

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Minutes for September 16, 2022

Attendees:

Board Members: Ryan Clouthier (Southern NH Services); Maureen Reno for 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); Doria Brown (City of Nashua) via Teams; Marc Brown (BIA Designee) via Teams; Mark Sanborn (DES)

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

Others: Kirk Stone (DOE); Brittany Mitchell (DOE); Julianne Desmet (OCA); Megan Ulin (ReVision Energy) via Teams; Andrew Hatch (Resilient Buildings Group); Chad Lhrig; Marta Ceroni (Enfield Energy Committee); Stephen Tower; William Edrich (Sunamp); Kelly Buchanan (Clean Energy NH); Chris Moore (DAS); Jody Carmody (DOE), Griffin Roberge (DOE); Joe Fontaine (DES) via Teams; Philip W. Lamoreaux (DES)

1. Welcome and Introductions

- 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

2. Brief & discussion on NH Department of Energy's DRAFT 5-year Weatherization Assistance Program Funding Plan

- Presentation by Kirk Stone on the Weatherization Program Notice BIL 22-1
- Discussion on the amount of funding and the hurdles that the Program faces going forward, primarily in workforce.
- Discussion on the need for partners such as encouragement in the Community College sector to students to enter these needed work fields.

- There is a public hearing on the 26th of September in the Walker Building with a comment period on the Plan and it is requested that the comments be submitted before the hearing.

3. Brief & discussion on energy-related actions taken during Legislative veto day and other legislative-related issues

- A new Energy Assistance Program which essentially extends the LIHEAP and System Benefits charge financed by EAP programs was passed by a Bipartisan voice vote. The House passed a measure to extend the upper limit from 60% to 75% of SMI (State Median Income). The Senate discussed a larger program, but it ultimately was not voted on and they voted to approve the House measure. The bill was sent to the Governor and has been signed into law.
- The \$43 million that is appropriated for this program comes from budget surpluses.
- This program is modeled after the LIHEAP program that the Department of Energy administers. It is distinct from the LIHEAP and no funds are co-mingled.
- The Department is working with the CAPS and other stakeholders do develop and implement this program that achieves the goals of the legislature.

4. Approval of the August 19, 2022 EESE Board Meeting Minutes.

- Ryan Clouthier motioned. Pat McDermott seconded.
- Approval of the August 19, 2022 minutes

A roll call vote was approved unanimously.

5. Update from Outreach & Education Committee and discussion of committee recommendations

Committee Membership Recommendations
Doria Brown and Bruce Clendenning Co-Chairs
Jack Ruderman
Matt Siska
Patrick McDermott
Sophia Danforth
Andy Duncan
Amanda Noonan
Maureen Reno
Marc Lemaneger
Rebecca Scott
Eric Stanley
Carroll Woods

Motion to approve by Mark Sanborn, seconded by Ryan Clouthier

A roll call vote was approved unanimously.

- Looking at target sectors and how to provide training materials for every sector. The Committee did not act upon the agenda item to review docs that might provide insights toward our prioritization efforts to give the members time to review and be prepared for meaningful discussions. There was consensus that education and outreach on energy efficiency is the overall goal.
- Discussion focusing on educating folks on the wholesale markets and how they drive energy prices.
- It was brought to the Boards attention that recently there was a Regional FERC summit meeting in Vermont focused on the wholesale markets issue, that potentially relevant information is available on line at the FERC web site.

6. Update from Energy Efficiency Committee and discussion of committee recommendations

Committee Membership Recommendations

Mary downs

Eric Stanley

Carol Wood

Don Kreis

DES representative

Scott Balise

Nick Craig

Chris Skoglund and Ray Burke – Co-Chairs

Doria Brown

Mark Lemenager

Motion to approve Bruce Clendenning; seconded by Mark Sanborn

No abstentions

A roll call vote was approved unanimously.

- Next steps with 65% requirement sessions with stakeholders while there is an investigation going on at the PUC regarding similar topics.
- Discussion on Demand Response Adder and the utility pilot programs.
- Future discussions for this group will be residential programs at large with this 65% requirement, reviewing portfolios.

7. Discussion of potential topics for upcoming Board meetings

- Request to members for future Presentations
- There was discussion on updating the Governance Document by the end of the current Chair and Co-chair term – and their commitment to include this on the agenda, likely at the next meeting.
- DAS will have a new board member beginning next week.

8. Board and Program Updates

- a. Department of Energy
- b. EE Committee
 - See above
- c. Public Utilities Commission
- d. Board member updates
- e. EM&V work group

9. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 10:42

Motion by Maureen Reno

Seconded by Mark Sanborn

A roll call vote was approved unanimously.