

Clean Heat Standard Equity Advisory Group

Minutes from the April 2, 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
 - 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
 - Deirdre Morris
- Other active participants
 - Ashira Pelt, Consensus Building Institute
 - Curtiss Reed, Jr., Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity

Agenda & Actions

- Welcome & Review of agenda (*Time Stamp 1:02*)

[Meeting commenced at 12:30 pm ET.]

- Review of Mar. 19 Meeting Minutes (*Time Stamp 1:54*)

[Mia Watson asked unanimous consent to approve the March 19, 2024, meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent at 12:32 pm.]

- Commission Update on CHS Work (*Time Stamp 2:33*)
 - Update on S.305
 - Comment period on existing programs in the thermal sector closed and were being collated
- Technical Advisory Group Report and on-going collaboration (*Time Stamp 8:14*)

[Mia Watson asked unanimous consent to move the agenda item “Response to TAG question about low- /middle- income definition” up to after the Technical Advisory Group update. The change was agreed to at 12:42 pm.]

- Response to TAG question about low- / middle- income definition (*Time Stamp 14:25*)

[Mia Watson asked unanimous consent to direct Emily Roscoe to write a memo on the current state of policy for determining low/moderate-income households in Vermont, focusing on attestation vs. verification and send it directly to the Technical Advisory Group. The direction was agreed to at 1:05 pm.]

- Review of subgroup working on equity framework (*Time Stamp 36:00*)
 - The Subgroup on Equity Frameworks will meet again to further refine the Equity Advisory Group's framework.
- Discussion on credit ownership staff proposal (*Time Stamp 43:05*)

[Ben Bolaski motioned to create a subgroup on credit ownership, consisting of Mia Watson, Pike Porter, Ben Bolaski, Matt Cota, and Sriram Srinivasan. The quorum is set as the majority of the assigned members. The group is directed to meet to discuss the implications of credit ownership frameworks, draft a memo to PUC on credit ownership issues, and recommend further topics of discussion. All EAG members are invited to participate. The motion was passed by voice vote at 2:02 pm.]

- Discussion on working with the Public Engagement Facilitator (*Time Stamp 1:32:55*)
- Public Comment (*Time Stamp 1:51:55*)
- Other Matters (*Time Stamp 1:58:15*)
 - Free pass to to Better Buildings By Design - April 3 and 4
<https://www.encyvermont.com/trade-partners/bbd>
 - Agenda topics for next meeting – Tues., April 16, 12:30 – 2:30
 - Action Items

[The group adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:36 pm.]

Meeting Recording

YouTube (https://youtu.be/GqHyU_Ww9_w?si=P0tZ_VIOk8NW7bHy)