

Attachment A
Meeting Summary
Regional Building Decarbonization Oversight Committee
Tuesday, September 12, 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
Nicole Speer	City of Boulder
Emily Baer (Alternate)	Town of Erie
Richard Kondo	City of Northglenn
Andrew Holder	Xcel Energy
Shere Walker-Ravenell	Black Parents United Foundation
Steve Douglas	Commerce City
Randy Drennen	Rocky Mountain Mechanical Contractors Association

Public: Berenice El Gharamti, Tom Wildman

DRCOG staff: Cam Kennedy, Devon Reifsneider, Clay McCombe, Fernando Briones, Mac Prather, Robert Spotts, Crystal Egelkamp, Luke Charbonneau

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

Chair Barr announced a change to the schedule; in-person meetings for this committee will now only happen twice a year, with the next scheduled on November 14, rather than the originally scheduled quarterly format. Chair Barr also announced that the upcoming October meeting will be his last on this committee.

July 11, 2025 Regional Building Decarbonization Oversight Committee Meeting Summary

The summary was accepted.

Discussion Items

Innovation Pilot Grant Program Introduction

Mac Prather, Incentives, Advising and Low-Income Communities Program Manager, discussed that the program takes inspiration from the TECH Clean California initiative, which awarded \$3.85 million to 19 projects between 2021–2024 to accelerate the adoption of clean heating technologies. DRCOG's \$6 million Innovation Pilot Grant Program will award average subgrants of \$200,000 to support community-driven innovations and small business-led projects. The program's goals are to:

- Demonstrate scalable solutions to persistent market barriers.
- Inform decarbonization decision-making with public data, analysis, and case studies.
- Support entrepreneurial approaches and underserved communities in adopting clean technologies.

Chair Barr stated his support for the manufactured housing proposals since those communities are facing significant economic pressures and asked if there are any particular coalitions where the pilot program would be a natural fit. Mac responded that there is a couple in Boulder, but he'll do some research to find out about others.

Richard Kondo brought up the split incentive approach in New York City, where the cost is split between the landlord and the tenant. Mac stated that he's aware of that approach for apartment complexes where high-density living is the norm and mentioned that in those buildings, the roof is where the A/C and heat units are located.

Nicole Speer mentioned that the lower-income communities should be brought into the conversation since they are the ones most impacted, and their lived experiences can speak more about how this program can make a difference. Mac responded that the purpose of this exercise today is to get thoughts from this committee, but this exercise will be expanded in the future to include more communities and local partners through our community engagement as well as networking.

Nicole Speer asked if the QR code for input on this grant program could be shared out right now to get some more feedback to bring more voices in. Andrew Holder, Steven Douglas, and Shere Walker-Ravenell echoed her sentiments. Mac responded that the committee members are welcome to forward the code if they would like and asked the committee to be thoughtful and strategic about their outreach.

Emily Baer asked from the staff's perspective who would be the ideal groups to share the QR code and the larger survey with. Mac responded that he'll send out a follow-up email to provide more context on this survey, but reiterated the need to be thoughtful about who you need the links to.

Decarbonize DRCOG Program Update

Robert Spotts, Manager Building Decarbonization, provided a detailed update on the overall program, including budget, timeline, and progress across the four core initiatives: Communications and Marketing; Workforce and Industry Development; Incentives, Innovation, and Low-Income Communities; and the Building Policy Collaborative.

Steve Douglas asked if the policy document has a list of which jurisdictions are involved and are using the formula. Crystal Egelkamp responded that the Building Policy Collaborative document does list all the jurisdictions involved in this process, and Commerce City is on the list. Additional outreach will begin next week.

Chair Barr stated that feedback from staff in his jurisdiction of Littleton has been extremely positive and thanked DRCOG staff for all the work it has done to help make sure the applications are really well done and competitive.

Administrative Items

Member Comment/Other Matters

Doug Rex took the opportunity to remind Board members that the Board and the Performance and Engagement meetings in September have both been canceled.

Next Meeting – October 10, 2025

Adjournment

There were no additional comments, and the meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.