

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Building Energy Code Work Group Meeting

Minutes for March 1, 2018

Attendees:

EESE Board Members: Jeffrey Cyr (State Fire Marshall); Ben Frost (NHHFA); Donald Perrin (DAS);
Others: Brian Buckley (OCA); Stephen Eckberg (NH PUC); Chris Skoglund (NHDES); and Stephen Tower (NHHLA)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting began at 9 AM. Attendees shared their organizational affiliation, role, and background

2. Review of Purpose

The group reflected on the previous discussion, held at the EESE Board meeting on February 16, 2018, concerning the draft policy statement. The group also reviewed the recent building code review and adoption process undertaken by the Building Code Review Board (BCRB), which is a statutorily defined body administratively housed under the Department of Safety, as well as the efforts in the past two legislative sessions to have a new building code, including the building energy code, ratified by the legislature.

The Working Group members discussed the perspectives and positions that were made public throughout the BCRB process and during legislative hearings. As a new building code was not adopted, the Working Group briefly discussed the implications that the current state building code, largely set to the 2009 editions issued by the International Code Council, could have on energy consumption as well as insurance rates and disaster preparedness.

3. Discussion of Draft Policy Statement

The Working Group considered potential edits to the draft policy statement that was shared with the EESE Board at its February meeting. Comments were submitted to the Working Group coordinator only by Kate Peters from Eversource. She noted that her comments were suggestions on potential framing of the issue and did not necessarily reflect Eversource's opinion. Stephen Tower from the NH Legal Assistance brought copies of potential changes to be reviewed at the meeting.

The two sets of edits were compared in the context of the earlier conversation regarding the recent history of code adoption. A key point raised during the discussion was the target audience for the final document and the appropriate tone to use.

4. Discussion of Additional Resources or Materials Needed

None identified.

5. Next Steps

The Working Group members identified a set of potential revisions based on the two sets of comments shared at the meeting. A second hour long meeting to review a merged document was set for March 12, 2018 at 1 PM. Meeting location to be determined.

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10 AM.

Items Circulated

1. Draft EESE Board Building Code Policy Statement
2. Draft EESE Board Building Code Appendices
3. US DOE Analysis of Cost Benefit of Codes
4. ACEEE/NEEP/SEEA's Regional Construction Starts: Trends, Impacts, and Energy Codes
5. NEEP's Construction Codes in the Northeast: Myths and Realities of Energy Code Adoption and the Economic Effects