

Clean Heat Standard Equity Advisory Group

Minutes from the October 16, 2024, Full Group Meeting

Attendees

- Members of the Equity Advisory Group present
 - Ben Bolaski, Vermont Department of Public Service
 - John Mandeville, Central Vermont Council on Aging
 - 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
 - Dominic Gatti, Public Utility Commission Fellow
 - John McCormick, individual
 - Renee Carpenter, individual

Agenda & Actions

- Welcome & Review of agenda (*Time Stamp 11:20*)

[Meeting commenced at 12:36 pm ET.]

- Updates from the TAG Liaisons (*Time Stamp 13:13*)
- Report Editing Subgroup - Comments on LI Households Notes (*Time Stamp 23:18*)
- Discussion on the Draft Rule (*Time Stamp 33:30*)
- Updates from the PUC (*Time Stamp 36:50*)
- Continued discussion on the Draft Rule (*Time Stamp 43:28*)
- Public Comment (*Time Stamp 1:43:27*)
 - John McCormick – Joked about this being a “*Complex Heat Standard*” and pointed out that there is not much time left between this meeting and when the draft rule is due to the Legislature. McCormick asked for more details on the alternative approach described in the companion status report document and requested public comment on any work the Commission does on that idea. McCormick brought up his own effort to expand WAP and wanted to provide feedback on how the Commission develops the alternative concept.

- Renee Carpenter – Offered experience as a renter who interacted with the WAP program. Talked about challenges with the interaction between different state agencies and how it impacts how work is covered for people with middle-income.
- Discussion on Pike Porter’s filing on harmful consequences of clean heat measures (*Time Stamp 1:58:13*)
- Discussion of Draft Rule Companion Report (*Time Stamp 2:07:22*)
- Public Comment (*Time Stamp 2:11:45*)
 - John McCormick – Asked for more details of the alternative idea presented in the companion report and the Act 62 report. Also inquired about providing feedback on whatever alternative idea the Commission develops.
- Review and approval of minutes (*Time Stamp 2:15:00*)

[Mia Watson asked for unanimous consent to approve the meeting minutes from October 1, 2024. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent at 2:41 pm.]

- Planning for Report Completion (*Time Stamp 2:16:14*)
- Close and Next Steps (*Time Stamp 2:33:41*)

[The group adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:59 pm ET.]

Meeting Recording

[YouTube \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eD5ZY4Ba1m0\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eD5ZY4Ba1m0)