



**EEB Residential Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Webinar Only)**

Meeting Materials: <https://app.box.com/s/db4sijvvs1xmewx4gbmpwug0uofjdlcs>

**Welcome and meeting procedures and process update**

Ms. McLean went through procedures for the meeting and public comments. Mr. Reed noted that guidelines for public input process and webinars at the Energy Efficiency Board Meeting later in the day.

**Public Input/Comments**

No individuals responded to a request for public comment. Ms. McLean announced there would also be time at the end of the meeting for additional public comments as well.

**Approval of July Residential Committee Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Watson and Ms. McLean moved and seconded approval of the minutes. The Committee approved the minutes.

**UI Q2 Program Update for Multifamily, HVAC and Residential sectors**

Ms. Del Rosso announced that due to Hurricane Isaias, updates will be forthcoming. Currently, storm duty has taken precedence in the last two weeks.

Mr. Rush announced multifamily, HVAC and results through the second quarter for UI, SCG and CNG are slightly behind, but anticipate an uptick in participation and spending. Mr. Rush stated they are a bit behind the residential new construction this year.

Ms. Del Rosso noted the HES vendors are working to their capacity and the number of crews that are active now is lower than in March. The Companies are working with vendors to supplement the cost of PPE for vendors. Vendors are booked into September and October, however the loss in projects will probably not be made up through December.

Ms. McLean acknowledged that capacity has been lost and vendors may have other things to add and in the interest of time, the CTAC meetings are a good place for those conversations.

**Weatherization Barrier Resources**

**Follow up from July meeting.** Mr. Faesy discussed follow up from the July meeting and barriers to homes participating in Connecticut programs of 14% of HES Homes and 30% HES IE homes respectively. Federal Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and LIHEAP funds are allocated partially for weatherization barriers annually and for the 2019 program year there were some funds that remained unspent.

Ms. Weiner asked to qualify the number of total number of people in the state where LMI and not in need of barrier remediation from the percentages. Mr. Faesy responded we do not have answers for that, but identifying gaps and resources available are important. Other resources

may be available to Connecticut residents through the federal government, WAP, Green Bank and others. This is not only a Connecticut issue to weatherization barrier issue. Each state has their own rules and utility programs that effect how these programs function and create helpful examples for Connecticut.

Opportunities to develop a plan for next steps. Ms. McLean responded that the topics need additional focus, that is criteria based, from a group outside of the EEB because of its scope and size; similarly, to underserved communities. This could possibly be a work session spearheaded by Brenda Watson and the American Association of Blacks in Energy. Ms. Roswig suggested including low income community and multi-family housing entities owners. Mr. Li suggested talking off-line to discuss a format and structure for the session that DEEP can help put together. Ms. McLean will reach out to identify other stakeholders to participate.

### **Serving Underserved Communities**

DEEP Notice of Proceeding and Request for Scoping Comments. Mr. Li noted the process will be released in the next week due to Hurricane Isaias.

PURA Sprint update. Ms. Roswig is an advocate for low income partners focusing on child and people in need of medical advocacy who are impacted by utility shut-offs. Winter hardship protection is accessed by the customer when they are coded for the Hardship Protection Program; including serious illness and infant protection. The participation is low due to a lack of knowledge of the hardship and energy efficiency programs.

Connecticut statute does not require landlords to grant consent for energy efficiency practices for participating in energy efficiency programs; however, it is an existing practice by utilities. Mr. Li stated DEEP has looked into this, however the renter could potentially lose their deposit if the landlord does not consent. Ms. Del Rosso responded the utilities require the signature of the owner for permanent changes such as duct sealing. She also commented on a study done by Eversource on the participation rates of low-income customers and will present it at a future RES meeting.

In closing, Ms. Roswig requested the companies share the hardship protection program with clients when they call about their bills. Ms. McLean mentioned possibly getting the Department of Social Services on the EEB.

Companies' Planned Efforts for 2021. No report was given.

2021 Plan Update. Mr. Faesy noted key residential update areas; supporting codes and standards; and, market transformation as a way to quantify savings as a result of activities in policy support. These items will be addressed in the next agenda.

Agenda items for future Residential Committee meetings. Mr. Faesy noted a workshop for a discussion about savings and a policy or advocacy that support the programs transition away from lighting. This would provide more opportunities for savings to ratepayers. Ms. McLean and Ms. Watson agreed and a discussion will ensue off line.

It was moved by Ms. Watson and seconded by Ms. McLean for adjournment.  
The meeting adjourned at 11:22 am