



BUILDING PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

In attendance:

Name	In-Person	Virtual	Role
Emily Curley	x		DEP staff liaison
Sheena Oliver	x	x	DEP staff support
Rhett Tatum		x	Member
Daniel Cleverdon			Member
Amanda MacVey		x	Member
Andrew Rivas			Member
Lawrence Carroll		x	Member
Vacant - Nonresidential Building Owner or Manager			Member
Jill Goodrich			Member
Luke Lanciano		x	Member
Adam Landsman		x	Member
Mike Dieterich		x	Member
Julie Wolfington		x	Member
Josh McClelland			Member, Deputy Chair
Vacant -Representative of Local Electricity or Natural Gas Utility			Member
Kevin Walton	x		Member, Chair
Gregory Goldstein		x	Member
Lindsey Shaw	x		Ex officio member (DEP)
Bryan Bomer			Ex officio member (DPS)
Michael Yambrach			Ex officio member (DGS)
Don Scheuerman		x	DGS
Keith Walker		x	DPS
Henry Jordan		x	Member of the public
Debbie Cohn		x	Member of the public

Administrative items

Adam Landsman moved to approve meeting minutes from 2/21/24. Rhett Tatum seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Maryland General Assembly Recap

Garrett Fitzgerald, Section Chief, Climate Programs & State Policy, provided a recap of the 2024 Maryland General Assembly session.

Highlights of the session included:

- [House Bill 864](#) *Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plans*
- [House Bill 397](#)/[Senate Bill 570](#) *Public Utilities - Thermal Energy Network Systems - Authorization and Establishment (Working for Accessible Renewable Maryland Thermal Heat (WARMTH) Act)*
- Enhanced solar incentives for rooftops, parking lots, brownfields
- Streamlining EV and solar for common ownership communities.
- Enabling bidirectional charging from EVs and improving EV charger reliability
- Strengthened regulations for retail energy suppliers
- Legislation requiring new buildings to meet heat and hot water needs without the combustion of fossil fuels did not pass.
- State budget amendment to delay action on site EUI component of the State's Building Energy Performance Standards

Energy Summit Recap

Several BPIB members attended the 2024 Montgomery County Energy Summit. One member noted that it would be useful to try to attract more building and facility staff to the event to take advantage of energy audit demonstrations, to see technology and strategies to improve building performance, and potentially even to dedicate time to a more robust training session geared toward building management.

County BEPS Regulation Update

- On February 27, the Council approved a resolution to extend the deadline for consideration of Executive Regulation 17-23, Building Energy Performance Standards to September 30, 2024.
- T&E Committee to hold BEPS listening sessions / hearings for different sectors:
 - TBA: Additional listening sessions with common ownership communities, market-rate housing, faith-based communities, utilities, potentially others

Open Discussions

- Science Based Target Initiative Carbon Credits

One member noted that the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), one of the key organizations focused on aligning corporate environmental sustainability action with the global goals of limiting climate change, announced plans to extend the use of environmental attribute certificates, such as emissions reduction credits, to tackle Scope 3 value chain emissions, in its standard for corporate net zero target setting.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 26. Members supported moving future meetings to fully virtual.

For additional information, please visit the Building Energy Performance Standards website at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/green/energy/beps.html> or contact DEP at energy@montgomerycountymd.gov.