

## Clean Heat Standard Equity Advisory Group

### Minutes from the August 8, 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
  - Chris Trombly, Vermont State Housing Authority
  - Robert Leuchs, in for Geoff Wilcox of Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity
- Other active participants
  - Ashira Pelt, Consensus Building Institute
  - Dominic Gatti, Public Utility Commission Fellow
  - Michelle Keller, Technical Advisory Group Member
  - Jeff Forward, individual
  - Ron McGarvey, Vermont Interfaith Power and Light
  - Sam Swanson, Vermont Interfaith Power and Light

#### Agenda & Actions

- Welcome & Review of agenda (*Time Stamp 3:50*)

*[Meeting commenced at 12:33 pm ET.]*

- Updates from the PUC (*Time Stamp 5:22*)
  - Response deadline for Vermont Fuel Dealers Association's motion to reconsider
  - Registration, Verification, Banking, and Trading staff proposal upcoming
  - Request for Information on Default Delivery Agent
- Technical Advisory Group Report and on-going collaboration (*Time Stamp 9:26*)
  - Discussion on draft potential study slides from NV5
- EAG Continued Conversation: Minorities, Vermonters of Color, and Indigenous Populations (*Time Stamp 18:30*)
  - Details are recorded in the [ongoing collection document](#), which is only edited during noticed meetings.
- Public Comment (*Time Stamp 22:50*)

- Ron McGarvey spoke about the mission and work of Vermont Interfaith Power and Light, expressed support for the Clean Heat Standard, and spoke about the threat of climate change. He spoke about Efficiency Vermont as a model for effective energy conservation and implored that inaction is as costly as any action in the decarbonization effort.
- EAG Initial Discussion and Question Formulation: Moderate Income Households (*Time Stamp 26:50*)
  - Details are recorded in the [ongoing collection document](#), which is only edited during noticed meetings.
- Public Comment (*Time Stamp 48:58*)
  - Sam Swanson welcomed the careful attention this group is paying to the details of this program. He expressed support for the Clean Heat Standard and the careful consideration of people who are least able to adapt to climate change.
- TAG Recommendations on and Equity Implications of the PUC Pacing Proposal (*Time Stamp 53:34*)
  - Michelle Keller, member of the Technical Advisory Group, presented on the PUC's pacing proposal and the TAG's response
- Public Comment (*Time Stamp 1:26:22*)
  - None heard
- Credit Issues Subgroup Update (*Time Stamp 1:27:55*)
- Public Comment (*Time Stamp 2:20:52*)
  - Jeff Forward spoke about his long history in the energy efficiency world in Vermont and said that while it is impossible to get this perfect right off the bat, time is of the essence, and he encourages people to keep working and meet stat deadlines.
- Continued Consideration of Topics Raised by the Credit Issues Subgroup (*Time Stamp 2:22:40*)

*[Ben Bolaski motioned to send the memo being discussed to the PUC for consideration without the section in red text. The motion passed 4-2-1 at 2:53 pm ET; on the request of Matt Cota, individual votes are recorded here:*

*YEAs: Chris Trombly, Ben Bolaski, Emily Roscoe, and Robert Leuchs*

*NAYs: Matt Cota, John Mandeville*

*ABSTAINATIONS: Pike Porter*

*([The final version of the referenced memo is available here via ePUC.](#))*

- Public Engagement Subgroup Update (*Time Stamp 2:26:15*)
- Next Steps (*Time Stamp 2:27:11*)
- Close (*Time Stamp 2:28:35*)

*[The group adjourned by unanimous consent at 3:04 pm ET.]*

Meeting Recording

YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PvjqXGvd9c>)