



## **State Energy Advisory Board**

### **Virtual Meeting Agenda**

**May 21, 2020**

**Attendees:** David Althoff, Sumesh Arora, Kathy Blodgett, Kelley Smith Burk, John Chatburn, Jim Clarkson, Katie Jereza, Jennifer Richardson, Michael T. Richard, Dan Sullivan

Guest presenters: David Nemptow and Madeline Salzman, Building Technologies Office

Public: David Terry, NASEO

Absent: Susan Brown, David Gipson, Maureen Neighbors, Bob Nelson, Nicole Peoples, Lynn Retz, Ken Robinette, Sally Talberg, Mary Beth Tung

**The Meeting was called to order by DFO Jay Nathwani at 3:02 p.m.**

#### **Minutes:**

Mr. Nathwani called the meeting to order and then welcomed the group to the virtual WebEx meeting. Roll call was made and received voice acknowledgement from each person attending.

Mr. Nathwani announced that Assistant Secretary Daniel Simmons signed off on the appointment package on 5/20/20 and it is now awaiting approval by the Undersecretary and Secretary. Once it is approved, members will first receive their appointment letters via email, followed by hard copies which will include the three charges the Assistant Secretary has given to the committee. Mr. Nathwani briefly reviewed the charges, which were also sent ahead as attachments to the group in advance of today's call.

Mr. Nathwani asked the group what their preference was in terms of communication? A consensus was formed stating that a regular, weekly email be sent which would include any FOAs or other relevant materials. The exact day that will be selected for this tba.

Mr. Nathwani introduced David Nemptzow and Madeline Salzman to give their presentation on Workforce Development within the Building Technologies Office. (The power point presentation was sent ahead to the group along with the charges and meeting agenda.)

The umbrella term of “Building Efficiency Workforce” covers many different fields— development, integration, installation, and diffusion just to start. Graduate and undergraduate studies could be considered another part of this term. The challenges in terms of workforce development and cultivation include apathy and ignorance. The absolute biggest challenge lays in labor productivity. Labor productivity in new construction today is less than it was back in World War II.

Responding to Mr. Nemptzow’s observation that there are very few relevant training resources, Ms. Jereza stated that Stanford University has a virtual, low cost, 6 hour long course that provides training. A link to this course was requested by Mr. Aurora. Mr. Nemptzow acknowledged the presence of this course and a few others, but observed that there is no one solution to this deficit in training.

Mr. Althoff asked if there were an obvious list of big, clean energy job creators in each state? Ms. Salzman answered that there is no go-to resource to answer this or obvious companies to suggest as so many are small businesses. Mr. Nemptzow encouraged any interested STEAB members to attend the virtual, free Building Summit that will be held June 8-11, 2020.

In terms of agenda items for the June call, Ms. Burk stated that she thought it would be a good idea to begin discussion on the three charges, as well as what deliverables might be expected from STEAB. Mr. Chatburn seconded this suggestion. Mr. Aurora echoed their opinion and stated that the STEAB subcommittees might need to be revisited to make sure they work with the new charges or if they need to be reconfigured.

Public Comment: None

Mr. Nathwani reminded the group that the monthly calls are always on the third Thursday of the month from 3:00-4:00 p.m. eastern.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.