Draft MINUTES

Joint Committee of the CT Energy Efficiency Board and the Connecticut Green Bank Board of Directors

Thursday, June 18, 2026
1:30 – 3:30 pm

In Attendance

Voting Members: Kathy Fay, Melissa Kops, Lonnie Reed, Becca Trietch, Brenda Watson

Non-Voting Members: Stephen Bruno, Bryan Garcia

Members Absent: Joseph DeNicola, John Harrity

Others: Richard Del Soldato, James Desantos, Marriott Dowden, Mackey Dykes, Brian Farnen, George Lawrence, Cheryl Lumpkin, Amy Mclean Salls, Maddie Myers, George Pieger, Ariel Schneider, Stacy Sherwood, Zach Tyler, Marissa Westbrook, James Williamson

1. Call to Order
   - Brenda Watson called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.
2. Public Comments
   - None.
3. Review and approval of Meeting Minutes from the March 19, 2026 meeting.

Resolution #1

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Joint Committee for March 19, 2026.

Upon a motion made by Becca Trietch and seconded by Brenda Watson, the Joint Committee voted to approve Resolution 1. None opposed or abstained. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Review of the 2026 Legislative Session

- James Desantos summarized the most recent Legislative Session which ended on May 6, 2026, which was the shortest session in Connecticut's history and had a strong focus on affordability.
  - Brenda Watson asked if there was any discussion about locking the Public Benefits Charge to limit the ability of it to be raided. James Desantos responded that the

Public Benefits Charge was not really discussed during the session, and the issue of lock-boxing it was not brought up at all.

- James Desantos summarized Act HB 5340, the AAC Renewable Power Generation Act, which was the omnibus bill of this session. It contained 19 sections and aggregated several individual pieces of legislation by the end of the session. The act requires PURA to establish successor programs for RRES, NRES, and SCEF by December 2027, as well as requiring PURA to adopt other measures. James Desantos noted that the Green Bank has been tasked with administering a $2 million pilot program to pair storage with existing residential solar customers within Equal Justice communities participating in either RRES or RCEP at no cost. The Green Bank is expected to have results of that pilot program by February 2028, and it has a goal to offset ratepayer costs from the metering credits by encouraging behind-the-meter storage for customer use.
    - Brenda Watson expressed concern about no advocates being part of the working group, comprised of ENT chairs, DEEP, OCC, PURA, and staff from the Green Bank, for after the pilot's conclusion. James Desantos responded that the language of the bill allows the ENT Chairs to bring anyone else into the working group that is relevant.

5. Plan Coordination
    a. Update on the FY 2027 Connecticut Green Bank Comprehensive Plan

- Bryan Garcia summarized some updates to the CT Green Bank's Comprehensive Plan, noting that despite the concern regarding the federal government's treatment of the investment tax credits, what seems to have happened is that the markets moved faster in order to realize those credits quicker. This has put the Green Bank ahead of some of its targets for FY 2026. He stated the Green Bank's priorities for the coming year will be multifamily affordable housing, electric school buses, and resilience measures.
- Byan Garcia highlighted the progress made to organic waste management under Environmental Infrastructure.
    - Brenda Watson asked if there was any discussion about having organic waste management sites in urban environments. Bryan Garcia responded that yes, DEEP has supported pilots on food waste collection, and explained a bit about the current food waste sites and plans for the team to try and increase their use.
    - Brenda Watson asked if there is a link between the Green Bank's mission and the workforce space, such as interacting with regional sector partnerships. Bryan Garcia responded that there is a council by statute that is co-chaired by DECD and DEEP that is looking at workforce development across the green economy.

    b. Update on 2025-2027 Conservation and Loan Management Plan

- Marissa Westbrook reviewed the process for the 2025 – 2027 C&LM Plan and noted some changes to the process for both the submission process from the Utilities and the review process by DEEP.
- Marissa Westbrook summarized the Coordinated Initiative for Clean Energy progress, which has a goal to deliver a more unified and comprehensive decarbonization and technical audit. She noted there are Technical Assistance contractors lined up, initial marketing efforts are underway, and there is an initial approach to encourage Solar, Battery Storage, and EV charging to invest in efficiency.

6. Opportunities and Challenges – Healthy Housing

- Mackey Dykes summarized the progress to the SolarMAP+ program and affordable housing, which now consists of three portfolios. He quickly explained progress on properties within each of the portfolios.
    - Brenda Watson commented that she has been interacting with on the ground operators from Boston to New Haven and she often hears them recommend working with the CT Green Bank, which is a form of proof about how effective the efforts of the SolarMAP team has been.
    - Bryan Garcia asked Mackey Dykes to provide an update on the private markets outside of the Green Bank's SolarMAP+ program. Mackey Dykes responded that private developers and contractors are really seeing the opportunities from the program, both from the full technical assistance and from just the financing side, and are talking to customers about how to use it.

7. Other Business
    a. Brief Update: C&I – Government
    b. Brief Update: C&I – Small and Medium/Large Business

- Stephen Bruno summarized the progress to the Purchasing & Servicing Agreement between Amalgamated Bank, the Green Bank, and Eversource which in March 2026 sold $5.6 million in loans. The June 2026 sale is in progress and so far has $1.2 million in loans sold.

    c. Brief Update: Residential – Single Family and Multi-Family

- Stephen Bruno summarized the progress to the Smart-E Loan program, which had $16.3 million in Smart-E loans for FY 2026. He summarized the changes to the interest rate for the past year and reasons behind them.
    - Becca Trietch asked for more information about the demand increase and how sensitive the market is. Stephen Bruno responded that essentially the number of loans increased quickly once the offer was changed to 0.99%, so it was pretty responsive. He also noted the contractor meeting earlier in the year where many contractors stated they were pleased with the offering and were referring their customers to go through it.

8. Public Comments

- None.

9. Adjourn

Upon a motion made by Becca Trietch and seconded by Brenda Watson, the Joint Committee adjourned at 2:24 pm.