

Clean Heat Standard Equity Advisory Group

DRAFT Minutes from the December 17, 2024, Full Group Meeting

Attendees

- Members of the Equity Advisory Group present
 - Ben Bolaski, Vermont Department of Public Service
 - Matt Cota, Meadow Hill Consulting
 - John Mandeville, Central Vermont Council on Aging
 - Pike Porter, individual
 - Emily Roscoe, Efficiency Vermont
 - Sriram Srinivasan, individual
 - Chris Trombly, Vermont State Housing Authority
 - Mia Watson, Vermont Housing Finance Agency
 - Geoff Wilcox, Department of Children and Families
- Other active participants
 - Ashira Pelt, Consensus Building Institute
 - Dominic Gatti, Public Utility Commission Fellow
 - John McCormick, individual

Agenda & Actions

- Welcome & Review of agenda (*Time Stamp 4:38*)

[Meeting commenced at 12:32 pm ET.]

- Review and approval of minutes (*Time Stamp 6:08*)

[Mia Watson asked for unanimous consent to approve the meeting minutes for November 19, 2024. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent at 12:34 pm.]

[Mia Watson asked for unanimous consent to approve the meeting minutes for December 10, 2024. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent at 12:35 pm.]

- Updates from TAG liaisons (*Time Stamp 7:42*)
- Updates from the PUC (*Time Stamp 13:14*)
- Touchbase on Health Impacts from TAG (*Time Stamp 15:30*)

[Pike Porter motioned to include the draft TAG Memo on Health Impacts as an appendix to the EAG's Final Report with a short preamble explaining that it is a draft that may be updated version in the future. The motion was defeated 1-8-0 at 12:54 pm.]

- Review of Draft EAG Final Report (*Time Stamp 27:04*)

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[Mia Watson asked for unanimous consent to capitalize “State” and “Legislature” when referring to the “Vermont Legislature” and “State of Vermont,” to capitalize acronyms, to capitalize Default Delivery Agent, and not to capitalize other words in question, and to have Mia Watson implement these edits when compiling the final document for approval by the EAG. Unanimous consent was granted at 1:10 pm.]

[Mia Watson asked for unanimous consent to incorporate the edits that have already been made in the draft text that use active voice and allow Mia Watson to make edits that use active voice when preparing the report for final approval. Unanimous consent was granted at 1:19 pm.]

[Mia Watson asked for unanimous consent to change the style of footnotes so that they are placed after punctuation marks when preparing the report for final approval. Unanimous consent was granted at 1:22 pm.]

[Ben Bolaski motioned to accept changes and edits made from page 66 to the end of the report. The motion passed 7-0-0 at 1:53 pm.]

[Mia Watson motioned to strike the language in the “Social Benefits” section beginning with “adopting clean heat measures will help reduce air pollution” and through the end of the section. The motion was passed by voice vote at 2:27 pm.]

[Mis Watson motioned to accept changes made as shown for pages 1-15. The motion passed by voice vote at 2:29 pm.]

- Public Comment (*Time Stamp 2:03:26*)
 - John McCormick spoke about his concerns about the ability of modular homes to be retrofitted, the lack of protection for LIHEAP recipients, and others who cannot implement clean heat measures. McCormick suggested removing the suggestion that Vermont can change federal LIHEAP policy. He expressed his concern for vulnerable populations in Vermont and suggested that CHS would hurt those people, especially under the incoming Trump administration.
- Continued Review of Draft EAG Final Report (*Time Stamp 2:07:20*)

[Mia Watson motioned to extend the meeting end time to 3:30 pm. The motion passed by voice vote at 2:54 pm.]

[Mia Watson motioned for the EAG to accept the draft report under the condition that Mia Watson will make the previously specified changes about capitalization, active voice, and footnotes; add a section about the EAG’s memo on public engagement, add the missing data on the costs of enabling upgrades, adding referenced appendix documents, and fixing any clerical errors. The motion passed 5-0-1 at 3:18 pm.]

- Public Comment (*Time Stamp 2:55:05*)
 - None heard

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- Next Steps (*Time Stamp 2:55:35*)
- Close (*Time Stamp 2:57:01*)

Meeting Recording

YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-dYcQHvmqw>)