

**Attachment A
Meeting Summary
Regional Building Decarbonization Oversight Committee
Friday, May 9, 2025
Virtual Meeting Only – Hosted on Zoom**

Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:

Steve Barr (Chair)	City of Littleton
Doug Rex	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Richard Kondo (Vice-Chair)	City of Northglenn
Nicole Speer	City of Boulder
Emily Baer (Alternate)	Town of Erie
Stephen Shepherd	Building Owners and Managers Association
Andrew Holder	Xcel Energy
Christian Willis	Colorado Energy Office
Shere Walker-Ravenell	Black Parents United Foundation
Steve Douglas	Commerce City

Additional Alternates Present:

Ron Papsdorf (Alternate)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
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Public: Kam Kugeler, Mikey Guanipa

DRCOG staff: Cam Kennedy, Chris Selk, Clay McCombe, Mac Prather, Greg Miao, Andy Birkey, Devon Reifsneider, Fernando Briones, Katie Maxted

Call to Order

Chair Steve Barr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment

Chris Selk notified the committee that DRCOG's Decarbonization team has hired several new staff. Andy Birkey is now our Senior Communication Specialist, Fernando Briones serves as a Senior LIDAC Specialist, Devon Reifsneider has joined the team serving as a Senior Workforce Specialist, and lastly, Katie Maxted is DRCOG's new Decarbonization Contracts Lead. Additionally, DRCOG's Finance and Budget Committee authorized a contract with VEIC to implement our innovation pilot program and DRCOG is finalizing the selection and recommendation for its incentives and energy advising vendor. DRCOG will soon release an RFP for a low-income program administrator to provide a clearinghouse for home upgrade services and full-service no-cost energy efficiency and beneficial electrification measures. Furthermore, Ad Works was awarded \$5.2 million for green workforce hubs and the Building Decarbonization Coalition received \$4.5 million for a contractor navigation hub. Lastly, DRCOG has signed a contract with Lotus and is working to finalize a contract with Karsh Hagan.

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The summary was accepted.

Action Item

Building Policy Collaborative Jurisdictional Support Subaward Program

Greg Miao, Building Policy Program Manager, discussed that the Jurisdictional Support Program consists of \$34.8 million for sub-awards to DRCOG's member governments to increase staff capacity and provide other resources to help local governments achieve pollution reductions through implementing high-performance building policy, improving processes, and achieving high compliance rates. Staff have engaged with stakeholders to develop a proposed program structure that consists of DRCOG administering sub-awards to member governments through a formula grants program.

Director Steve Douglas inquired asked if organizations within cities would be included in the awards given to the jurisdiction or if they would be included in a separate subaward. Greg Miao responded that the community engagement subawards opportunity is intended to be a separate subaward so that will go directly to CBOs.

Director Nicole Speer asked how feedback received during this process helped change the approach of this program. Greg Miao replied that feedback affected two aspects of this policy. The first was to address administrative concerns and a suggestion was to create a half-time or full-time FTE position to help smaller jurisdictions. The second was to have a flexible deadline which will allow staff to work with and provide one-on-one support for our jurisdictions to ensure everyone who can, will be able to develop their own proposals.

Director Emily Baer inquired about requiring a letter of commitment signed by the chief elected official and who would meet that criteria. Greg Miao answered that the letter would need to be signed by the City Manager, Mayor, or Council Chair to ensure that there is confirmed political support at the highest level of the jurisdiction.

Director Baer stated that some jurisdictions, including Erie, have received public scrutiny when grant funds were used to hire additional staff. Greg Miao that while we encourage increased staff capacity since it was identified as probably being the thing that will move the needle the most in terms of implementing policy, the policy does allow for a proposal to be made that does not include an increase in staff capacity. Additionally, contracted capacity is allowed as well so jurisdictions will have various opportunities to take on the greater workload.

Director Baer inquired if the Finance and Budget Committee has veto power over applications or is the committee essentially just reviewing applications for greater regional awareness. Ron Papsdorf replied that because DRCOG is the fiduciary committee for the grant, we have to have this reviewed by F&B, the same with all other contracts that DRCOG executes.

Director Richard Kondo asked if small communities or counties can pool their monies together. Greg Miao stated that that is what staff is hoping to facilitate through this process. The decision will be left up to the local governments to figure out how they want to execute an IGA between themselves regarding the distribution of services.

Director Speer moved to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Jurisdictional Support Subawards Policy. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion Item

Building Decarbonization Network: Formation and Coordination Efforts

Mac Prather, Incentives, Advising and Disadvantaged Communities Program Manager, Clay McCombe, Program Manager, Workforce and Industry Development, and Chris Selk, Program Manager, Communications, informed the committee that the Building Decarbonization Network was formally launched in November 2024, facilitated by Partners in Energy and supported by Xcel Energy. The BDN convenes key program implementers to align efforts across overlapping initiatives, including DRCOG, Xcel Energy, the Colorado Energy Office, Rewiring America, and the Collective Clean Energy Fund.

Director Douglas inquired about who is on the contractor list and what are the qualifications to qualify for that list. Mac Prather replied that the first step was to compare all existing requirements across programs and out of the five groups, 80% of the requirements were shared. Staff used those universal requirements and confirmed those would be the qualifications needed while recognizing each program will still have their own terms and conditions and additional requirements. The contractor navigation hub on the DRCOG website will be the landing page for contractors and customers and on the hub, there will be a registration process for contractors.

Chair Barr asked for more detail on the qualitative evaluation for the contractors and installation. Mac Prather stated that quality verification will be done on the back end requiring a technical check of the design, installation, and commissioning of the system to make sure everything is done properly. The contractor list will elevate contractors who have the highest passing rate for quality installation to ensure customers are receiving the highest level of competence when it comes to getting these cold climate heat pumps installed. Additionally, there will be informative resources on the hub for people who have questions on how best to do the design if they're new to this technology.

Administrative Items

Member Comment/Other Matters

Director Kondo brought up Director Ron Papsdorf's impending transition from DRCOG so the committee could be aware of the upcoming staff change. Executive Director

Doug Rex confirmed the news and stated Ron's last day at DRCOG will be June 23 and then he will relocate to Houston to begin working for the Houston-Galveston Area Council, H-GAC, as their new Chief Transportation Officer. Executive Director Rex stated his enthusiasm for Ron's new career opportunity in Texas and wished him all the best. Chair Barr and Director Douglas echoed those sentiments and thanked Director Papsdorf for the incredible work he's done for DRCOG.

Director Papsdorf thanked everyone for their heartfelt words and stated how much he's enjoyed living in Colorado and working at DRCOG for over seven years now and he knows this committee will be in good hands going forward.

Next Meeting – June 13, 2025

Adjournment

There were no additional comments, and the meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.