



Setting the Standards for  
Home Energy Efficiency

**Approved**  
**RESNET® Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**August 19, 2024**

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent	Staff Present
Jacob Atalla David Beam Erin Bordelon Lindsey Elton Philip Fairey Matt Gingrich Emilie Glitch David Goldstein John Hensley Ian Hughes Leo Jansen Mark Johnson Cy Kilbourn Abe Kruger Chris McTaggart Robert Pegues Jonathan Risch	Sandra Adomatis Curt Rich	Steve Baden Valerie Briggs Rick Dixon Scott Doyle Laurel Elam Billy Giblin Clara Hedrick Cardice Howard Noah Kibbe Jordi Kimbrough Paulette McGhie Ryan Meres  <b>Guests Present-</b> Steve Byers Thomas Cochran Matthew Cooper Chris Magwood Dylan Tindall

**Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mark Johnson, RESNET Board President, at 11:03 a.m. Mountain Time.

**Roll Call**

Philip Fairey, RESNET Secretary, experienced audio issues. Clara Hedrick, RESNET, called roll and a quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda**

Jonathan Risch made a motion to approve the agenda. John Hensley seconded the motion. The agenda was approved by a voice vote.

## **RESNET Anti-Trust Policy**

Mark Johnson reminded RESNET Board members that they were covered by the RESNET Anti-Trust Policy that was distributed prior to the meeting as part of the meeting packet.

## **Introduction of RESNET's New Quality Assurance Manager Jordi Kimbrough**

RESNET Board was pleased to welcome Jordi Kimbrough.

## **Approval of Draft Minutes of RESNET Board April 3, 2024, Meeting**

Philip Fairey made a motion to approve the minutes. David Beam seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote. Abe Kruger abstained because he had not attended the meeting.

## **Consideration of RESNET Board Executive Committee Recommendation on Accredited HERS® Index Ratings in California**

RESNET Executive Director Steve Baden presented background on the issue caused by the California HERS Rating Provider CalCERTS closing its doors and no longer able to submit ratings to the Registry beginning August 2, 2024.

RESNET Executive Committee recommended that the state of California be open to all accredited Rating Providers.

Philip Fairey made the following motion:

Philip motioned: *The RESNET Board of Directors adopt the RESNET Board Executive Committee recommended policy of opening the state of California for HERS Index Ratings to all RESNET accredited rating providers. That all RESNET's standards and procedures must be met in all 50 states and US territories.*

Emilie Glitch seconded the motion.

After discussion the motion passed by voice vote.

## **HERS® Index Rating Modular Housing**

Steve Byers, Chair of the RESNET Modular Housing Advisory Group presented a background on the importance of being able to HERS rate modular housing and the challenges presented.

Steve reported that the Advisory Group had identified the following proposed compliance options:

*Option 1: Home Certification Organization (HCO) Certification of factory staff as RFI's.* Certifying internal QC/QA staff as Raters or RFIs. This would allow inspections to be accepted by the HERS Rater that conducts the on-site inspection. This would be consistent with current RESNET protocols but is not allowed under ENERGY STAR SFNH partner agreements.

*Option 2: HERS Provider Protocols for factory staff to perform limited inspections.* Similar to on-site inspections, the builder assumes responsibility for verifying a maximum of eight items. The plant operator would act as the builder.

*Option 3: Virtual/Remote Inspection of Factory Built Components.* The Rater or RFI will have to perform inspections in a timely fashion. This option is efficient, cost-friendly, and includes Raters and RFIs in the plant process and does not disrupt workflow.

This is currently not allowed under MINHERS® and ENERGY STAR SFNH partner agreements.

*Option 4: Third-Party Inspectors Certified as RFIs.* This would require a significant change in the current business model.

Members of the Working Group did not assume that off-site was superior to on-site. All RESNET policies and procedures would need to be followed for both on- and off-site.

It was agreed that more voices needed to be added to the effort.

It was also agreed that Steve Byers and Steve Baden will discuss next steps. No action was required from the Board at this time.

### **Consideration of RESNET Board Policy on RESNET Standard Development**

Rick Dixon, RESNET Standards Manager proposed the following policy to be considered by the RESNET Board:

- Adopt new standards, where appropriate, as non-ANS RESNET standards or RESNET guidelines for testing and refinement before committing them to American National Standards;
- Prioritize maintaining RESNET standards as up to date as practicable by allowing **voluntary use** of new editions of RESNET ANS and their addenda upon approval by the SMB;
- Ensure that RESNET allows **voluntary use** of RESNET ANS adopted by building codes by the date of the code edition that references them;

After much Board discussion, due to time constraints, Steve Baden requested that the conversation be moved to the HERS Pro Network.

**RESNET Emerging Leadership Council Update**

Not addressed due to time constraints.

**RESNET Build-to-Rent Advisory Working Group Update**

Not addressed due to time constraints.

**RESNET ESG Advisory Working Group Update**

Not addressed due to time constraints.

**RESNET Embodied Carbon Standard Development Committee Update**

Not addressed due to time constraints.

It was agreed that a Board meeting would be rescheduled in September to allow the RESNET Board to receive these important briefings.

**New Business**

Mark Johnson announced that the ICC just released its 2024 IECC.

Jonathan Risch requested an update be given at the next Board meeting on the plan for utilizing extra funds to hire additional staff.

**Adjournment**

Cy Kilbourn made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. Mountain Time.

**Respectfully Submitted,**



Philip Fairley, Secretary