

Clean Heat Standard Equity Advisory Group

Minutes for the April 16, 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
 - Jen Myers, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity
 - Pike Porter, individual
 - Sriram Srinivasan, individual
 - Emily Roscoe, Efficiency Vermont
 - Chris Trombly, Vermont State Housing Authority
 - Mia Watson, Vermont Housing Finance Agency
 - Geoff Wilcox, Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity
- Participating Vermont Public Utility Commission Staff
 - Dominic Gatti, fellow
- Other active participants
 - Cathrine Morris, Consensus Building Institute
 - John McCormick

Agenda & Actions

- Welcome & Review of agenda (*Time Stamp 0:36*)

[Meeting commenced at 12:31 pm ET.]

- Review of Apr. 2 Meeting Minutes (*Time Stamp 3:19*)

[Mia Watson asked unanimous consent to approve the April 2, 2024, meeting minutes, subject to fixing the date. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent at 12:35 pm.]

- Commission Update on CHS Work (*Time Stamp 4:33*)
 - Update on S.305
 - Commission Workplan
 - Public engagement sessions
- Technical Advisory Group Report and on-going collaboration (*Time Stamp 7:45*)
- Equity Framework Vote (*Time Stamp 12:10*)

[Ben Bolaski moved to adopt the discussed rubric as the official equity rubric for utilization in the policy-making process at 1:03 pm. After discussion and attempts at reworking language, the motion with withdrawn by unanimous consent at 1:18 pm.]

[Chris Trombley moved that the Equity Advisory Group adopt the discussed rubric to be used to evaluate any actions related to the development of the Clean Heat Standard and for the rubric to be transmitted to the Technical Advisory Group and the Public Utility Commission for their use. The motion was passed with 8 yays, 1 nay, and 1 abstention at 1:22 pm.]

- Credit Ownership Update (Time Stamp 51:45)

[At 2:02 pm, unanimous consent was granted to move the agenda item “Introduce final report outline” to a future meeting.]

[Mia Watson moved for the group to authorize herself to write a memo that incorporates the first three bullet points of the discussed credit ownership recommendations document, includes input received during the discussion, and indicates that the group will take up questions related to delivered fuels shortly. Mia Watson will transmit it to the Public Utility Commission and provide a copy of the memo to the full group.

Pike Porter moved to amend Mia Watson’s motion to include the position that consent is required from consumers before any installed or delivered clean heat measures are implemented. The motion was defeated with 1 yay, 5 nays, and 3 abstentions at 2:10 pm.

Mia Watson’s motion was passed with 6 yays, 0 nays, and 3 abstentions at 2:13 pm.]

- Other Matters (Time Stamp 1:42:38)
 - Discussion on Public Engagement
 - Potential for extending meeting times
 - Agenda topics for next meeting – Tues., April 30, 12:30 – 2:30
- Public Comment (Time Stamp 1:51:52)
 - John McCormick commented on the price impact of the clean heat standard and how it interacts with the LIHEAP.

[The group adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:32 pm.]

Meeting Recording

[YouTube \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=572_Dd8c538\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=572_Dd8c538)