



**Energy Efficiency Board**  
**November 9, 2022 | 1:00 – 3:30 pm**

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**Minutes**

1. Process (15 minutes)

A. Roll call of Board members

Board members: Neil Beup, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Anne-Marie Knight, Anthony Kosior, John Viglione, John Wright, Kate Donatelli (DEEP), Kathy Fay, Larry Rush, Melissa Kops, Ron Araujo, Stephen Bruno  
Board Consultants: Stacy Sherwood, Emily Rice, Allison Carson, Deirdre Sanders, George Lawrence, Richard Faesy

Other attendees: Aldiana Anthony, Alycia Jenkins, Brian Sullivan, Colleen Morrison, Dan Robertson, Diane Del Rosso, Doug Presley, Erin Cosgrove, Michelle Long, Samantha Dynowski, Seema Alim, Sheri Borelli

Please note that Board member Ms. Vicki Hackett joined after roll call and the vote for 1C.

Mr. Neil Beup reminded attendees that there will not be a Board meeting in December.

B. Review Public Participation Guidelines

Mr. Neil Beup reviewed the [Meeting Participation Guidelines](#).

C. Approval of October minutes

Mr. John Wright motioned to approve the October minutes; Mr. John Viglione seconded the motion. The motions passed unanimously 9-0.

D. Board Vote for Approval of 2023 EEB Board Meeting Calendar

A draft 2023 calendar was shared by the Executive Secretary. Ms. Kathy Fay asked if the Evaluation Committee can have some time to confirm it's needs for the 2023 schedule. Additionally, the Annual General Meeting tentatively scheduled for June 28 that conflicts with the Joint Committee and the Executive Secretary will resolve this. A revised calendar will be sent out for an e-vote before mid-December and the calendar will be confirmed by the end of the year.

Mr. Beup pointed out that the Board and the Residential and C&I Committees will hold 11 meetings, skipping the July meeting.

E. Board Appointments Update (DEEP)

Ms. Kate Donatelli shared that there are two vacant positions on the Energy Efficiency Board; a seat that represents residential customers and a seat that represents an environmental organization. Ms. Donatelli indicated that DEEP is still in the process of appointing the residential representative; DEEP is undergoing the review stage now and will make an announcement when an appointment has been made.

DEEP issued a [Notice of Vacancy and Request for Applications](#) November 3<sup>rd</sup> for the environmental representative. Applications are due December 12 and can be submitted to [DEEP](#).

F. Joint Green Bank Committee Board Member position

Mr. Neil Beup reminded the Board it needs to appoint a representative for the Joint Green Bank Committee, which meets quarterly. Mr. Beup encouraged Board members to consider volunteering for this position.

G. Launch of Energize CT Website

Ms. Stacy Sherwood, Lead Technical Consultant, shared that the new Energize CT website has launched and encourages attendees to visit the website. If you have feedback on the website, you can send it to the [Executive Secretary](#) or [Ms. Sherwood](#).

H. EEB Reminders

Mr. Neil Beup shared the following reminders:

a. Public Input Session on IRA Funding will be held on November 15th from 10 am – 12 pm

DEEP and the EEB are hosting a Public Input Session to explore ways the Board can leverage the Inflation Reduction Act funds to complement the C&LM portfolio. Attendees need not register, but those wishing to speak should pre-register. Registration and meeting details can be found in the [Public Input Session Invitation](#).

b. No EEB Board Meeting, Residential Committee Meeting or Commercial and Industrial Committee Meeting in December

c. New Board and Committee Distribution Lists

Stakeholders should [subscribe to Board mailing lists](#) by December 31 to receive EEB correspondence after the new year.

2. Public comments

There were no public comments.

3. Programs and Planning

A. Q3 Program Update – Companies

Mr. Stephen Bruno provided a combined presentation for the [Programs Q3 Report](#). The report summarizing spending and savings results for both Companies across the energy efficiency portfolio.

B. 2022 Annual Legislative Report – Companies

Mr. Stephen Bruno shared information on the Annual Legislative Report (ALR), including a [schedule](#) for its development, components of the report, and a proposed draft outline. Mr. Bruno encouraged input from the Board on the report's content and structure.

Mr. Neil Beup noted this is the only material the EEB provides to the legislature and encouraged input from the Board. Mr. Beup directed Board members to share ideas with [Mr. Bruno](#), [Ms. Stacy Sherwood](#), or [Mr. John Viglione](#) by the end of December so they can be incorporated.

Ms. Melissa Kops asked if there's a place to discuss braiding of funding, changing metrics, and defining income eligible? Ms. Kops asked if defining income eligible requires legislative action. Mr. Beup said the report can address braiding funding and didn't believe legislative action is needed to define income eligible. Ms. Kops asked if the ALR made any requests of the legislature. Mr. Beup noted that beyond

requesting C&LM funds are maintained, the ALR doesn't include requests.

C. Equity Focus Area – DEI Consultant (45 mins)

D. Preview of DEI Report on E3 and C&LM Programs – DEI Consultant (15 mins)

Ms. Deirdre Sanders and Ms. Allison Carson provided a [DEI Presentation](#) for items 3C and 3D. The presentation includes a high-level overview of the DEI Consultant's work since onboarding in June, including a preview on the Equity Assessment findings and next steps.

Ms. Kathy Fay asked Board members if the Board has considered how the DEI Equity Assessment's recommendations will be integrated into the Committee-level work. Mr. Neil Beup said that the Board hasn't formalized a standing Agenda for DEI at the Board or Committee level, adding that it has been prioritized. Mr. Beup said this is something to consider.

Regarding prioritized communities, Ms. Anne-Marie Knight asked if the underrepresented communities need to be identified/named. Ms. Knight pointed out that this assessment addresses both residential and commercial sectors and noted that underrepresented businesses (defined by ownership demographics) may be operating in towns that are not defined as distressed and asked for thoughts on addressing that. Ms. Sanders said the state has identified priority communities, but that we need to understand what their needs are relating to energy cost burden so programs can be designed around those needs.

Ms. Melissa Kops asked if other states have explored tenant protections that prevent displacement, so investments continue to benefit individuals and businesses that need it. Ms. Sanders noted that gentrification continues to be an issue.

Regarding the next steps outlined on Slide 20, Mr. Richard Faesy commented that the 2023 Revision March Filing needs to be approved in February and asked when the updated metrics will be ready. Ms. Sanders noted that the effective date to use the metrics is likely 2024, adding that the DEI Consultant is aiming for Q4 2023 and hopes to pilot some metrics before then to test them and ensure they are workable. Ms. Stacy Sherwood clarified that Mr. Faesy is referring to the utility performance management incentives specifically, which will be one metric. Ms. Sherwood added that a PMI metric will not be ready in 2023.

Ms. Kops noted the conflict between the Board's statutory requirements and the E3 goals and asked if Ms. Sanders recommends changing the statutory requirements to better align. Ms. Sanders said she didn't believe she could speak on the mechanism for reconciling this and added that adjusting the statutory requirements is one route of many. Ms. Sanders offered a few other possible pathways. Ms. Allison Carson discussed the DEI Consultant's recommendation to review policy and said this would be a way to address this and other similar issues.

Ms. Fay asked where the Board should send further comments. Ms. Sanders shared DEI Consultant contact information on Slide 21, adding that comments can be sent to the DEI team and copy the [Executive Secretary](#) and [Ms. Sherwood](#).

E. Savings Attribution Recommendation - Technical Consultants (10 mins)

In response to the Companies asking the Technical Consultants who claims associated savings when heat pumps displace natural gas boilers, the Technical Consultants provided [Savings Attribution Recommendations](#). Ms. Stacy Sherwood walked through the Technical Consultant process of developing a recommendation and discussed the resulting recommendation. Ms. Sherwood encouraged feedback from Board members on this directive. Ms. Kate Donatelli asked where the funding from incentive comes from in various scenarios in terms of where the incentive might be split. Ms. Sherwood explained weatherization measures in homes with gas service would cause split savings and added that most of the

funding for incentives is ratepayer funded.

Mr. Larry Rush noted that Avangrid in Massachusetts has been paying for heat pump incentives on the gas side and asked who should be paying for heat pump incentives as more electrification occurs. Electrification will cause a decrease in gas usage and increase in electric usage. Ms. Sherwood said that given the limited budgets afforded by the gas companies on the residential side, the Technical Consultants recommend the electric companies provide heat pump incentives instead of gas companies. Ms. Sherwood added that the company providing the incentive should claim the savings, which include the MMBtu savings associated with the displaced gas. Ms. Sherwood discussed that this issue is a program design one and the Board will have to address this in the next year.

Mr. Ron Araujo shared that Eversource supports the idea that for heat pump implementation the incentives and claimed savings follow the electric company. The Araujo noted this is consistent with oil and propane displacement projects.

F. Preview of Focus Area Topics – Technical Consultants (5 mins)

Mr. Neil Beup teed up this topic and explained that the Board aims to cover the focus area topics identified the prior year, but added that this list is not set in stone so adjustments can be made as needed throughout the year.

Ms. Sherwood provided a slide deck of [Focus Area Topics](#), including a summary of 2022 topics, probes for feedback and suggestions, and the proposed topic and tentative schedule for 2023. The Board can provide input regarding focus area topics to [Executive Secretary](#) and [Ms. Sherwood](#).

Ms. Amanda Fargo-Johnson shared that the process for follow-up stemming from these presentations is a bit loose-ended. Ms. Fargo-Johnson suggested that time be built in to provide any follow-up, especially when it can't be addressed at the time the presentation is provided.

4. DEEP Updates – DEEP (15 minutes)

Ms. Kate Donatelli provided a slid deck covering [DEEP updates](#) on the following topics:

A. CTAC Preview and Plan for Review

A list of meeting topics for the next meeting is provided on Slide 2, and further input can be provided to [DEEP](#).

B. Overview of DEEP and Companies Responses to Conditions of Approval

A summary of Conditions of Approval that have been received and responded to are summarized on slide 6. Ms. Donatelli reviewed a few Conditions of Approval (#3, #8, #9) on slides 7-9, providing an overview of each COA and responses. Instructions for finding COA responses are provided on slide 11.

C. Comprehensive Energy Strategy

Details on the Comprehensive Energy Strategy (CES) process and a schedule of Technical Meetings can be found on slides 3 and 4. There will be another meeting on carbon pricing and low-carbon incentives before the end of the year. DEEP will provide information when that is scheduled.

Written comments regarding Technical Meetings 4 and 5, and the CES in general, can be sent to [DEEP](#) by November 21. Further instructions can be found via the links provided on slide 5.

D. Notice of Public Comment on 2023 Plan Update

An overview of the C&LM Plan Update process is provided on slide 12. DEEP issued a [Notice of Request for Written Comments](#) on November 2 and comments are due by November 15. Comments can be sent to

[DEEP](#). All comments (written and verbal) received through the joint DEEP/EEB Public Input Sessions held in July and September of this year will be considered.

5. Public Comments (10 minutes)

Ms. Sam Dynowski, Sierra Club, shared that energy burden is an important equity metric and the Sierra Club has been focusing on this in Hartford, CT. Ms. Dynowski said she hopes the programs can be aligned with the E3 equity goals. Ms. Dynowski explained the difference between equity and parity and emphasized that equity is needed to achieve E3 goals. Ms. Dynowski said that environmental justice communities, in addition to energy burdened communities, should be a focus and added that considerations like rental versus homeownership and racial demographics can be helpful in reaching energy burdened customers. Ms. Dynowski echoed the need for a DEI champion. Regarding the all-electric residential new construction program, Ms. Dynowski emphasized this is an important decarbonization strategy and encouraged the Board to design incentives around decarbonization.

6. Adjourn

Mr. John Viglione motioned to adjourn; Ms. Kathy Fay seconded the motion. Mr. Beup thanked everyone for their work over the year, acknowledging the challenges the Board and stakeholders faced. Mr. Beup indicated the Board plans to hold hybrid meetings in 2023 that will allow in-person and virtual attendance. The motion passed 8-0 as Mr. John Wright was not present.