

## Clean Heat Standard Equity Advisory Group

### **Minutes for the March 19, 2024, 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
  - 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 0:10*)

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

- Review of Agenda (*Time Stamp 1:00*)
- Review of Feb. 20 Meeting Minutes (*Time Stamp 3:11*)

*[Mia Watson moved to approve the February 20, 2024, minutes. The motion was adopted by voice vote at 12:37 pm.]*

- Commission Update on CHS Work (*Time Stamp 4:25*)
  - ePUC is down
  - One free pass to Better Buildings By Design conference for EAG
  - Update on legislative action
  - Credit ownership straw proposal
  - 23-2221-INV suspension of schedule
  - Equity Advisory Group Procedures

- Public Engagement Facilitator introduction – Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity
- Technical Advisory Group Report and on-going collaboration (*Time Stamp 26:55*)
  - Vote on appointing Matt Cota and/or Emily Roscoe as TAG liaison

*[Geoff Wilcox moved to nominate Matt Cota and Emily Roscoe to serve as Technical Advisory Group liaisons. Matt Cota and Emily Roscoe were elected liaison by voice vote at 1:02 pm.]*

- Update from TAG liaisons
- Procedures (*Time Stamp 33:10*)
  - Submitting Agenda Items
  - Tools for Engaging with the PUC
  - Tracking questions and research needs
- Review of Relevant Portions of Act 18 - Discussion (*Time Stamp 51:18*)
  - What topics will the EAG be asked to provide feedback on?
- Cleaning Equity Benchmarking Standards - Discussion (*Time Stamp 1:11:43*)

*[Chris Trombly motioned to create a task-specific subgroup to create a CHS-specific equity benchmark by using the Austin Community Climate Plan Framework and incorporating the relevant elements of the Vermont Climate Council's Guiding Principles for a Just Transition. That group will consist of Jen Myers, Pike Porter, Ben Bolaski, and Chris Trombly, and will meet at least once during the week of 3/25/24, with quorum being set as a majority of the assigned members. The subgroup will meet to create a Vermont-specific rubric based on the two plans to bring back to the full Equity Advisory Group for consideration. All members of the EAG group are invited to participate in the conversations. The motion was passed by voice vote at 2:17 pm.]*

- Other Matters (*Time Stamp 1:47:57*)
  - Action items
  - Agenda topics for next meeting – Tues., April 2, 12:30 – 2:30
  - Interviews with Ashira
- Public Comment (*Time Stamp 1:58:30*)

*[The group adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:31 pm.]*

Meeting Recording

[YouTube \(https://youtu.be/ba4Fo1QfAvI \)](https://youtu.be/ba4Fo1QfAvI)