

Clean Heat Standard Technical Advisory Group

February 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Attendees

- Members of the Technical Advisory Group present
 - TJ Poor, Vermont Department of Public Service
 - Brian Woods, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
 - Matt Cota, Meadow Hill Consulting
 - Luce Hillman, University of Vermont
 - Ken Jones, Individual
 - Michelle Keller, Fraktalas Energy
 - Casey Lamont, Burlington Electric Department
 - Emily Levin, Northeast States Coordinated Air Use Management
 - Emily Roscoe, Efficiency Vermont
 - Floyd Vergara, Clean Fuels Alliance America
 - Rick Weston, Individual
 - Patrick Wood, Ag Methane Advisors
- Participating Vermont Public Utility Commission staff
 - Erin Hicks-Tibbles
 - Tom Knauer
 - Deirdre Morris
 - Tracy Myers
 - Dominic Gatti
- Participating members of the public
 - Erin Kempster, Opinion Dynamics
 - Dylan Giambatista, Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.
 - Annette Smith, Vermonters for a Clean Environment
 - Thomas Weiss

Agenda & Actions

- I. Welcome. Chair (5 minutes) [*Time Stamp 0:00:00*]
 - a. Initiate recording
- II. Review of the agenda. Chair (5 minutes) [*Time Stamp 0:00:10*]
 - a. Additions, changes
- III. Review and approval of the [2/2/24 meeting minutes](#). Chair (5 minutes) [*Time Stamp 0:00:47*]

[Brian Woods moved to approve the February 2, 2024, Minutes. The motion was adopted by voice vote at 10:07 am.]

- IV. Updates from the PUC (30 minutes) [*Time Stamp 0:04:00*]
 - a. General CHS Update

- b. PUC update on facilitation services
 - c. Status of technical consultant contract
 - 1. You can find the SOW at <https://puc.vermont.gov/document/clean-heat-standard-technical-consultant-rfp>
- V. Communication from Equity Advisory Group – 8 priority objectives. PUC Staff (10 minutes)¹ [*Time Stamp 0:27:40*]
- VI. Schedule and the sequencing of TAG tasks. Vice Chair and Ken Jones (20 minutes) [*Time Stamp 0:33:45*]
- a. Relating the TAG’s work to the legislation’s requirements
 - b. Public comment
- VII. Work groups. Chair (40 minutes) [*Time Stamp 1:17:40*]
- a. Identify work group subject matter and prioritize. Possible topics:
 - i. Market scenarios, credit trading
 - ii. Measure characterizations
 - iii. Credit values (early action credits)
 - iv. Emissions schedule
 - v. Retirement schedule (required amounts)
 - vi. Credit ownership
 - vii. Reconciling life-cycle emissions with inventory emissions
 - 1. The question of wood
 - b. Public comment

[In his role as Chair, Rick Weston will work with Emily Levin, Vice Chair, to consolidate, prioritize, and sequence the possible work groups.]

- VIII. Other matters. Chair (10 minutes) [*Time Stamp 2:03:55*]
- IX. 7 March meeting agenda. Chair (5 minutes) [*Time Stamp 2:26:55*]
- a. Reports from work groups
 - b. Debrief on PUC workshop on retirement schedule process (required amounts)
 - c. DPS potential study; discussion with DPS technical consultant, NV5
- X. Close. Chair (10 minutes) [*Time Stamp 2:30:40*]
- a. Public comment

[The group adjourned by unanimous consent at 12:38 pm.]

¹ The Equity Advisory Group adopted eight objectives as priorities that the group requests the Technical Advisory Group keep in mind as they complete their work: Health, Affordability, Accessibility, Just Transition, Community Capacity, Cultural Preservation, Accountability, and Geographic Availability.

Meeting Recording

<https://youtu.be/au5Ry9WE-zg>