



**Joint Committee of the CT Energy Efficiency Board and the  
Connecticut Green Bank Board of Directors  
DEEP, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT  
Wednesday, October 28, 2015  
1:30-3:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES<sup>1</sup>**

**In Attendance**

Voting Members: John Harrity, Amanda Fargo-Johnson (by phone), Diane Duva, Norma Glover and Eric Brown

Non-Voting Members: Ron Araujo, Bryan Garcia, Bert Hunter, Matt Gibbs and Pat McDonnell

Others: Kerry O'Neill (by phone), Steve Bruno, Andy Brydges (by phone), Brian Farnen (by phone), Craig Diamond, Jason Jacobson, Jeff Schlegal, and Chris Kramer (by phone).

**1. Call to Order**

Eric Brown called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**2. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**3. Review and approval of Special Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2015 meeting**

After brief discussion, Eric Brown made the request to remove Barbara from the meeting minutes. Upon a motion made by John Harrity and seconded by Norma Glover the Committee unanimously approved.

**Resolution #1**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Joint Committee Special Meeting for September 8, 2015.

**4. Joint Committee Goals and Priorities – Organizational Approvals**

Eric Brown provided an overview on the Goals and Priorities.

**a. Connecticut Green Bank**

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<sup>1</sup> Materials for this meeting can be accessed at Box.net:

Bryan Garcia provided an update with an overview on slide 6. The Board recommended approval that goals be included for the Green Bank's Comprehensive Plan. He explained that the Green Bank Board unanimously approved this request. The Green Bank is now also including this as part of the goals of the senior staff of the organization.

**b. Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund**

Diane Duva provided an update explaining that the Efficiency Board voted to approve the goals and priorities at the 9/24/2015 meeting and unanimously approved the plan.

**5. Joint Committee Goals and Priorities – Measuring Progress**

Eric Brown provided an update on moving forward as a group/team and how to manage and track the goals and priorities. He stated that he feels that it should be a regular review of how things are going. He stated that he foresees a regular update that involves some detail on how each sector is doing on goals.

**a. Guidance from Joint Committee Members**

Norma Glover discussed the small business section stating that it would be good if they could accomplish something. She stated that it would be good to actually see it accomplished. Diane Duva asked for clarification on the statement from Norma Glover. Norma Glover stated that they should make themselves accountable and they should think of ways to accomplish that. Diane Duva explained that they should talk about what is currently underway. She explained that an example is to ensure that customer service platforms are designed with small businesses in mind. She explained that they need to see what segments have been reached to date and how they can close the gap.

Matt Gibbs explained that there is a lot of activity and a lot of people and that there are some existing forums that are focusing on addressing these areas. He explained that they are giving guidance in the small business sector. He stated that he felt that a lot of the doing was not going to take place within the Joint Committee. He explained that it takes place in other forums.

Pat McDonnell stated that a report should be provided on each of the sectors. He stated that those people within those sectors should provide updates on what is happening in between the meetings.

Jeff Schlegel stated that there needs to be a table that has the ability to take the feedback and have it flow back to the Committee. Matt Gibbs stated that they need accountability and that it resides on both sides of the group. He stated that they have to figure out how to measure and ensure that there's a forum to describe the success.

Eric Brown stated that they are more of a facilitator. He stated that all of the goals and priorities are among the goals and priorities that they all have. He stated that they are working to accomplish those goals and he would like in the early spring, after about a year, to come back with a high level overview of the progress made on

those goals. He explained that periodic, high level feedback specific to the goals and priorities that they agreed upon.

Pat McDonnell stated that the challenge is that they can make the report out to the Commissioner, but there is not really any coordination. He stated that the real role is to get people from both sides to report on what they're doing together. Eric Brown stated that they were designed to accomplish the goals by working together.

#### **b. Measuring Progress Framework**

Eric Brown stated that they need quarterly updates on progress on how coordination is going. Bert Hunter stated that they agreed on points to focus on because they jointly saw value in each of the areas. He also explained that some of the goals are soft targets. There will be different measures of achievement. He stated that by definition they are going to have to get together to set some sub goals.

Eric Brown stated that the challenge is trying to figure out whom they need to get with to achieve the goals and priorities. Ron Araujo explained that some of this is already happening. He stated that he and Kerry O'Neill are already doing this. He stated that it's important to know whom the counterpart is that each person is working with.

Bryan Garcia stated that they need to identify leads in each of those groups and present that information to the Committee. Diane Duva stated that each lead can report on individual sectors or all sectors at each quarterly meeting.

#### **c. Cost-Effectiveness Definitions**

Eric Brown provided an update on cost effectiveness. He asked for thoughts on the metrics for the individual priorities. John Harrity explained that the data that is being measured would be up to the lead people in those sectors to discuss and measure. Eric Brown asked that for the next meeting they prepare the metrics that would be helpful in measuring those particular metrics.

Jeff provided an update on cost effectiveness. He explained what the top line goals were of the statewide IRP goal and what cost effective means. He explained that the concept is if it's cheaper than the alternative, then it's cost effective. Bryan Garcia stated that the Green Bank has been working on understanding what exactly Cost Effectiveness really means by applying it to their residential solar rebate program.

Jeff Schlegel provided an explanation of the statutes on cost effectiveness. Chris Kramer discussed the IRP and that it is meant to provide a coordinating function to meet energy goals. He explained that this is really what they're trying to do and to meet energy needs as cost effectively as possible. Diane Duva added that the IRP is an aspirational goal to enhance supplier sources. She explained that it is fundamentally about meeting energy needs through efficiency. Eric Brown pointed out the definition of cost-effectiveness in the statute, to which he felt was a clearer definition to inform values for costs and benefits.

Jeff Schlegel updated costs and benefits from the three year plan that was just completed for 2016, 2017 and 2018. Chris Kramer discussed the potential to

leverage up with financing. He explained that the statewide goal is to maximize cost effective energy efficiency.

Diane Duva wanted to know what questions were left to be answered. Bryan Garcia suggested that they make some progress and then they'll know what they need to measure. He stated that they need some data first. Amanda what are they asking for...Eric Brown stated that it will be quarterly updates

Bryan Garcia provided an update on solar cost effectiveness. He explained that they are trying to understand cost effectiveness by applying it to a program that the Green Bank administers. He explained that they try to maximize clean energy produced per dollar of ratepayer funds invested. He stated that the residential solar rebate program has been proven to be cost effective across 4 of the 5 tests as a result of the Green Bank lowering rebates, creating more demand, and access to financing to make clean energy more accessible and affordable to consumers. He stated that this program is cost effective because the benefits exceed the cost. He also explained that one of the overall takeaway messages is that the program has gotten more and more cost effective over time and that because of this there is now the potential to deliver all cost effective distributed energy resources to support the utility model of the future.

## **6. Joint Committee Goals and Priorities – Timeline**

Eric Brown stated that they would leave with the message of a one-page summary by each area of focus summarizing the progress that's being made with respect to the coordinated goals be presented at each meeting starting in January 2016. It was also the consensus that at each meeting there would be a "deeper dive" on an aspect of a particular group's goals – and it was suggested and agreed that the Residential Group would be asked to present on this basis at the January 2016 meeting. He asked that those groups that are meeting discuss and get back to the Committee with metrics that they're already doing for helping them to evaluate how they're doing on the joint priorities. He requested that they please tailor the summary to the goals and priorities that are highlighted for the Joint Committee.

## **7. Other Business**

### **a. 2016 Joint Committee Meeting Schedule**

Eric Brown explained that they plan to continue to do it on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the quarterly months.

#### **Resolution #2**

Motion to approve the 2016 Joint Committee Meeting Schedule.

### **b. Meeting Locations**

Eric Brown wants to include Rocky Hill in the locations as well as Hartford, New Britain, and North Haven (EnergizeCT Center). Diane Duva requested a rotation for the meetings. January meeting request is to be done in Rocky Hill.

### **c. Other Business**

Craig Diamond proposed that before the next meeting that someone develop a standard process for coordinating the meetings, and that it be implemented before the next meeting. Eric stated that he would rather keep it an open forum for any Board member. Diane Duva suggested a standard agenda. Eric Brown agreed and it was left off that information for the agenda would be sent to the Chair, two weeks prior to the quarterly meetings.

## **8. Adjourn**

Eric Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Eric Brown, Chairperson