



## Energy Efficiency Board Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, June 22, 2016, 2:30 – 3:30 PM

The Lyceum, 227 Lawrence St., Hartford, CT

### MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

#### In Attendance

Voting Board Members: Taren O'Connor (Chair), Bill Dornbos (Vice-Chair), Adrienne Houel, Jack Traver, Eric Brown, Ravi Gorthala, Neil Beup, Diane Duva, Mike Wertheimer

Utility Board Members: Chris Plecs, Pat McDonnell, Ron Araujo

Board Members Not in Attendance: Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Chris Ehlert, Scott Whittier

Board Consultants: George Lawrence, Les Tumidaj, Phil Mosenthal, Craig Diamond, Glenn Reed, Jeff Schlegel

Others: Jesus Pernia, Jordan Schellens, John Kibee, Pam Penna Verrillo, Julia Dumaine, Ellen Rosenthal, Violette Radomski, Steve Bruno, Donna Chambers, Donna Wells, Tilak Subrahmanian, Guy West, Joe Swift, David McIntosh, Ricardo Jordan, Marissa Westbrook

#### Process

##### Minutes

The Board considered whether to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2016 Board meeting. Ms. O'Connor moved to approve, Mr. Traver 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted in favor, except Mr. Gorthala who abstained. Ms. Fargo-Johnson also voted in favor via a proxy vote provided by Mr. Gorthala. **May 11, 2016 Board minutes approved.**

Public Comments - none.

##### Executive Secretary's Report

Mr. Diamond noted the upcoming Board meeting schedule and key agenda topics. It was noted that the C&I (and likely Residential) meetings in July would be shortened, and only be held as conference calls.

##### VOTE: Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair

The Board is required to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair in June of every even year. Mr. Wertheimer moved to nominate Ms. O'Connor as Chair. Ms. Duva 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted in favor, including Ms. Fargo-Johnson whose proxy vote was provided by Mr. Gorthala. Mr. Beup moved to nominate Mr. Dornbos as Vice-Chair. Mr. Gorthala 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted in favor, including Ms. Fargo-Johnson whose proxy vote was provided by Mr. Gorthala. **Ms. O'Connor elected Chair and Mr. Dornbos elected Vice-Chair.** Ms. O'Connor chaired the meeting following the vote.

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<sup>1</sup> Meeting materials are available in Box.com: <https://app.box.com/s/181vbquxu6qnlcl0o7xvf374n48v9t08>

#### VOTE: Extend Evaluation Administrator contract

Mr. Brown requested that the Board receive a briefing at the August meeting on the RFP responses received. Mr. Dornbos moved to extend the current Evaluation Administrator contract to Sept. 30, 2016. Ms. Houel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted in favor (including Ms. Fargo-Johnson through a proxy vote provided by Mr. Gorthala) except Mr. Brown who voted not in favor.

**Current Evaluation Administrator contract extended through Sept. 30, 2016.**

#### **Programs and Planning**

##### Schedule for 2017 Update to 2016-2018 C&LM Plan

Mr. Diamond said that the Board Consultants and Companies were working on a schedule for development of the 2017 Plan Update. The Board agreed that Oct. 1 should be the goal for filing, although it was acknowledged that the Companies were allowed to file after Oct. 1.

##### Monthly financial report, status of HES spending

Mr. Plecs provided a brief overview for Eversource. He noted that there were significant spending shortfalls in Eversource's gas programs. Mr. Araujo said that HES spending in June thus far had been higher than anticipated. He said they would continue to focus on the gas programs. Mr. McDonnell provided a brief overview for UI. He noted the continuing budget challenges for SCG, and said that UI had sent a letter announcing curtailment of SCG's boiler program for the remainder of 2016.

##### Update on DEEP Conditions of Approval

Ms. Duva said that DEEP had sent a letter today that extended the filing deadline for Conditions 4 (Education) and 15 (Clean Energy Communities). Regarding the HES co-pay, she said DEEP would encourage the Board to support rebates of the co-pay to help promote deeper measures. She said that DEEP had also extended to September the deadline for Condition 14 (HES-IE) regarding weatherization coordination between the utilities and the Connecticut Association for Community Action (CAFCA). Regarding the Comprehensive Energy Strategy, Ms. Duva said that DEEP had received 74 public comments thus far. She said that DEEP would make a draft CES available for public comment within the next few months.

**3. Other.** Ms. O'Connor noted that there was a list of Board Committees in the Board packet, and encouraged Board members to think about their potential participation on the various committees.

**4. Closing Public Comments – none.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.