

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Draft Minutes for June 16, 2017

Attendees:

Board members: Ben Frost (NH Housing Finance Authority); Kate Epsen (NH SEA); Cindy Carrol (Unitil); Becky Ohler (NH DES); Kate Peters (Eversource); D. Maurice Kreis (NH OCA); Matthew Labonte for Jeffrey Cyr (State Fire Marshal); Chris Moore for Karen Rantamaki (DAS); Carol Woods (NHEC); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities)

Guests: Tanya Wayland (NH PUC); Liz Nixon (NH PUC); Scott Albert (GDS Associates); Bruce Clendenning (TNC); Sam Nutter (CLEAResult); Mike McQueeney (Franklin Energy); Emma Bast (CLF); Trish Walker (Liberty Utilities); Christine Donovan (VEIC); Roger Stephenson (SSC); Gregg Wade (ISO-NE); Rick Nortz (Mitsubishi Elec); Henry Herndon (Energize 360); Ellen Hawes (Acadia Center); Meghan Hoye (Lightec); Kristin Bahny (TRC)

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Meeting started at 9:07 am.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from April 21, 2017 were approved. Final minutes will be posted on the EESE Board's website.

3. EESE Board Committee Updates:

- EERS Committee Update:
 - The EERS Committee has held two of a series of six weekly meetings to discuss and evaluate the draft plan submitted by the Utilities on May 31st. At the first meeting, the Utilities provided an overview of the draft plan. The most recent meeting held June 13, launched into substantive discussions of the draft plan and how to drive recommendations from the EERS Committee to the EESE Board by July 21st.
 - The Committee Chair recommended adding Ellen Hawes of Acadia Center and Melissa Birchard of Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) to the EERS Committee. The Board Chair noted that there were not enough Board members present for a quorum. The PUC's designated representative was not in attendance. Liz Nixon of the PUC offered to vote for PUC and the Board Chair accepted. A motion was made by the Chair of the EERS Committee to add Ellen Hawes of Acadia Center and Melissa Birchard of CLF as members of the EERS Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Presentation by Kate Peters of Eversource, 2018-2020 Draft Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan**
Kate Peters, of Eversource, presented an overview of the Draft NHTSaves 2018-2020 Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan to the Board on behalf of the collaborative utilities. The presentation has been posted to the EESE Board webpage.

5. Board and Program Updates:

- Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Updates:
 - DE 16-576, the Commission has not yet issued an Order in the Net Metering docket.
 - Both Residential and Commercial Solar Rebate programs have been waitlisted.
 - Mike Giaimo has been nominated by the Governor to serve as a Commissioner at the PUC.
- Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) Updates:
 - The OEP is undergoing a name change to the Office of Strategic Initiatives.
- Department of Environmental Services (DES) Updates:
 - Robert Scott has been nominated by the Governor to serve as the DES Commissioner.
 - DES has been working with the Department of Transportation to put in a submittal for the Diesel Reduction Act.
 - DES is looking to hire a new Clean Cities Coordinator. The job posting is available on the State of NH's website.
 - Volkswagen settlement funding has named a trustee, but it has not yet been finalized. Discussions are still ongoing and there has been no final decision from the Governor's office.

6. Next Meeting – Friday, July 21, 2017 – at the Public Utilities Commission

- Preliminary Topics:
 - a. Committee Updates

7. Adjourned at 10:55 am