

## Green Buildings Advisory Committee

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 | 9:00 – 10:00 AM

In compliance with Executive Order 22-01, this meeting was fully remote via Zoom.

### Meeting Minutes

#### Committee Members Present

Dr. Carrie Gill, Chair  
Commissioner Jim Cambio  
Mark Winslow  
Christopher Armstrong  
Josh Kessler  
Ann Battersby  
Dr. Joseph da Silva  
Stephen Turner

Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources  
Building Code Commission  
Gilbane  
AIA Rhode Island  
National Grid  
RI Department of Environmental Management  
Rhode Island Department of Education  
Stephen Turner Inc.

#### Other Attendees Present

Steven Chybowski  
Jon Erickson  
Michael O'Brien Crayne  
Christopher McWhite  
Kenneth Filarski

Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources  
National Grid  
National Grid  
Town of Smithfield  
Filarski Architecture Planning

#### 1. Call to order

Chairperson Gill called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

#### 2. Announcements

Chairperson Gill introduced new Office of Energy Resources team member Steve Chybowski to the Committee.

Chairperson Gill updated Committee Members that website updates for the Green Buildings Advisory Committee webpage have been drafted and the webpage should be updated within the next month.

Chairperson Gill noted that the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Report is now final:  
[www.energy.ri.gov/evplan/](http://www.energy.ri.gov/evplan/).

#### 3. Old business

##### a. Act on Climate update and discussion

Committee Members discussed the role of the Green Buildings Act to help achieve the goals of the Act on Climate. Committee Members noted that buildings have a role in advancing toward zero emissions and the Green Buildings Advisory Committee could better understand the building stock. Committee Members also noted there is an opportunity to explore the climate-health nexus and evaluate how green buildings improve health.

##### b. 2022 Green Buildings Advisory Committee calendar and workplan

Votes will be scheduled for two meetings in 2022, at the April and November meetings.

Meeting discussion topics are planned through May. Additional topics for future meetings could include LEED updates and updates from neighboring states, the LEED Zero program and its compatibility with the Act on Climate, and updating the stretch code and clarifying code compliance.

**c. Committee outreach**

Committee Members discussed incorporating Green Buildings Act requirements into funding request paperwork to expand the program outreach.

**d. 2021 Annual Report update**

Materials have been drafted for surveying municipalities and other public entities for the Green Buildings Advisory Committee’s 2021 Annual Report.

**e. Base code advancement**

The State will be adopting the 2021 Building Code and will look to jump into the review stage for the next code iteration. Broader participation regarding the energy code is welcome.

**f. Stretch code development**

There was a request for a recap on how the stretch code was developed – this will be added as an agenda item to a subsequent meeting.

**g. Updates on other work and from committees, if any**

None.

**h. Updates on trainings, if any**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Partner</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
January 5	AIA	Commercial - RICodeC 107-21 - Rhode Island Stretch Code Training	Stephen Turner
January 10	Realtor	Residential - Weatherization: Insulation & Building Science	Jon Ericson
January 12	Realtor	Residential - Healthy Homes: Indoor air quality and your health	Jeremy Dagold
January 18	RIBA	Residential – 1-009 Blower door & Air Leakage Testing (2.5CEU)	Jeremy Dagold
January 24	Realtor	Residential - Home Comfort – Heating, Cooling & Ventilation	Jon Ericson

January 26	Realtor	Residential - Green Building Fundamentals	Jeremy Dagold
February 15	RIBA	Residential – 2-91 HVAC & Indoor Air Quality (1CEU)	Jeremy Dagold

#### **4. New business**

None.

#### **5. Correspondence**

There were three requests to be added to the public distribution list.

There was additional correspondence about advancing net-zero energy efficiency efforts in Rhode Island inspired by discussions from COP26.

#### **6. Public comment**

Mr. Filarski commented that the Green Buildings Act can be an effective tool to help achieve the goals of the Act on Climate legislation. The building sector is nearly equal to transportation as a source of emissions statewide.

Mr. Filarski noted that there is a bill being proposed in the House strengthen the Green Buildings Act in line with the Act on Climate and further clarify all jurisdictions that must comply with the Green Buildings Act.

Mr. McWhite inquired about including electric vehicle charging infrastructure in new construction and remodels, as well as the possible future need for a special energy inspector.

#### **7. Adjourn**

Chairperson Gill adjourned the meeting at 10:08 am.