



Meeting Agenda

MEETING PURPOSE	Monthly Maryland Green Building Council Meeting						
MEETING DATE	July 16, 2026						
MEETING TIME	10:30 to noon						
IN PERSON MEETING	Maryland Green Building Council Virtual Meeting Thursday, July 16 · 10:30am – 12:00pm In person: 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD						
MEETING NUMBER	2026-5						
ATTENDEES	Mark “P” as present, “O” as out. Vote by Yay “Y” or Nay “N” or Abstained “A” Quorum = 9						
COUNCIL APPOINTEE		AGENCY MEMBER OR DESIGNEE				REGULAR PARTICIPANTS	
Paul Clary (5/31/2023) (seat 1)	O	Stephanie Tuckfield (DNR)	O	Hannah Debelius (DGS)	P	Martha Shrader (USM)	
Alicia Singleton (5/31/2025) (seat 2)	P	Ashley Van Stone (MDE)	O	Bill Hersch (MDP)	P	Atif Chaudhry, Secretary (DGS)	
Ben Roush (5/31/2025) (seat 3)	P	Mark Beck (USM)	P	Eddie Lukemire (MDOT)	O		
Ryan Schwabenbauer (5/31/2026) (seat 4)	O	Alex Donahue (IAC)	O	Rebecca Price (MEA)	P		
Marisa Britton (5/31/2025) (seat 5)	P	David Koenigsburg (DBM)	O	Mischelle Vanreusel (DLR)	O		
Michael Daly (5/31/2026) (seat 6)	O						
YAY							
NAY							
ABSTAIN							

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Time
1	Call to Order	Greetings - All attendees please sign in, quick intros Welcome new Council Member, Alicia Singleton	10:30
2	Meeting Record	Motion: approve prior Meeting Record Discussion: Adjustments? Vote: Approval or Table	
4	Old Business	Volunteers for HPGBP review (goal: November- focus on central plants)	
5	Ongoing Business	- LEED v5 delay FAQ - Maryland Wood EO - Buy Clean began Jul 1, 2026 2024 IECC Code Adoption	
6	New Business	- Central Plants Discussion 2027 Legislation - Look Ahead for Green Building Council	10:50
7	Announcements and Updates (Members)	NO August Meeting, Next meeting September 17 Good and welfare	11:40



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8	Adjourn until Next Meeting	Next meeting September 17	
9	Adjourn		12:00

Transcript unavailable due to in-person format of meeting.

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Name	Affiliation
Martha Shrader	UMD
Victoria Nellis	DGS
Toby Fitzick	DGS
Richard Lewis	DGS
Leigh DeWitte	USGBC
Eve Gersh	USGBC
David St. Jean	USGBC
Veronica Goonan	USGBC
Adam VanGorder	DGS
Carla Pullen	Montgomery College
Ryan Ridge	Frederick Community College
Chris Flaherty	Frederick Community College
Seth Sabine	MAA
Dee Drake	MDH
Marv Mills	Frederick Community College
Gabriella D'Angelo	Montgomery College
Iman Shaker	DGS
Christian Branson	DBM
Michael Popp	Howard Community College



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Gary Lasako	MES
Kerry Norbery	Montgomery College
Sam Furio	MDE
Clarence Bryant	Prince George's Community College
Tony Myers	DGS
Laura Dyson	CSM
Nicholas Fuhr	MDH
Essi Yazdunshenas	Montgomery College

NOTES

- Volunteers for HPGBP review (goal: November- focus on central plants)
- LEED v 4.1 has been extended
 - The current version of HPGBP is not changing and will continue to reflect LEED v5 on published schedule
- Maryland Wood EO
 - “Promote” Maryland wood. No changes for now, but will consider in November revision
- Buy Clean began Jul 1, 2026
 - Required in solicitation for GWP limit and EPD for readymix concrete
 - Please provide feedback and reporting to Hannah as relevant
- 2024 IECC Code Adoption
 - Hearing happening right now
 - **Comments are open until July 27th:**
<https://dsd.maryland.gov/MDRIssues/5313/Assembled.aspx>
- Central Plants Discussion
 - Listed in main body and appendix for fossil fuel use
 - Conflicting items: in main body, can’t connect to fossil unless you are contractually obligated and elsewhere in guidance, you can use current capacity but not build and need to design for fossil free
 - We are getting a lot of questions
 - Also EO and mandate that we must decarbonize all buildings above 35k square feet by 2040
 - Walk the line between practical concerns of maintenance and plan to decarb by 2040
 - BEPS for 35k squ foot and above are requires to either pay alternate compliance 2030 and beyond or electrify with efficiency cap OR can have all of campus as



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- one district system or break out by building. Fossil fuel use still subject to alternative compliance payment.
- EO that by 2045, the entire state will decarbonize - currently TBD on plan or funding
- Ben's idea:
 - Can connect to existing capacity if there is a plan to decarbonize
 - Or without decarb plan, your building will have to stand alone
- There is a waiver process to request exemption or ask a formal question
- If you are already in procurement or project, then the version of HPGBP may be different and a past one, which does not have this decarb
- However, if you are building a fossil building now, you will start to pay an alternative compliance in 2030
- On a campus, it is a best practice to submeter at least a large load building such as a lab or it will take your whole campus out of compliance
- Kitchens are exempt, but need submeter to verify
- Questions around back up generation, life safety exemptions
- Challenge of funding
- A strong first step is Decarbonization Plan to define an actual amount of money
- MEA Building Hub and Becky
- Suggestion:
 - Split out air and water temp requirements
 - Need to consider domestic hot water
 - Retitling the section
- 2027 Legislation
 - BEPS exemption for Airports?
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- Look Ahead for Green Building Council
 - Link to future meetings - no August, Yes September and October for subcommittee, all back on November
 - Quick follow

FOLLOW-UP

1. **Working Group:** Please reach out to myself and [@Ben Roush](#) if you would like to volunteer to be on the working group for revisions to the Program in September/October.
2. **Decarbonization Planning State Contract:** Maryland State and local agencies, as well as not-for-profit organizations within the State, can access [expert decarbonization support](#) through three consulting firms currently under contract with DGS.
3. **Maryland Clean Building Hub**, including MEA grant and loan programs.
4. **Building Energy Code:** Comments are due by July 27. Division of Labor and Industry's proposed code update has been published in the Maryland Register: <https://dsd.maryland.gov/MDRIssues/5313/Assembled.aspx> (Search for "Maryland Building Performance Standards").