one for larger Vendor Partner contract to perform requested outreach and marketing efforts. Motion made by Chris Ellms, Jr., seconded by Rep Vose. The motion passed on a roll call vote.
5. Update on EV Charging Infrastructure Plans (NEVI & WV Settlement) NH DOT & NH DES)
- See presentation posted to EESE website
 - In depth presentation with conversation throughout
6. Review and approve 2022 EESE Board Annual Report
- Discussion on edits and changes that need to be made on the annual report.
 - A motion was made for Unanimous Consent to pass the annual report with the amendments requested during this meeting with the additional approval for the

chair and the vice chair to make any additional non substantive house cleaning amendments. Motion by Bruce Clendenning seconded by Mark Sanborn

7. Update on Value of Distributed Energy Report (NHDOE) postponed.
8. Update from EE Committee postponed
9. Board & Program Updates
 - a. Department of Energy
 - b. Department of Environmental Services
 - c. Board Member Updates
 - d. EM&V Workgroup Updates
10. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 11:12

Motion by Mark Sanborn

Seconded by Mark Brown

No abstentions

A unanimous roll call vote to adjourn.