



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency**

**Draft Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

June 8, 2023  
3:00 – 5:30 pm

Meeting Recording:

<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/ldr.php?RCID=fcf3ce97995ece99e122d0c0c23223a4>

<u>DC-CCCR Members</u> Uwe Brandes Jim Dougherty Alan Etter Maureen Holman Anthony Kane Peggy Keller Justin Lini Colin McCormick Steve Moore Jason Turner Edward Yim Kathryn Zyla	<u>DOEE Staff</u> Connor Rattey (Designated Staff Executive) Brittany Whited Jenn Hatch  <u>Invited Speakers</u> Danielle Gurkin (PSC) Katie Bergfeld (DOEE) Jamie Donovan (DOEE) Andrea Foss (Steven Winter Associates) Theresa Backhus (Building Innovation Hub)  <u>Other Guests</u> Brenda Richardson Anna Aguilar Katie O'Donnell Quinn Cannon Mary Thomas Lucy Lehr Chris Weiss Christopher Davis Dennis Chestnut Max Broad Yolanda Bonner Melissa Deas Stephen Horblitt Patricia Bishop Kevin Bryan Commissioner – ANC 7E John Henderson
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1. **Call to Order 3:04**
2. **Announcement of Quorum** – Quorum confirmed.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – A motion to approve the 6/8/2023 meeting agenda (Justin Lini, Jason Turner) was passed unanimously, with a change to reflect the briefing on the Strategic Electrification Roadmap was removed from the agenda.
4. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – A motion to approve the 3/9/2023 Quarterly Meeting Minutes (Anthony Kane, Jason Turner) was passed unanimously.
5. **Chair’s Welcoming Remarks** (Uwe Brandes)
  - Acknowledging today’s Code Purple Air Quality advisory.
  - A resolution acknowledging service of Sandra Knight and Molly Rauch. A motion (Maureen Holman, Jason Turner) was passed unanimously.
  - New Commissioner appointed by Council: Erica Green.
  - Currently one Commission vacancy: Emergency Preparedness.
6. **Finance Report** – None
7. **Governance Report** – None
8. **Committee Reports** – None
9. **Staff Report** (Connor Rattey)
  - Staff report included administrative, legislative, and DOEE updates.
10. **Guest Presentations:**
  - Public Service Commission Updates: Danielle Gurkin, Principal Legislative Advisor, PSC
    - PSC does not have the authority to stop the sale of fossil gas, but will use existing authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from Washington Gas’ operations.
    - The Office of Climate Action is being staffed up to support a variety of duties in support of the District’s climate goals.
    - Powerpath DC Governance Board oversees a \$21M fund that will modernize our energy system. There are three large pilot projects moving forward: Community Heat Pump project, Solar Aggregation and Advanced Inverters, and a Virtual Power Plant pilot.
  - BEPS Update: Katie Bergfeld, Chief, Building Performance & Enforcement Branch, DOEE
    - The District passed the first-in-the-nation building performance standards. Approximately 900 buildings are now required to improve their performance in this first compliance cycle.

- 80% of buildings who must comply met the first deadline to select a compliance pathway, and outreach and education for building owners continues.
- Pending a final vote on the budget by Council, the BEPS program will continue apace, without additional implementation delays.
- Using ARPA funding, the Affordable Housing Retrofit Accelerator is helping affordable housing properties comply with BEPS, offering specific technical and financial assistance to the 50-60 properties currently enrolled.
- Clean Energy DC 2.0: Jamie Donovan, Energy Program Analyst, DOEE
  - Update underway to original 2018 plan, which has been a key driver of climate action in the District.
  - Clean Energy DC 2.0 will guide the District toward meeting its goals to cut per capita energy use 50% by 2032, achieve 60% GHG reduction by 2030 and ultimately achieve carbon neutrality by 2045, through efficiency and electrification.
  - CEDC 2.0 will include DC-CCCR recommendations to accelerate the transition to clean energy, to expand education, workforce development and community-based resilience hubs, and will have a greater focus on resilience than the current plan.
  - Embodied carbon, resilient design, and electrification will be added to the plan in this update.

#### **11. Guest Panel Discussion: Commercial Buildings in a Post-Pandemic Marketplace**

- Panelists included Theresa Backhus, Director of the Building Innovation Hub, and Andrea Foss, Director of Sustainability at Steven Winter Associates.
- Positive sign in the compliance rate of buildings to select a compliance pathway for BEPS (80%) and seeing buildings shift to look proactively to long-term strategies for buildings and businesses. At the same time, there is still a need for continued education and support, especially as buildings get into the specifics around what it will take to come into compliance or to plan ahead for new construction.
- Critical juncture, in crafting the buildings for the future and long-term performance while pursuing strategies to combat historic commercial vacancies. Using and adapting the space we have is critical here, related to embodied carbon, long-term performance, and planning for future needs.

#### **12. Public Comments**

- Chris Weiss (DC Environmental Network): Engaged in the campaign to keep BEPS on schedule and shared a letter of thanks from advocates to the Council that was sent today.

#### **13. Discussion & Upcoming Meetings**

- September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Potential subcommittee convenings this summer to set up the Fall agenda.
- Proposals for future conversations:

- Transportation and alternative fuels
- Cost and benefits of climate action
- Land use policy, including as it relates to development and transportation

**14. Adjourn: 5:22PM**