

Attachment A
Meeting Summary
Power Ahead Colorado Technical Committee
Tuesday, February 3, 2026
Virtual Meeting Only – Hosted on Zoom

Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:

Amanda Perkins	Adams County
Melody Mascarenaz	Adams County
Jonathan Koehn	City of Boulder
Susie Strife (Chair)	Boulder County
Shannon Jahn	City and County of Denver
Samantha Lichtin (Alternate)	City and County of Denver
Bridger Tomlin	Jefferson County
Jeff Wong	Jefferson County
Holly Harris	Building Policy
Steve Jackson	Workforce Development LIDAC
Brooke Pike	Non-Profit LIDAC
Lukas Hagan	Affordable Housing LIDAC
Adam Sanderson	Longmont Power and Communications
Pete Johns	Xcel
Sergio Cordova	Denver Pipefitters Local 208
Flo Raitano	DRCOG
Eryka Thorley	Southwest Weld County

DRCOG staff: Chris Selk, Greg Miao, Cam Kennedy, Sharon Day, Devon Reifsneider, Crystal Egelkamp, Fernando Briones, Mac Prather, Robert Spotts, Clay McCombe

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

January 2, 2026 Power Ahead Colorado Technical Committee Summary

The summary was accepted.

Discussion Items

Jurisdictional Support Program – Round 2

Greg Miao, Building Policy Program Manager, informed the committee that the nearly \$40 million Jurisdictional Subaward Program has obligated \$26 million of total funds to round one jurisdictional applicants representing 27 jurisdictions and 85% of the population in the DRCOG region. The \$8.5 million for Round two subawards is currently in the design phase, including the possible inclusion of additional regional services. The application materials and eligibility are the same as Round 1, with a narrative proposal, project budget/timeline, and letter of commitment required, as well as active participation in the BPC peer network, and must be one of DRCOG's member jurisdictions.

Jeff Wong inquired if Round 2 funds could be used for municipal projects such as feasibility studies, and Greg replied that the goal is not to fund studies but to have that work serve a broader community educational buy-in with demonstration projects.

Chair Strife inquired what the limitations are on engagement and policy work that PACO is allowed to do in terms of the funding agreement with the EPA. Robert Spotts responded that we're not allowed to do direct lobbying.

Introduction to the Building Policy Collaborative Roadmap

Greg Miao, Building Policy Program Manager, informed the committee that the Roadmap creates a shared regional vision and flexible policy framework to reduce pollution from buildings while improving affordability, health, and resilience. It is a long-term, non-mandating planning document designed to help local governments align building policies, reduce complexity, and accelerate collective progress.

Incentives, Advising and Innovation Program Updates

Mac Prather, Incentives, Advising and Low-Income Communities Program Manager, discussed that the nearly \$60 million incentives and energy advising program is currently in detailed design, with implementation anticipated to begin in Q2 2026. Initial incentive priorities include cold climate heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, and rooftop units. Incentives are expected to include a mix of downstream incentives to customers, bonus incentives to contractors to support quality installations, and midstream incentives to distributors to ensure consistent regional availability.

Steve Jackson asked about incentives for distributors to support this program. Mac responded that the program is drawing on best practices from VEIC as well as others to have midstream incentives to the distributors, since we do need their collective buy-in,

so the distributors are encouraged to purchase heat pump equipment so that contractors can ultimately buy that equipment.

Administrative Items

Member Comment/Other Matters

Robert Spotts took the opportunity to show the PACO website, which went live on January 13, with the second phase launching this spring when incentives and advising come online. Chris Selk spoke about the media-wide advertising campaign, which began on January 26 across social media, radio, and television.

Flo Raitano inquired what the plan is if people outside of the region, but still in Colorado, reach out. Chris responded that there is no wrong door; PACO wants to answer questions from anyone regarding the benefits of electrification and how to incorporate it into their homes and businesses. Robert added that we are exploring relationships with utilities even outside of the DRCOG region since we want to see our efforts duplicated statewide and want to help and serve all of Colorado within the limits of what we can do with our grant.

Jeff Wong asked about opportunities for cobranding since not everyone is familiar with DRCOG or PACO, so there might be a benefit to incorporate the logo from the city or county that people live in to provide a sort of recognized legitimacy to the campaign. Chris responded that PACO's communication consultant, Karsh Hagan, which is responsible for our branding, is creating a social media toolkit for our partners in the region where our local jurisdictions can piggyback on what we're doing from a social media aspect so that jurisdictions can add their branding to the posts to help convey a sense of partnership between PACO and our local partners.

Clay McCombe announced that Colorado's DORA Sunrise Review rejected PACO's proposal for a statewide license. The comprehensive report is public, and while this is extremely disappointing, especially when considering there is a three-year waiting period before we're even allowed to submit another sunrise application on this. On a positive note, we have had 23 registered contractors sign up on our site, and the list will grow as we continue the program.

Next Meeting – February 3, 2026

Adjournment

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