

STEAB TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, February 19th, 2015
3:30 - 4:17 PM Eastern Time

TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES

Designated Federal Officer (DFO):

- Monica Neukomm, DFO, Sr. Policy Advisor, EERE, DOE.

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BOARD MEMBERS	Present	Absent
Jeff Ackermann , Director, Colorado Energy Office	X	
Roger Berliner , Council President, Montgomery County Council		X
Tom Carey , Director, Energy and Rehabilitation Programs, New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal	X	
William Vaughn Clark , Director, Office of Community Development, Oklahoma Department of Commerce	X	
Marion Gold , Commissioner of Energy, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources	X	
Robert Jackson , Director, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Michigan Energy Office	X	
Elliott Jacobson , Vice President for Energy Services, Action Energy	X	
Maurice Kaya , Hawaii Renewable Energy Development Venture	X	
Ashlie Lancaster , Director, South Carolina Energy Office	X	
Katrina Metzler , Section Supervisor, Weatherization Office of Community Assistance, Ohio Development Services Agency		X
Andrew McAllister , Commissioner, California Energy Commission		X
Frank Murray , former President and CEO, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority	X	
Steve Payne , Managing Director, Housing Improvements & Preservation, Department of Commerce	X	
William “Dub” Taylor , Director, Texas State Energy Conservation Office	X	
David Terry , Executive Director, ASERTTI		X
Malcolm Woolf , Sr. Vice President, Policy and Government Affairs, Advanced Energy Economy		X
Daniel Zaweski , Assistant Vice President - Energy Efficiency and Distributed Generation Program, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Long Island.		X

Contractor Support & Other DOE Staff:

- Emily Zuccaro, SRA, International Inc.

Public Attendance

- Hazel Miranda, Commissioner McAllister’s Assistant

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AGENDA	
Introduction of New Board Member	Frank Murray
Task Force Updates:	
- US Energy Productivity and Economic Competitiveness Task Force	
- Weatherization Task Force	Monica Neukomm and Frank Murray
- QER Task Force	
- States Needs Task Force	
- HUD Task Force	
Follow-up From January Board Meeting	Monica Neukomm
Update on Future Board Meetings	Monica Neukomm
Public Comment	Frank Murray
Sharing of Recent Board Member Accomplishments	STEAB Members

- Frank Murray (FM), Chair of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB), opened the call and welcomed the Board members to the February teleconference call. He then asked the Task Force Chairs to provide an update on activities since the January 2015 live Board meeting.
- Robert Jackson (RJ), Chair of the US Energy Productivity and Economic Competitiveness Task Force, indicated the group had not met since January and currently he is working to schedule a call with the Task Force and resume monthly teleconferences for the remainder of FY 2015. The next call of the group will focus on what to accomplish over the next several months as the groups work with the Lab Impact Initiative has reached a conclusion so the Task Force is working to identify a new focus area.
- Elliott Jacobson (EJ), Chair of the Weatherization Task Force, noted he and other members of the Task Force remain concerned about the quality and certification standards being implemented at the state and local level. There is a National Association For State Community Service Programs (NASCSPP) meeting in Washington, DC the next week and during that event he hopes there will be an update from DOE. The Task Force continues its engagement with EERE and has advised that there will be inconsistencies in the delivery program across each state and have asked EERE to remain flexible as states adjust to new requirements. Additionally, the group continues to work with the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Monica Neukomm (MN), in an attempt to have Assistant Secretary Dr. David Danielson travel to a Weatherization site or Weatherization Training Center to see the impact of the program on local communities.
- FM indicated there would be no Quadrennial Energy Review (QER) Task Force update as Malcolm Woolf, Chair of that group, was unavailable to join the call today. He noted a letter was sent to Karen Wayland of the Energy Policy and Systems Analysis (EPSA) Office, but STEAB was awaiting her response.
- Tom Carey (TC), Chair of the new Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Task Force, said he is working with the group to schedule a kick-off call and would provide an update to the STEAB in March. Vaughn Clark (VC) asked to join this Task Force.
- FM commented on maintaining momentum on STEAB's work through the use of Task Forces and will be sending around an email to all members asking them to please join at least one Task Force, or become a member of a second in order to keep activities and objectives moving forward.

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- MN then spoke about the third agenda item regarding January meeting follow-up. She noted materials were provided and distributed to members of the Board and asked if anyone had questions. Seeing as there were none, she told the Board a nomination package to appoint two new members would be entering concurrence at EERE within the coming weeks and if there are additional recommendations for potential new members to please contact her directly.
- Jeff Ackermann (JA) asked what types of designations STEAB is looking for, and MN indicated STEAB needed a new State Energy Office director as well as a new Weatherization Assistance Program director. Marion Gold (MG) inquired as to any geographic preference, and FM noted that with the retirements of these two members there was a need for more middle America and mid-west representation.
- MN then discussed the three location options for the upcoming April or May meeting. The options for the next live Board meeting are Argonne National Lab in Chicago, Austin, TX, and Albuquerque, NM.
- Dub Taylor (DT) suggested Austin and volunteered to help identify activities, tours and projects of interest to the Board.
- Steve Payne (SP) preferred Albuquerque, NM as the Board could visit the Weatherization Training Center there.
- Maurice Kaya (MK) agreed with SP noting the Board could also visit Sandia National Lab if the meeting was to be held in Albuquerque. The Lab is working on very interesting energy projects around solar and energy storage.
- MN noted the contractor support would circulate a poll so that the entire Board could choose the best location and dates for the next meeting.
- FM then moved on to the Public Comment portion of the agenda. He asked if there were any members of the public on the call. Seeing as there were none, he moved on to the final agenda item.
- VC acknowledged EJ noting that at the NASCSP meeting next week, Mr. Jacobson was going to be presented with the Weatherization Champion Award, named after Jean Diggs. The work EJ has accomplished on behalf of the Weatherization Program is a real reflection of his amazing dedication to the program.
- MK asked the Board to take into consideration having Jetta Wong, the new Acting Director of the new Office of Technology Transitions come and speak to the Board at the next live meeting. There are some interesting changes taking place within EERE and perhaps she could elaborate on the mission of this new office. Additionally, would it be possible to get the new Deputy Assistant Secretary for Renewable Energy, Doug, Hollet, out to the live meeting as well as Rueben Sarkar, the new Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation. MK noted that while the continuing conversations with Dr. Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, have been fruitful he is interested in hearing from other senior staff within EERE about their offices goals and direction for FY 2015.
- FM agreed with MK and hopes that Mr. Sarkar would be able to engage with the STEAB. He continued by saying Dr. Hogan at the January Board meeting wanted STEAB to look at EERE overall in terms of the direction of the office. FM will be speaking with Dr. Hogan more about this ask in the coming weeks to determine what exactly she would want STEAB to look into, and how she and EERE would react if STEAB was to bore in deeply to the structure and operation of the office over the next 18 months.
- FM then asked if there was any additional business, or other items of note to share. Seeing as there were none, he thanked the members for their participation on the February call and adjourned the teleconference at 4:15 pm.

Teleconference minutes were scribed by Emily Zuccaro, STEAB contractor support