



**Energy Efficiency Board**  
**May 11, 2022 | 1:00 – 3:30 pm**

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**Minutes**

**1. Process**

**A. Roll call of Board Members**

Board members: Joel Kopylec, Stephen Bruno, Amy McLean, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Jack Traver, John Viglione, John Wright, Kate Donatelli (DEEP), Kathy Fay, Melissa Kops, Ron Araujo, Stephen Bruno, Anthony Kosior, Joel Kopylec

Other attendees: Devan Willemsen, Emily Rice, Glenn Reed, Patrice Gillespie, Stacy Sherwood, Amanda Stevens, Brian Sullivan, Colleen Morrison, Daniel Robertson, Diane Del Rosso, Dennis Oconnor, Erin Cosgrove, George Lawrence, Ghani Ramdani, Glen Eigo, Heather Deese, Jay Goodman, John Karyczak, Joseph Roy, Lawrence Rush, Martin Skelton, Matt Macunas, Paul Horowitz, Philip Mosenthal, Rebecca Dube, Richard Faesy, Rose Croog, Sharon Guarino, Sheri Borrelli, Timothy Fabuien, Violette Radomski

Mr. Anthony Kosior joined the meeting late and was not present for 1B vote but provided his vote for 1C in writing before the meeting.

**B. Minutes – Approve minutes from April 2022 Board Meeting**

Mr. John Viglione motioned to approve the April minutes; Ms. Amanda Fargo-Johnson seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

**C. Board e-Vote Results RE: Comments on DEEP’s Draft Determination – Executive Secretary**

Ms. Emily Rice, Executive Secretary, shared that two sets of comments were distributed for an eVote to submit to DEEP. Comments drafted by the Technical Consultants received ten votes in favor, zero not in favor, and zero abstentions. The motion to submit these comments to DEEP passed 10-0 and these comments were submitted.

A set of comments were also drafted by the Evaluation Administrators and circulated for an eVote to submit to DEEP. One vote in favor, eight votes not in favor, and two abstentions were received. The motion to submit these comments to DEEP did not pass 1-8 and they were not submitted.

**D. Board Vote: Evaluation Administrator and Technical Consultant RFPs – Consultant Committee**

The Consultant Committee presented RFP documents, one for Evaluation Administrator and another for Technical Consultants. Ms. Amanda Fargo-Johnson shared a few slides outlining the RFP timeline, which is in the [materials folder](#). The Vice Chair entertained a motion to approve both RFPs, to be released May 12, 2022. Mr. Jack Traver motioned to approve; Mr. John Wright seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 8-0 as Mr. Anthony Kosior provided his vote in favor of the RFPs in advance.

#### E. Public Comments

There were no public comments currently.

### 2. Programs and Planning

#### A. Program Benchmarking – Consultants

The Technical Consultants conducted a benchmark of Connecticut's 2022-2024 C&LM Programs compared to neighboring states: Massachusetts, Vermont, and Rhode Island. The analysis compared savings and spending and projected savings and spending by program and sector under as well as comparing heat pump adoption projections and Income-Eligible Programs. Ms. Stacy Sherwood, Lead Technical Consultant, provided a presentation summarizing the results of this analysis, including recommendations. A copy of the presentation can be found in the [materials folder](#).

Referring to savings as a percentage of sales (Slide 10), Ms. Amanda Fargo-Johnson asked if lighting were included, and if not whether Connecticut's savings as a percentage of sales would be closer to other states. Mr. Glenn Reed, Technical Consultant, noted that including lighting would increase Connecticut numbers, but that Connecticut's savings as a percentage of sales will still be lower in comparison to other states.

Referring to savings as a percentage of sales (Slide 10), Ms. Melissa Kops asked what behavioral savings were included in other states and how much it impacts these numbers. Ms. Sherwood noted that behavior measures accounted for 24% of the savings in Rhode Island but was unclear of the other states offhand, and Connecticut's savings as a percent of sales attributed to behavioral measures is lower in comparison. Ms. Sherwood noted that while other states may have more savings, particularly with annual savings, it is influenced by several factors including program types, evaluation assumptions, and budget.

Referring to the Projected Annual Gas Savings (Slide 24), Ms. Sherwood noted that Connecticut's 2022 gas forecast is missing for Connecticut and should be approximately 48,000,000 CCF.

Ms. Melissa Kops asked if Ms. Sherwood was going to provide information on funding sources compared to neighboring states as she would like to see this information. Ms. Sherwood's presentation did not include that information, but Ms. Sherwood noted that she can provide this information in a future presentation.

Ms. Kathy Fay asked why a decrease in Income-Eligible participation was projected in Connecticut, referencing slide thirty-five. Ms. Sherwood and Mr. Stephen Bruno, Eversource, noted that the projected decrease tracks with anticipated reduced budgets.

B. Q1 Program Results – Companies

The Companies provided an overview of Program progress, including 2022 year-to-date savings and spending metrics as compared goals, including electric and gas savings, cost savings, lifetime savings and passive demand savings. Mr. Stephen Bruno shared a slide deck and a copy can be found in the [materials folder](#).

C. Community Partnership Initiative – Companies

Ms. Sherri Borelli, Avangrid, and Ms. Devan Willemsen, Eversource, shared an update on the Community Partnership Initiative (CPI). Their presentation included background on the CPI, an overview of current participants and project statuses, and plans for the CPI. A copy of the slide deck presented can be found in the [materials folder](#).

Ms. Amanda Fargo-Johnson asked what happens if project teams do not meet their goals. Ms. Willemsen indicated that most project teams are on track and that if they fall behind, the Companies will work with them.

Ms. Patrice Gillespie noted that in Wilton the business community is struggling and shared that the Small Business Energy Advantage (SBEA) training with Ms. Alex Sopelak, Eversource, was beneficial and hopes to see similar training on the CPI with the business community. Ms. Gillespie also shared that there will be a training in Wilton in June for landlords and tenants.

The Board discussed the importance of outreach in terms of informing customers of energy efficiency technologies like heat pumps and about the programs. Ms. McLean noted that the Board hears feedback that people are not aware of certain programs or incentives and that we should consider doing things differently to address that.

D. Summation of Comments on DEEP's Draft Determination – DEEP

Ms. Kate Donatelli (DEEP) provided an overview of comments received in response to its request for comment on the Draft Determination. Ms. Donatelli's presentation included the process and timeline for the Final Determination, where to locate [public comments](#) or the [recording](#) of the April 21 Public Meeting, and a high-level summary of the comments organized by sections in the Draft Determination. A copy of Ms. Donatelli's presentation can be found in the [materials folder](#).

Ms. Donatelli noted that DEEP is experiencing technical difficulties with the filings page and is still working on posted some comments that were submitted, including the CT EEB's.

The Committee discussed the Comprehensive Energy Strategy (CES), which DEEP is in the process of updating in 2022, and its relationship with the C&LM Plan.

E. DEEP Legislative and Wx Operator Updates – DEEP

Ms. Kate Donatelli shared updates on the [H.B. 5041, Home Energy Affordability for Home Renters](#), passed out of the Housing Committee and passed out of the House, but it was not called for a vote in the Senate and did not pass. [S.B. 14, Home Energy Affordability for Home Buyers](#), did not make it out of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. [S.B. 292, Heating Efficiency in New Construction and Major Alterations of Residential Buildings](#), was voted out of the Housing Committee but did not pass. Ms. Donatelli also shared information on S.B. 4,

Connecticut Clean Air Act, which did pass and is now [Public Act 22-25](#).

DEEP has selected a Program Operator for the Weatherization Program and is currently in the contracting phase.

F. DEI Consultant – Executive Secretary

Ms. Emily Rice, Executive Secretary, shared that the Companies have issued purchase orders for ILLUME and the Board is ready to bring them on board. The Technical Consultants are coordinating with Board Leadership and the Consultant Committee on the development of a Kickoff meeting for ILLUME that is expected to happen within the next couple of weeks. Ms. Rice noted that she does need Board Leadership's availability and will provide the email again to Ms. McLean and Mr. Neil Beup so that this meeting can get confirmed.

3. Closing Public Comments

Ms. Patrice Gillespie shared that the State adopted its five-year [Plan of Conservation and Development \(POCD\)](#) and will begin developing the next one. Ms. Gillespie suggested that the State POCD should include energy-related issues as this helps guide cities and other jurisdictions in the state. Ms. Gillespie suggested that the Board or Committee help draft some content for the next POCD that provides guidance around energy. Ms. McLean agreed and said that the Conservation and Load Management (C&LM) Plan and CES can both be used to inform the POCD. Ms. Gillespie said a working group driven by Office of Policy and Management (OPM) and DEEP could help develop new content for the POCD.

Ms. Emily Rice shared that follow up to a few questions from the April Residential Committee meeting have been posted to the [April materials folder](#).

4. Adjourn

Mr. Jack Traver motioned to adjourn; Ms. Amanda Fargo-Johnson seconded the motion. No further discussion and the motion passed 8-0. The meeting was adjourned.