

Clean Heat Standard Equity Advisory Group

Minutes from the June 25, 2024, Full Group Meeting

Attendees

- Members of the Equity Advisory Group present
 - Ben Bolaski, Vermont Department of Public Service
 - Matt Cota, Meadow Hill Consulting
 - Jen Myers, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity
 - Pike Porter, individual
 - Sriram Srinivasan, individual
 - Haley Roe, on behalf of Emily Roscoe, Efficiency Vermont
 - Chris Trombly, Vermont State Housing Authority
 - Mia Watson, Vermont Housing Finance Agency
 - Geoff Wilcox, Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity
- Other active participants
 - Ashira Pelt, Consensus Building Institute
 - Ben Edgerly Walsh, VPIRG
 - James Freeman, Consensus Building Institute
 - John McCormick, individual

Agenda & Actions

- Welcome & Review of agenda (*Time Stamp 6:04*)

[Meeting commenced at 12:31 pm ET.]

- Review of June 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes (*Time Stamp 8:36*)

[Mia Watson asked for unanimous consent to approve the meeting minutes for June 11, 2024. The minutes were approved with the date change by unanimous consent at 12:34 pm.]

- Updates from the PUC (*Time Stamp 9:23*)
 - None
- Technical Advisory Group Report and on-going collaboration (*Time Stamp 9:49*)
 - Discussed and approved a memo on pacing and related subjects
- Report on Chris Trombly's meeting with the Technical Advisory Group on Equity Rubric (*Time Stamp 15:06*)
- Work plan and operating procedures (*Time Stamp 20:38*)
- Report Outline Deep Dive – LIHEAP (*Time Stamp 46:15*)
 - EAG initial discussion and question formulation

- Public Comment (*Time Stamp 1:23:35*)
 - John McCormick spoke about the long-term impact of the Clean Heat Standard on LIHEAP participants, the relationship between LIHEAP and WAP, and the possible impacts of the November elections. He also mentioned that LIHEAP does not provide 12 months of assistance and they still face concerns about covering their heating bill.
 - Ben Edgerly Walsh spoke about his involvement with the Clean Heat Standard development on the legislative side and thanked the EAG for its work.
- Report Outline Deep Dive – households/homes not readily able to access CHS Measures (*Time Stamp 1:33:37*)
 - EAG initial discussion and question formulation
- Public Comment (*Time Stamp 1:57:01*)
 - John McCormick commented that regardless of how LIHEAP recipients are treated, every three years, there may be an increase in the cost of clean heat credits, and it will strain energy-burdened households, even if they do make efforts to reduce the carbon intensity of their home heating.
- Continued discussion on Report Outline Deep Dive – households/homes not readily able to access CHS Measures (*Time Stamp 2:00:38*)
 - EAG initial discussion and question formulation
- Next Steps and closing thoughts (*Time Stamp 2:04:09*)
- Close (*Time Stamp 2:11:25*)

[The group adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:42 pm ET.]

Meeting Recording

[YouTube \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLbpgVog1D4\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLbpgVog1D4)