



Setting the Standards for Home Energy Efficiency

RESNET Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 14, 2021

Board Members Present	Board Member Absent	Staff Present
Jacob Atalla Dave Bell Lindsey Elton Philip Fairey Matt Gingrich Kathy Howard Emelie Cuppernell Glitch David Goldstein John Hensley Mark Johnson Cy Kilbourn Abe Kruger Jonathan Risch Curt Rich Brian Shanks Clayton Traylor	Jim Amarin David Beam Chris McTaggart	Steve Baden Emma Bennett Valerie Briggs Christine Do Scott Doyle Laurel Elam Billy Giblin Cardice Howard Ryan Meres

Meeting Call to Order

RESNET Board President John Hensley called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Pacific Time.

Roll Call

RESNET Board Secretary Philip Fairey called the roll. A quorum was present.

Approval of Meeting’s Agenda

Philip Fairey made a motion to approve the draft agenda that was sent to Board members prior to the meeting. Dave Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

RESNET Anti-Trust Policy

Curt Rich reminded the RESNET Board of the RESNET Anti-Trust Policy that was sent to Board members prior to the meeting.

Texas Energy Code Recognizing HERS Index Scores

Clayton Traylor, RESNET Board Member, discussed the partnership with Texas Energy Code to recognize HERS Index Scores. Existing methodology was to be replaced with the 2019 ANSI-301.

James Rodriguez, Fox Energy Specialists, discussed the various paths to energy code compliance in Texas pre- and post- HB 3215. Texas will now recognize HERS Index Scores as a standalone compliance pathway. Every city except Austin has agreed to recognize this independent option regardless of which IECC version is adopted locally.

Cy asked about now including specifically “RESNET” within the language, and how that has affected enforcement, and whether non-RESNET ERI scores are being accepted by code officials. James responded that non-RESNET accredited HERS software will not be able to demonstrate compliance with HB-3215 going forward.

Approval of Draft November 18, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes was sent to Board members with the notice of meeting.

Philip Fairey made a motion to approve the November 18, 2021 RESNET Board meeting minutes. Cy Kilbourn seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

45L – Building Back Better Legislation Update

Carl Chidlow, RESNET’s Washington Representative, presented on the current status of the 45L Tax Credit. The Senate must now either pass or amend the BBB in early 2022, most likely before Feb 18th. The BBB would provide an extension and improvement of 45L. Improvements include:

- Ten-year life span of the credit, beginning in 2022, through Dec. 2031
- Builders get \$2,500 for Energy Star qualified homes.
- \$5,000 for a home that meets DOE requirements for net zero ready.

Jonathan Risch asked if this would make it retroactive to January 1st, or continue 45L through 2022 and implement in 2023. Carl said it could be possible to be completed before February 18th but will likely move fast and start sooner than 2023.

EPA ENERGY STAR Homes Program Update

Jonathan Passe, EPA, presented on the ENERGY STAR Homes Program and three proposals that are in progress. EPA had announced a new transition schedule today (December 14, 2021) through an email to partners regarding dates for single-family and multi-family program requirements; stakeholder concerns, development of a Comment Response Document and revisions to the National Version 3.2/1.2 proposals in response to comments received.

EPA intends to remove less stringent backstops for tight homes in the revised proposals (the “Next Generation” proposal).

Jonathan also discussed that the 45L Tax Credit Legislation has ENERGY STAR version requirements that will scale up over time. Finally, the collaboration between EPA, RESNET, and ACCA is growing at least one large production builder and several large providers intend to implement HVAC grading in 2022.

DOE Net Zero Energy Ready Program Update

Eric Werling, Jamie Lyons and Jaime Van-Mourik from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) presented on the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Program (ZERH). Eric discussed a summary of the ZERH Program activities, such as state and utility rebates, increase in affordable housing, stretch codes, and green financing. The newest DOE ZERH Team member, Jamie Van-Mourik, was introduced. Her biography is located [here](#). ZERH Version 2 (proposed) and future activities were also discussed. The timeframe to finalize Version 2 will depend on a possible need for a second comment period, as well as coordination with rating software developers.

Lindsey Elton asked for clarification regarding multifamily new construction and if the cap of five stories will be increased. Eric Werling responded that it has been a consideration and that the multifamily consideration is in progress.

RESNET 2022 Conference Update – Emma Bennett, RESNET Conference Manager

Emma Bennett, RESNET Conference Manager, presented an update on the upcoming RESNET 2022 Conference for both the in-person and virtual event. All those who attend the in-person event, February 21-23, 2022, will also have access to the virtual conference, March 10-11, 2022.

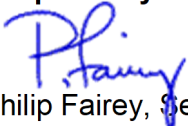
New Business

There was no new business proposed by the board.

Meeting Adjourns

Matt Gingrich made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. Pacific Time.

Respectfully Submitted,


Philip Fairey, Secretary