

## Green Buildings Advisory Committee

### Draft Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 | 9:00 AM

McKenna Conference Room (1st Floor), 560 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02886

Members of the public were allowed to join remotely via Zoom

#### Committee Members Present

Dr. Joseph da Silva	Rhode Island Department of Education
Michael O'Brien Crayne	Rhode Island Energy
Mark Winslow	Representing Building Construction
Melissa Travis (virtual)	Representing Building Materials and Industry
David Patten (virtual)	Rhode Island Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance

#### Other Attendees Present

Grace Alves	Green Energy Consumers Alliance
Steven Chybowski	Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources
Kenneth Filarski	Filarski/Architecture+Planning+Research
Chris Kearns	Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources
Bill Nash	International Code Council
Tasneem Osman	Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships
Rachel Pinnons	CLEAResult
George Sfinarolakis	Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources

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#### 1. Call to order

Mr. Chybowski called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. noting that there is not a quorum and that votes will not be held.

#### 2. Administrative announcements

Mr. Chybowski provided an overview of the meeting agenda for the day, noting that all voting items on the agenda will be held for the September meeting. Mr. Chybowski also announced four new appointments made to the Green Buildings Advisory Committee (GBAC) since the last Committee meeting. Introductions were conducted for those present in the room.

#### 3. Voting on previous meeting minutes

a. May 2022

Item will be held for the September meeting agenda.

b. June 2022

Item will be held for the September meeting agenda.

#### 4. Legislative Updates to the Green Buildings Act

Mr. Chybowski presented a summary of the legislative changes to the Green Buildings Act (GBA) that were signed into law since the Committee last met. Committee Members raised questions regarding the

status of existing Committee members, the Committee's role with updating the GBA rules and regulations, and any specific emissions reduction goals tied to the GBA.

**5. 2021 Annual Report Addendum: State Permit Data**

- a. Presentation and discussion
- b. Public comment
- c. Vote on adoption of State Permit Data Addendum to the 2021 Annual Report

Agenda item 5 will be held for the September meeting agenda.

**6. Act on Climate – Buildings Sharing Session**

Mr. Chybowski updated the Committee on the Act on Climate: Buildings and Climate workshop that will be held virtually on August 24, 2022, at 1 p.m. The workshop will be moderated by Mr. Chybowski and multiple GBAC Members will be speaking as workshop panelists. All GBAC Members are encouraged to join, and the workshop is open to the public.

**7. Other updates from Committee Members, if any**

None.

**8. Public comment**

Kenneth Filarski, Filarski/Architecture+Planning+Research

Mr. Filarski stated that he was one of the original authors behind the GBA. He noted that the legislative changes that passed this year are intended to integrate the *2021 Act on Climate* and the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4) with the GBA. The new legislation was intentional in expanding the GBAC membership and to include representation from the EC4 agencies.

Melissa Travis, Rhode Island Manufacturers Association

Ms. Travis expressed concerns that the increased representation on the GBAC does not necessarily mean that those new representatives would have the knowledge or credentials related to green buildings.

**9. Adjourn**

Mr. Chybowski adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.