

All meetings: 9:30-Noon, Giga meeting room, Public Service Department, 112 State St., Montpelier, with remote participation option, and recorded.

### **Meeting #1 Tuesday July 25**

1. Committee Chair
  - a. Nominations and vote
2. Review of Public Meeting Law
  - a. Use of proxies when assigned committee member is unavailable
  - b. Use of sub-groups
3. Draft Work Plan review
  - a. Committee Powers and Duties
  - b. Review draft Work Plan
  - c. End Goal: Report with recommendations for legislative action
4. Energy code compliance strategies: Existing conditions
  - a. Residential: RBES mandatory but compliance spotty (no enforcement mechanism)
  - b. Commercial: CBES mandatory, compliance higher (design professionals' license impact)
5. Committee Survey
  - a. Other stakeholders
6. Possible strategies to increase compliance
  - a. Compliance vs. Enforcement
  - b. Builder registry: voluntary 3<sup>rd</sup> party certifications
  - c. Title impact
  - d. Full builder licensure (credentials or competency testing)
  - e. Home Energy Raters: inspect and certify projects
  - f. Existing certifications (LEED, NGBS, EnergyStar Home, Passive House)
  - g. Certificate of Occupancy
  - h. Compliance paths in other States
  - i. Other
7. Energy codes and fire/building codes
  - a. Code implementation for traditional trades: License → Train → Permit → Inspect → Certify
8. What's Missing? The linchpin to energy code compliance
9. Stakeholder/Public comments

### **Meeting #2 Tuesday August 8**

1. Dovetailing better energy code compliance with current practice  
Building Codes / Energy Codes; Commercial / Residential
  - a. Administration
    - i. Code adoption and updates
    - ii. Promulgation

- iii. Education, training, certification
- iv. Projects: plan submittal, code coordination, clarifications, variances, appeals, inspection
- v. Record keeping
- vi. Other
- b. Enforcement
  - i. Stop-work
  - ii. Remediation
  - iii. License revocation
  - iv. Other
2. Lessons from other States
3. Transition from status quo
  - a. Role of Public Service Department
  - b. Role of Division of Fire Safety
  - c. Locus for RBES/CBES Authority Having Jurisdiction
    - i. Cities with building code offices
    - ii. Towns with no building code offices but with zoning ordinances
    - iii. Towns without zoning ordinances
4. Stakeholder/Public comments

### **Meeting #3 Tuesday August 22**

1. Establishing AHJ: Issues and concerns
  - a. Division of Fire Safety
  - b. Public Service Department
  - c. Municipalities
  - d. Other Stakeholders
  - e. Covering the costs
    - i. Grant seed funding
    - ii. Permit fees
    - iii. Plan for future sustainability
2. Possible Resolutions to Issues and Concerns
3. Stakeholder/Public comments

### **Meeting #4 Tuesday September 5**

1. AHJ: Resolving Issues and concerns
2. AHJ Administration: Steps to be taken
3. AHJ Compliance/Enforcement mechanisms: What's appropriate at this stage (from Meeting #1)
  - a. Builder registry: voluntary 3<sup>rd</sup> party certifications
  - b. Title impact

- c. Full builder licensure (credentials or competency testing)
  - d. Home Energy Raters: inspect and certify projects
  - e. Existing certifications (LEED, NGBS, EnergyStar Home, Passive House)
  - f. Certificate of Occupancy
  - g. Other
4. Stakeholder/Public comments

**Meeting #5 Tuesday September 12**

1. RBES/CBES Cost-effectiveness analyses and non-energy benefits
  - a. Review cost-effectiveness analysis completed for 2024 updates
  - b. Current statute language review (updates shall be cost-effective and affordable from the consumer's perspective)
  - c. Should non-energy benefits be included? If yes, how to evaluate which ones
  - d. Committee recommendation
2. Discuss potential recommendations for legislative report (distribute draft of recommendations prior to meeting and post for public review)
3. Stakeholder/Public comments

**Meeting #6 Thursday October 5**

1. Recommendations for final report
2. Stakeholder/Public comments

**Meeting #7 (if needed) Tuesday October 31**

1. Reconcile outstanding issues and finalize report recommendations
3. Stakeholder/Public comments

**Final Meeting (remote) Thursday November 16**

1. Review draft report (due December 1) and vote