

Attachment A
Meeting Summary
Power Ahead Colorado Technical Committee
Tuesday, December 2, 2025
Virtual Meeting Only – Hosted on Zoom

Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:

Amanda Perkins	Adams County
Melody Mascarenaz	Adams County
Zac Swank (Alternate)	Boulder County
Susie Strife (Chair)	Boulder County
Shannon Jahn	City and County of Denver
Elizabeth Babcock (Vice Chair)	City and County of Denver
Samantha Lichtin (Alternate)	City and County of Denver
Bridger Tomlin	Jefferson County
Jeff Wong	Jefferson County
Melissa Englund (Alternate)	Arapahoe County
Holly Harris	Building Policy
Eric Wilson	National Renewable Energy Labs
Brooke Pike	Non-Profit LIDAC
Lukas Hagan	Affordable Housing LIDAC
Adam Sanderson	Longmont Power and Communications
Shawn LeMons	Midwest HVAC/EEBC
Pete Johns	Xcel
Sergio Cordova	Denver Pipefitters Local 208
Gabrielle Rink	Non-Profit Special Interest Seat
Flo Raitano	DRCOG
Eryka Thorley	Southwest Weld County

Public: Desmond Kirwan

DRCOG staff: Chris Selk, Cam Kennedy, Devon Reifsneider, Clay McCombe, Fernando Briones, Andy Birkey, Mac Prather, Robert Spotts, Luke Chabonneau, Emily Loker, Maddy Nesbit

Call to Order

Chair Susie Strife called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

November 4, 2025 Power Ahead Colorado Technical Committee Summary

The summary was accepted.

Discussion Item

Innovation Pilot Program Updates

Mac Prather, Incentives, Advising and Low-Income Communities Program Manager, introduced Desmond Kirwan from the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, commonly known as VEIC, who discussed that 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 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.

The committee was then invited to participate in breakout rooms where open and frank discussion and feedback were had to help inform grant criteria and program design direction.

Administrative Items

Member Comment/Other Matters

Robert Spotts took the opportunity to note that the next five months will be critical for PACO, the framework for the three grant programs is coming into formation, and the final iterations of those programs will be decided upon. This committee will be integral to making this program really find its feet and hit the ground running.

Next Meeting – February 3, 2026

Adjournment

There were no additional comments, and the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.