



Meeting Minutes

MEETING PURPOSE	Monthly Maryland Green Building Council Meeting						
MEETING DATE	November 20, 2025						
MEETING TIME	10:30 to noon						
VIRTUAL MEETING	Maryland Green Building Council Virtual Meeting Thursday, November 20 · 10:30am – 12:00pm Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.com/ocp-upjg-qtf Or dial: (US) +1 530-994-2092 PIN: 734 095 806# More phone numbers: https://tel.meet/ocp-upjg-qtf?pin=7045196103735						
MEETING NUMBER	2025-9						
ATTENDEES	Mark "P" as present, "O" as out. Vote by Yay "Y" or Nay "N" or Abstained "A" Quorum = 9						
<i>COUNCIL APPOINTEE</i>		<i>AGENCY MEMBER OR DESIGNEE</i>				<i>REGULAR PARTICIPANTS</i>	
Paul Clary (5/31/2023) (seat 1)	P, Y	Stephanie Tuckfield (DNR)	O	David St. Jean (DGS)	P, Y	Martha Shrader (USM)	P
Vacant (5/31/2025) (seat 2)	O	Ashley Van Stone (MDE)	P, Y	Bill Hersch (MDP)	P, Y	Atif Chaudhry, Secretary (DGS)	O
Ben Roush (5/31/2025) (seat 3)	P, Y	Mark Beck (USM)	P, Y	Eddie Lukemire (MDOT)	O		
Ryan Schwabenbauer (5/31/2026) (seat 4)	P, N	Alex Donahue (IAC)	P, Y	Rebecca Price (MEA)	O		
Marisa Britton (5/31/2025) (seat 5)	P, Y	David Koenigsburg (DBM)	P, Y	Mischelle Vanreusel (DLR)	O		
Michael Daly (5/31/2026) (seat 6)	P, Y						
YAY	10						
NAY	1						
ABSTAIN	5						

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Time
1	Call to Order	Greetings - All attendees please sign in using the chat box.	10:35
2	Meeting Record	Motion: approve prior Meeting Record Discussion: Adjustments? Vote: Approval or Table	
4	Old Business	None	
5	Ongoing Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the proposed HPGBP. 	10:42
6	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vote to accept/reject the new HPGBP. Council vacancy. Next steps. 	11:35
7	Announcements and Updates (Members)	Good and welfare	11:50



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8	Adjourn until Next Meeting		
9	Adjourn		

Additional Participants:

- Victoria Nellis, DGS
- Paul Clary, MD Energy Advisors
- Kara Strong, Sustainable Design Consulting, LLC
- Maria Prawirodihardjo- MSDE OSF
- Melissa Wilfong, IAC
- Scott Moore, DGS
- Bill Hersch - MDP
- Ashley Van Stone, MDE
- Megan Lackay - MEA (standing in for Becky Price)
- Hailee Griesmar, Lorax Partnerships
- Amy Upton, Grimm + Parker Architects
- Patricia Watson, TU
- Jenna Hamilton, Green Building Initiative (Green Globes)
- J. Guzzone, Harris Jones and Malone
- Gracie Tillman

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- Motion to approve prior minutes: Approved
- Discussion of HPGBP draft:
 - Green globes assessor vs professional:
 - professional is similar to LEED AP operating in the marketplace and certified; assessor is third party independent assessor assigned to the project as part of registration process, completes review in first phase; not required to have professional
 - Distinction with school districts - who hires? GBI hires and pays Green Globes Assessors
 - Amy Upton: for a Green Globes certification, the assessor comes with it, but what about built to equivalency w/o certification?
 - *Do k-12 have to certify under Green Globes? TBD on determination, taking to legal*
 - Determination “may” be “Green Globes Professional”
 - Third party verification is a requirement and compliance with HPGBP should be in SOW for consultants
- Discussion, removal of Green Globes from Ryan Schwabenbauer
 - No motion to remove



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- Sustainable Sites - Greenfield Site (501.3.2.b) - is it 40% or 60%? Leaving at 40% to be above the IGCC threshold and in line with LEED - need to update on compliance form
- Additional typos and comments
- Buy Clean/Concrete - added DGS procedural manual for professional services as guidance for compliance
- Discussion of program effective dates: July 1 in alignment with LEED v5
- Questions
 - Alex Donahue-IAC-: can schools have runway to get design approaches changed before they put out an RFP for electrification? All programs listed on website with effective date; January 2027 is effective date for schools to end use of pre-electrification HPGBP
 - Suggest revision to table to reflect school requirements and beginning effective dates - ACTION ITEM to modify dates table
 - Ryan Schwabenbauer: (general comment, paraphrased) in the interest of the taxpayers of Maryland, these complications and need for specific skills for special exceptions for schools - need to reflect on whether this program makes sense to provide ongoing exceptions for schools.
 - Ben Roush response: HPGBP is a reflection of State statute that does not require schools to certify or a reflection of state energy code and statute

Motion:

Made by Ben Rousch to take a vote to adopt/approve the HPGBP as reflected in this meeting
 Seconded by: David St. Jean, DGS

Motion passes with 10 yay, 1 nay, and 4 Abstaining

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Paul Clary (5/31/2023) (seat 1)	Y	Stephanie Tuckfield (DNR)	O	David St. Jean (DGS)	Y	Martha Shrader (USM)	P
Vacant (5/31/2025) (seat 2)	O	Ashley Van Stone (MDE)	Y	Bill Hersch (MDP)	Y	Atif Chaudhry, Secretary (DGS)	O
Ben Roush (5/31/2025) (seat 3)	Y	Mark Beck (USM)	Y	Eddie Lukemire (MDOT)	O		
Ryan Schwabenbauer (5/31/2026) (seat 4)	N	Alex Donahue (IAC)	Y	Rebecca Price (MEA)	O		
Marisa Britton (5/31/2025) (seat 5)	Y	David Koenigsburg (DBM)	Y	Mischelle Vanreusel (DLR)	O		
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- Apply to be appointed to the Council: <https://govappointments.maryland.gov/>
- No meeting in December
- In January, want to look at community solar

Transcript

Attendees

Aaron Fisher, Alex Donahue -IAC-, Amy Upton, Ashley Vanstone -MDE-, Ben Roush, Bill Hersch -MDP-, David Hollens, David Koenigsburg -DBM-, David St.Jean -DGS-, Gracie T, Guy "J" Guzzone, Hailee Griesmar, Hannah Debelius -DGS-, Jenna Morgan Hamilton, John Woolums -DGS-, Maria Prawirodihardjo -MSDE-, Marisa Britton, Mark Beck, Martha Shrader, Mary Stevenson, Megan Lackay -MEA-, Melissa Wilfong -IAC-, Michael Daly, Patricia Watson, Paul Clary, Ryan Schwabenbauer, Scott Moore -DGS-, Sustainable Design Consulting, Victoria Nellis -DGS-

David St.Jean -DGS-: up recording because it's so difficult to share that large file with everybody.

Ben Roush: Yeah, everybody sign in and then we can just make sure we have a quorum or not. Hannah, I have an architect I work with that he says,...

Hannah Debelius -DGS-:

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: but don't plan to share my screen to see Yep, I am tracking that. and we'll make sure we have quorum.

Ben Roush: "I appreciate you almost every call." and same thing. I appreciate you tracking those. I want to pull up the people list, too. Doing good.

Ben Roush: And then which one of you is going to share the agenda when it's time or should I be going to get it? Okay, be great.

David St.Jean -DGS-: I can do that.

David St.Jean -DGS-: It's a pretty straightforward agenda.

Ben Roush: It's So, let's give it a few minutes for people to join. And while we do that, let's see. The whole council won't know this yet. Crystal with Lorax has resigned...

Ben Roush: but put a new person up as a possibility and that'll be up to the secretaries and the governor whether that person is appointed or not. but will not be here today.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Not sure...

David St.Jean -DGS-: what I think the procedure is.

David St.Jean -DGS-: They have to submit an application right to the appointments office.

Ben Roush: They must.

Ben Roush: And it can get out of order where somebody gets a nod and...

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Ben Roush: then has to go submit the application, but there's not a formal like this is the appointments period cycle, but we do want to keep a full committee so we're sure we can meet quorum without empty seats. right.

David St.Jean -DGS-: I will take a note to reach out to the person Crystal recommended and...

David St.Jean -DGS-: just make sure that they go in

David St.Jean -DGS-: actually apply for the appointment.

Ben Roush: And I believe that's always open, so that would be fine. other than that, I don't think there's a lot of housekeeping notes.

Ben Roush: Or certainly not housekeeping notes about roll call.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: We're not yet a quorum though.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: I think we've got eight. And so we need one more person.

Ben Roush: There it is.

Ben Roush: So, we will wait for that.

Victoria Nellis -DGS-: Michael Daily just joined.

Michael Daly: Sorry I'm late. Hello everybody. Perfect.

Ben Roush: No, you're fine. you just made a quorum. So, you're doing great and we were going to give it until you were right at when we were saying we'll get started.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: Okay, we have forum and for everyone else who didn't hear it, whether you're on the council or an attendee today, if you could just drop your name organization in the chat so I can record it for our notes.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: Thank you.

Ben Roush: Perfect. All right,...

Ben Roush: let's scroll on down and go. there's Ashley. all right. So, let's see. Let's recap from last meeting. I believe almost everybody I'm seeing was there, but let's recap it all the same. So, we spent the summer as a subcommittee of this council and interested parties were we're welcome to sit in figuring out how to adopt lead v5 because that was going to be mandatory April 1st USGBC was saying quarter 1, but we understood that to be April 1st.

Ben Roush: as of three weeks ago after our last meeting that is now June 30th or we might as well be saying July 1st. So we do have a bit more time and we can make motions to change the dates in the program to be that extra little bit of time so they line up. but we spent the summer going through lead v5, figuring out what was already required in state statute and credits and how to align IGCC with

Ben Roush: lead V5 which was a challenge. So I'll remind everybody our legislative purview is that we maintain the program. We can recommend green building technologies that are required for state and fully state funded buildings schools included. and we must meet a silver or equivalent of the most recent rating system. So when it becomes mandatory lead v5, we also have to have a man equivalent of anything



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else we say can be program this summer I think Ryan's on the call and he sent me a few weeks back to the whole council recommending removal of green globes.

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Ben Roush: We went back and asked all agencies if they use Green Globes and it turns out several school districts do and we went with the Green Globes folks and they actually did a bunch of that same lifting we did on IGCC. They did in their program to make a mandatory custom program for the state and...

Ben Roush: then I cross referenced back to lead v5 to make sure they are actually checking all the same boxes and it is equivalent. not here.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Ben, before we get too far into this,...

David St.Jean -DGS-: I just want to double check the folks who are here or not So, I've got a bunch of folks checked in here as present, but Marissa Britain, are you here? I was just trying to go through the chat and make sure I got everybody. So, Marissa is not here. And who else? Stephanie Tuckfield. I think I got an out of office from her. Bill Hirs with MDP. He You're right there on my screen. And Eddie Lukemire. I haven't seen Eddie. So I don't think he's here. Thank you. and Michelle Van Rouso. I don't see her here as well. So I think we're good there.

Ben Roush: No. And Rebecca is not.

David St.Jean -DGS-: And do we want to have a motion to approve we always do that for last meetings minutes.

Ben Roush: Yep. Yeah. I was giving it a minute while you're doing this just giving a recap of what we did last time. So, let me finish that.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Okay. Sorry.

Ben Roush: We went over that whole program last time and I'm happy to answer questions on if you've read the program and have questions. That's part of what we're going to do today. But most of the last meeting is just reviewing what I just did. all those changes to the program to accommodate lead v5.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Yes, I move that we approve the previous meeting minutes.

Ben Roush: All right. Simple one. Can we do a show of hands as a Sorry, I'm getting out ahead of myself. Would somebody like to make a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes? Any discussion? All right. By a show of hands, can we please raise hands? Let's count and see if we Ryan You did a thumbs up. That'll work, too. Any abstension or objections? All right. So, we approve the prior minutes. Okay.

Ben Roush: We don't have any old business and most of what we're going to spend doing today is reviewing the high performance green building program and the commentary we got. So, we sent out a clean version and...

Ben Roush: it has all comments except the comments we got from Amy on Monday aren't in there yet. and I put those in. I do.

David St.Jean -DGS-: I have a separate word document with those comments,...

David St.Jean -DGS-: but if you have a more updated I sent you this version this morning, but just 20 minutes ago.

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Ben Roush: So, I have one where I accepted and...

David St.Jean -DGS-: All right.

Ben Roush: made all interesting. So, as we're scrolling down comments, I put in the person's name because it wasn't for the most part commented directly on the file. So, those comments are in here. It's just you're seeing every comment, but we accepted all changes in that one. so, anything that shows us changes in the document in the version everyone has, anything that shows as changes are changes we made to people's comments.

Ben Roush: So, yeah, So, Martha commented on, shouldn't it be a Green Globes professional? and Amy actually commented on the same thing. We can dive into comments. let me stop there for a second. Did anybody not get a copy of this on the council? You should have all had it. David sent it out and then sent it out again this morning. It went out with meeting minutes last week also. Okay, just making sure. Bill, your hand is still up. Do you have a question? No. Okay, that was from the voting. I should ask everybody to put their hand down. great. So, let's dive into comments. what was that comment? Sorry, I didn't have comments up because I had people up. Jenna, the distinction between a green globe. Yes.

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Ben Roush: So, Jenna, we got this question several times. Shouldn't this be a Green Globes certified professional instead of a Green Globes assessor? And please unmute...

Jenna Morgan Hamilton: Thanks Ben.

Ben Roush: if you're muted and dive in. You'll do it better than I will.

Jenna Morgan Hamilton: So with the Green Globes professional is similar to a lead AP operating in the marketplace, has been gone through our training program, has been certified as a Green Globes professional, and basically can serve as someone to supplement the expertise of a project team in leading them through what the requirements will be for a A Green Globes assessor is our third-party independent assessor who actually gets assigned to the project as early as possible and rides through the project as part of your registration with a Green Globes project. The assessor kind of lives in the ecosystem of your project.

Jenna Morgan Hamilton: does the design and construction review in the first phase of review is able to answer questions for teams, be able to explain criteria, identify areas where they've missed something, where they should be doing something else, and also acts as the final assessor on the project, and determines the final level of certification achieved after doing the either virtual or in-person final quote walkthrough of the project to make sure everything committed to has been completed. So the assessor is assigned to every project. whenever you register for a project, you get an assessor ASAP. They've worked the entire project. They provide the final certification. It then goes to GBI for our review to make sure it's compliant with all of our requirements. but the Green Globes professional is someone you can choose to hire to help you in that process...

Jenna Morgan Hamilton: if you'd like.

Jenna Morgan Hamilton: But you are not required in any way to have a Green Globes professional as part of your team. it's a decision you can choose to make if you'd like to do that. You are automatically and always provided the Green Globes assessor because they are the ones doing all of the review and the final walkthrough for confirmation.



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Ben Roush: an important distinction that came up.

Ben Roush: David, Hannah, Alex, and I had a meeting on Monday with a whole bunch of LEA school districts. I'll not use acronyms where I can. important distinction that came up on Monday is exactly who hires these various and so we added that the independent third party may be contracted as a subconsultant to the architect. That was important for several agencies to say that for a Green Globes assessor, it's part of your registration. Who actually hires them? Who would pay them?

Jenna Morgan Hamilton: we pay them. So, as part of the fee you pay to us,...

Ben Roush: All right.

Jenna Morgan Hamilton: a portion of that fee is paid to the assessor.

Ben Roush: So, we may want to add that distinction. ...

David St.Jean -DGS-: We have to remember that this third party consultant is not just reviewing or...

Ben Roush: we Yes.

David St.Jean -DGS-: green globes. they're reviewing everything that's in the program.

Ben Roush: And so, do we really want to make it a Green Globes professional and then the Green Globes assessor must be hired as part of a Green Globes certification process? It's a good distinction. Amy, sorry. You have your hand up.

Amy Upton: Yeah, my question or just thoughts were and thank you Jennifer clarifying all that. for if you're going after straight Green Globes C certification or if you're doing the Green Globes pathway and doing full certification then the assessor comes with that because you're actually going through certification. You're paying the fee. you get to assign the assessor and like you said whether or not your team has a green globes professional on the team is not a requirement but I thought that for this independent third party sort of pathway for public schools that maybe are going to not actually pursue certification but are going to do the green globes light or if they were doing lead light and go through it and meet compliance but not actually get certified that's where I thought

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Amy Upton: having a Green Globes assessor be the independent third party would be a challenge because how do you hire them and when you look at the website for Green Globes, you can search for Green Globes certified professionals and lots of other things, but there were no Green Globes successors that come up on there. And I think that that would have been a barrier for clients and for design teams to have that.

Amy Upton: And so that's why I gave a comment just, unfortunately it was late but on Monday to David and Ben that in this third party thing that having a Green Globes professional be a team member or...

Amy Upton: the independent third party for looking at that would maybe suffice just like having a lead credit professional that also maybe is a registered architecture design professional do like lead light. So

Ben Roush: Yeah. Let me unpack something,...

Ben Roush: Jenna. I don't know if you know this. In state from state law, you school projects are required to follow a lead silver or cle pathway but not to certify and they could choose to also follow green globes.

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Ben Roush: I was under the impression from our discussion on Monday that those who are choosing to follow Green Globes are actually ce maybe otherwise because they are also using it for code compliance,...

Amy Upton: It's true. the ones that I know of actually do certify. but I thought you had it written in here that it could be not

Ben Roush: but it's interesting. It's not clear in state statute if you follow lead, it's clearly says without certification and then it leaves a bit of a gray area there for how that's done. Because the lead silver or...

Ben Roush: equivalent is also Yeah, we'd need a lawyer to tell us that honestly if you must certify any if you're not doing lead

Jenna Morgan Hamilton: So if...

Jenna Morgan Hamilton: if so I'll jump in here even though I'm sure my office would kill me. So obviously we're very aware that there's an off-ramp that allows people to do the work toward meeting the requirements without actually going through an official certification. Obviously that's not our preference. we've done quite a lot of certifications with different school systems. But I will say two things. one we will train people to do to become Green Globes professionals and what we find is that a lot of firms will send people from their firm to us to specifically get trained in as a GGP and get that certification so that they can provide that type of assistance to projects and in addition to that all of our materials including our technical manuals are always free and available on our website.

Jenna Morgan Hamilton: And this protocol we have prepared specific for state of Maryland projects will also be free and available on our website and easily found. So, if you were to say, in the case of projects who are not intending to certify but are attempting to comply with the Green Globes, you could say they should have a Green Globes professional on there. And the Green Globes professional would always have access to the program requirements ...

Jenna Morgan Hamilton: without having to register and pay any money to access that information. But obviously the assessors live in our certification process. So they're not available outside of certification.

Ben Roush: Yeah. ...

Ben Roush: I would want to go back and get a lawyer opinion about if Green Globes has to certify or not, but that's not a thing that belongs in the program. What we can do is change this to may be a Green Globes professional. And then the third party, because David, you're right, that third party has to do more than just say yes, you're compliant with Green Globes. they also have to no for green globes they have covered all of their requirements in their specialty program. So I think it's fine to change it to professional knowing that if they are certifying under green globes they must also have an assessor but it's hired over there so it's under your certification fee.

Ben Roush: So yeah,...

Amy Upton: Yeah, it comes with the pack with the certification process.

Amy Upton: Okay.

Ben Roush: and change may in that same sentence so that we're matching the others. you're going to be an architect and engineer or...



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Ben Roush: maybe for each rating system the appropriate professional that is shown expertise. perfect. Okay. I know.

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David St.Jean -DGS-: And Hannah sent me through the 21st century school facilities act the actual language about schools not needing to certify under lead and...

David St.Jean -DGS-: that's all it says. It doesn't talk about green globes at all. So to my way of thinking is that they must certify...

Ben Roush: Exactly. That's...

David St.Jean -DGS-: but Scott's on the call.

Ben Roush: why I need a lawyer because it also says or equivalent and then you have to start drawing. I'm not David. That's a side note to ask. Who were we talking to in the secretary's off? It doesn't matter that's a side note to ask.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Scott Moore. He's our AG.

Ben Roush: Okay. Yeah.

David St.Jean -DGS-: And Scott, if you'll be thinking about this, I guess send me an email and we'll talk about it.

Ben Roush: And we'll release out what that meant. Again, it doesn't belong in the program, and every jurisdiction that's using green globes is currently certifying. So it's sort of a moot point, but it matters if somebody wanted to someday. Ryan said, "Define green globes light." That was without certification, Ryan. And again that's what we're talking about now. I think that's what Amy, you can confirm. No.

Amy Upton: it is. I'm sorry if I was piffy with my comments there and I could have been confusing it with an earlier maybe version of this or...

Amy Upton: thinking about the equivalent certification and just assumed green globes, and not getting certified was a pathway that maybe some people were considering. But thanks.

Ben Roush: Right. Not so far.

Amy Upton: Yeah, gotcha. Understood.

Ben Roush: And I'd want to Scott to weigh in on if that's even allowed. I'm not sure. Martha Heat.

Martha Shrader: Okay, I'm trying to get my head wrapped around something here. so when we do a project, we typically have a sustainability consultant. And that sustainability consultant is not an independent third party, but they are typically a lead AP. Or if we're doing a lead project, they would be a green glow professional. if we're doing a green gold project. so in this case,...

Martha Shrader: so the independent third party, if we were doing lead or green globes, we wouldn't need an independent three third party because we already have that as part of the certification process,...

Ben Roush: Yes. If you're certifying. Yes. Yeah,...



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Martha Shrader: This is only if you're not certifying. That's when you would need an independent third-party web.

Martha Shrader: If you're doing IGCC obviously or if you were doing lead and not certifying or green globes and not certifying all right we are basically saying that...

Ben Roush: if you go look at where this is used, it's specific to IGCC and specific to Green Globes. So they have additional confirmations required in the program further down.

David St.Jean -DGS-: AI also in the scope of work

Martha Shrader: since this person can be hired by the AE It's basically the same thing as the sustainability consultant.

Ben Roush: It is and when schools are not actually certifying they have a third party requirement to do the review. So it is reviewed.

Martha Shrader: Right. Okay.

Ben Roush: It's just not sort of yes, I believe that's the same person. So your sustainability consultant, the only change to how you might normally operate is that they must report directly to the owner. So when they say you have met all your requirements, they have to go to the owner to say that. There has to be a pathway for that. Yes.

Martha Shrader: All right. Okay. All right. Yeah.

David St.Jean -DGS-: and just I'm doing a sound check.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Can you hear me? So, I just wanted to confirm that when you're hiring a sustainability consultant for certification that included in the scope of work must be the compliance with the entire program.

Ben Roush: Right. Yeah.

David St.Jean -DGS-: All Yeah, that's the only caveat there,...

Martha Shrader: Yes. Yeah.

David St.Jean -DGS-: I think.

Martha Shrader: That can be a challenge sometimes for consultants to get their mind wrapped around that. But it is in our program and our ARP that they have to follow the entire program.

Ben Roush: And the last sentence of the program here of the independent third party that's your scope line for copying over into your RFPs. Marissa, we have made it to the first comment. you haven't missed a tremendous amount.

Marisa Britton: Okay, great.

Ben Roush: Okay. A lot of these I think that might be one of the harder ones for discussion.



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Ben Roush: A lot of these were typos, which I really appreciate people finding because I become blind to them over time.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Okay, there's a great Gracie Tilman.

Ben Roush: Do we have anything else we want to do on third party before we move on? We'll go to the next comment. And you're scrolling down and until you see somebody's name under my comment. So it'll be keep there you go. to Gracie Tilman who's with USGBC. I don't know. I think I saw her sign in. Yes, I did. Gracie T. There you go.

Ben Roush: So USGBC had several things considering adding not encouragement to certify to school districts for eleas and my answer is in there if you go scrolling down. Interesting. Basically, by state statute, eleas are allowed to do this. And I am somewhat uncomfortable to encourage LEAs, We have no enforcement authority either. so the encourage language, it's like I think they know.

Ben Roush: I'm uncomfortable with that and I'm interested what the council thinks at large.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Frankly, we can encourage them in the program, but it's not going to make any substantial difference. It's going to be a policy decision.

Ben Roush: It's kind of Yep.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Yeah. Based on their budget and other things.

Ben Roush: And we don't have any real power in that. It's in state statute.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Alex is right.

Ben Roush: Alex

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Good morning all.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Ben, thanks for the question. the IC has always interpreted this as being result of statute responding to the need for flexibility for LEAs. And so I don't see a problem with encouraging so long as the leas still have the flexibility to select...

Ben Roush: Okay.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: which makes sense on a given project.

Ben Roush: Yeah,...

David St.Jean -DGS-: We earlier on encourage everyone to go for Lee Gold.

Ben Roush: I Yeah.

David St.Jean -DGS-: So no harm in that

Ben Roush: And then the other portion of this is something we need to talk about and I think it's a note for future programs. so Alex the IA at large agreed that we're going to start tracking waivers period including in this council for our yearly reporting that we do in the fall and IA is going to do the same. They're going to start a tracking process for any waivers they get.

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Alex Donahue -IAC-: Correct.

Ben Roush: So those are going to be once a year in the report as an attachment. they'll be available. the documentation of compliance for school construction should be publicly available. I don't think there's a mechanism for that now and we need to talk about what it would take to set that up to have basically you'd post all your lead forms ly. so I think that that's a discussion point for future programs after we work out how would eleas even do that.

Ben Roush: Mary,...

Mary Stevenson: Excuse me.

Ben Roush: your hand is raised. Mary, did you have something,...

Alex Donahue -IAC-: And just to note, I do agree on that it's premature because we don't have a mechanism identified by which to even do

Ben Roush:

Ben Roush: right Brett? And there are certain things like if you go and look at what is publicly available on the USGBC website, it's much of the project information but not all of the project information because some of it is proprietary or...

Ben Roush: sensitive particularly around schools. And I think there's probably a subcommittee to do such a thing to come up with what do we want and what do we explicitly not want public?

Alex Donahue -IAC-: I agree.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Yeah, I think that's something that needs to be gone into depth carefully on first. Thanks.

Ben Roush: Okay on the encouragement. So this is a Robert's rule style. somebody wants to make a motion who's on the council, not public, attendees, but on the council at any time, you can make motions to add or subtract or we're going to get down to Ryan's here in a minute. that I know I know is going to come up.

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Ben Roush: It should have been right up above this section. Will you scroll back up? yeah,...

David St.Jean -DGS-: What are we looking for?

David St.Jean -DGS-: Here's the al together.

Ben Roush: Ryan had suggested the removal of green globes altogether and I think that's a bullet point. I don't know Ryan if you want to say anything more than you emailed previously, but it was basically remove it and...

Ben Roush: let it be a waiver if somebody wants to show equivalency. I'm paraphrasing. yeah, there you go. I don't know if you want to say any more about that, Ryan. ...

David St.Jean -DGS-: Thumbs up from Ryan.



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Ben Roush: yes. Perfect. ...

David St.Jean -DGS-: Perfect comment.

Ben Roush: So, again, several school districts were using this and we'd like to keep it. Green Globes folks did a fair lift to show equivalency.

Ben Roush: And again, anyone can make a motion on anything in this program as we review it. So yeah. Perfect. Thank you, David. All right.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Oops. Sorry.

Ben Roush: No pressure. There's only 31 people watching you type.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Yeah, I can type a little better when no one's watching.

Ben Roush: Great. All right, let's keep scrolling down. some of these again we're going to get down particularly in the IGCC amendments there were typos or numbering questions that we changed but yep yeah this was a typo for...

David St.Jean -DGS-: There's a Gracie Tilman here.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Okay. Mhm.

Ben Roush: which credit number it referenced public school project show. Yeah. And so we obviously can't add that we can't add that for K through 12 and we do handle so I added K through 12 in there you can see and public schools may choose to obtain certification and then all other state buildings community college they are required and it's elsewhere in the program but that's covered and here's your three third party verification if they aren't getting through green globes.

Ben Roush: I think I got ahead of myself there. green globes of the sentence, I think we need a legal question before we can actually do that. Those last three words.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Numbering.

Ben Roush: So, David, can we please delete those strike at least until we hear from yep. Lisa waiverss, we already talked about that with Alex. We are going to include that in our yearly reporting. Yeah. Yeah. Typos. And again, I really appreciate people finding those there.

Ben Roush: Louisa. Yeah. So, I deleted the strike. The intent was to take out the first sentence, not the entire section. Yes. And so the intent was align these with state statute.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Mhm.

Ben Roush: Yeah, we're down into the appendices. So it's quite a lot of minor Good Glad we found them, but minor comments. this one deserves discussion. We changed it to 40% instead of 60% to align with lead requirements. So, it more closely aligns with what you would get points for in lead. Louisa was right that 40% may be difficult for biodiverse plantings.

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Ben Roush: And then in the baseline IGCC you would already do 20%. That's worth saying.



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Ben Roush: Yeah, that's a numbering. I got auton numbered there and Louisa caught that it was one off.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Looks like we have a few of them here.

Ben Roush: Yeah, same thing.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Another one there. I'm going to hire Louisa to do our reviews for us.

Ben Roush:

Ben Roush: I was really glad she took a review of this. U Martha,...

Martha Shrader: Let's just go back to that other one. the site Yeah.

Ben Roush: the biodiverse plantings.

Martha Shrader: So green field site is 40%. The one before that is if it's not a green field site, you have to have more.

Ben Roush: Yeah. maybe that's why we had the 60% Yeah,...

Martha Shrader: Seems like a green field site you want to protect as much as possible.

Ben Roush: let me pull up the lead credit on that.

Ben Roush: Yeah.

Martha Shrader: Or lower the other one.

Ben Roush: Or lower the I And again, we're seeking for an equivalency, so we want to mostly align. Let me It's a good one. here previously disturbed sites meet the requirements of path one for green field sites if such areas exist and restore previously disturbed

Ben Roush: areas to It depends on how much restored area you are. So, if you're 20% of previously disturbed, you have And 40% of previously disturbed area, you have 20%. And IGCC doesn't do a great great analog to that. Sorry, I'm looking at the two side by side. Yeah, this one does only green.

Ben Roush: So, IGCC does only green fields. Yeah, I think we might leave it because it would change to 20% and then it'd be 40% for this point and it's only for green fields. And if we want to allow projects, they might submit a question, to do the brownfields biodiverse planting equivalency. That doesn't exist in my GCC. We could write it in as points though if you want to want to make a motion. Yeah.

Ben Roush: I mean, okay, it's going to be at 40 to be above the IGCC threshold and...

Amy Upton: So is it staying at 60 then or going to 40?

Ben Roush: in line with lead.

Amy Upton: Just because I think on page 39 later when you get down to the compliance form,...

Ben Roush: Yeah. Yes.

Amy Upton: it just has to get updated to 40 then.

Amy Upton: Okay.

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Ben Roush: Yeah, that was I feel like we've missed another one of your comments,...

Ben Roush: but that was the other one that was in my head for gotta catch it on the way by.

Amy Upton: I wasn't going to say it if we were keeping it back to the other one.

Ben Roush: Yep.

Ben Roush: Okay, keep going. Yeah, it was a commentary from above and it was on same thing numbers section was struck. Yes. so this is listed more than once in the checklist...

David St.Jean -DGS-: I'm not sure...

David St.Jean -DGS-: what this is.

Ben Roush: because it has impacts in various sections. So it's in chapter 10 and it's also most impacting to chapter 7. So it is listed twice. She's right. chapter 12. Yeah, if you click on this was your other comment. You asked if 10 points would be more appropriate. we did these 15 points to line up similarly if you look at what's already required in IGCC versus prerex and what we moved into points in lead you'd have to actually do slightly more points than this.

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Ben Roush: They'd be modestly different credits.

Ben Roush: So 10 points wasn't enough to get an alignment with a fake sample project that I ran through from an RFP.

Amy Upton: Okay.

Amy Upton: It just seemed like a lot for you maybe a learning curve for people to jump in from that...

Ben Roush: I pulled a project out. yeah,...

Amy Upton: but understood. Thanks.

Ben Roush: I think will I'm interested to see a sidebyside scorecard. There is a future program there and Amy is the sustainability consultants in the room, but you're probably gonna have some of that on schools, too. So I am interested to see in sidebyside scorecard Are going to do IGCC? Are we going to do green globes?

Ben Roush: If you feel that one is substantially different than the other, then our committee didn't fully complete our job, right? yeah.

Amy Upton: No, I understand. It's much more to apples with this clearly.

Ben Roush: Yes, that is...

Amy Upton: Okay. Yep.

Ben Roush: what we're trying. okay. If you scroll down just a little bit in the main document, there you go. So, it will say 60, you just went past it. So, up one line. There you go. the green field site 60% it'll be 40%. That was Amy's other comment. Louisa wanted more points.



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Ben Roush: for the site waste management plan I moved them to one point aligning with lead that can be a discussion yeah you do yeah it is it David do you want to scroll on down to the bottom and...

David St.Jean -DGS-: Do I have the right comment highlighted here? All right. that's the last one. Yeah. Sure,...

Ben Roush:

Ben Roush: show what you put in on concrete just like that's a change from what people saw last month. where'd it go? There you go.

David St.Jean -DGS-: there This is just by clean act which is now in statute. This is an excerpt from DGS procedure manual for professional services. It's what we're using as guidelines for compliance.

David St.Jean -DGS-: So, we just copied and pasted it in here. I think I did change occasionally.

David St.Jean -DGS-: It would say specifically I changed to agency or owner, but the rest of it should be the same.

Ben Roush: And it's already in a reference document that designers should be using. And it's good to have it here as we reference a bunch of things about concrete that come from this.

David St.Jean -DGS-: I mean, this is a pretty big deal and everyone's going to have to have it in their procurements come July of next year.

Ben Roush: Yeah. And not from this program. It's July of next year from state statute, right? So,...

David St.Jean -DGS-: All right.

Ben Roush: regardless of when this happens, that's still a requirement.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Looks like Amy has a question.

Ben Roush: Yeah. Sorry, Amy. No,...

Amy Upton: I'm sorry to interrupt. I had a question back to just the compliance form,...

Ben Roush: you're fine.

Amy Upton: the cover sheet and the declarations pages. And I guess maybe I should have mentioned this years ago,...

Ben Roush: Yeah. up a little bit.

Amy Upton: but the architect signs obviously the owner, the contractor. I was wondering if it makes sense to also ask the MEP engineer of record to sign it just because there's a lot of heavy lift with calculations and analysis that they're doing.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Are we here?

Ben Roush: Yeah. No,...

Amy Upton: I think it's pages 31 and 32.



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Ben Roush: it's the very top of this section where there's the signature lines. Amy, that's a good one. Yeah. So, you have a third party sustainability consultant and you got the architect or engineer of record.

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Ben Roush: So you could split those to have the architect and the engineer of record. I could conceptualize some projects where you only have one or the other. Very few,...

Amy Upton: Thank. Yeah.

Ben Roush: but there are some that will be engineer they won't fit in the program. Never mind.

Ben Roush: I was thinking too broadly anything in the program will have an architect because of professional certifications and...

Ben Roush: the state board of either architects or engineers and the code of ethics that we all have to take. I don't

Amy Upton: I guess I was just thinking a lot of for the performed by and...

Amy Upton: reviewed by that some of the requirements of doing something like energy modeling or...

Amy Upton: refrigerant management and decarbonization analysis and stuff like that is being oftentimes done by the MEP engineer of record and...

Ben Roush: All right.

Amy Upton: say not the architect and so they sort of have as much of a heavy lift as architect on some of the requirements. So, it just seems like a lot of the people that are checking off the boxes in the compliance form after this are all represented here with signatures, but it's either architectine.

Ben Roush: Yeah, this compliance form is for the sustainability consultant,...

Amy Upton: So, Yep.

Ben Roush: the third party to use. the people who are doing the work, you're right, are the engineer record. Yeah, I don't see a problem with Anything that fits in this program, i.e. major remodel or new buildings is going to have an MEP engineer and an architect. Yeah.

Ben Roush: So we would copy the two designer architect engineer record lines Martha.

Martha Shrader: I was just going to say that we have many different methods of delivery. so a general contractor is sometimes we have a GC...

Ben Roush: Mhm. Yeah,...

Martha Shrader: but sometimes it's a design build contractor sometimes it's a construction manager So, I would assume we would just sort of edit this to fit, the titles if we had to.

Ben Roush: as an alternate, what we're asking for in this program,...

David St.Jean -DGS-: All right.



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Ben Roush: this gets used for IGCC from the third party sustainability consultant. So, we could really delete the others except the owner and the third party sustainability consultant. Really, we could.

Martha Shrader: Yeah, I mean it's nice to have them certify that you're on the record, too. that you're doing all these things, but

Ben Roush: So David, if we copy architect engineer record and just split those to designer or architect and then a separate line that says MEP engineer of record and then let's Martha, if we delete general and just say contractor, does that work for you even if it's CM?

Martha Shrader: I think so.

Ben Roush: Okay. Yeah.

David St.Jean -DGS-: that I can do easily.

David St.Jean -DGS-: The other one I'll make a note of and make sure that it gets done.

Amy Upton: Thanks.

Ben Roush: Also the next line down general contractor. Delete the general. There you go. All right. So, that's the comments we got ahead. Are there any comments that we should be discussing now? Can we go back to the dates?

David St.Jean -DGS-: Thank you.

Ben Roush: Right, way at the top. It's, fourth fourth page. So, starting with the last program, we started doing a table of dates. There you go. And we're just going to keep filling this in. And these dates just carry the gap forward. and we were aiming for April 1st. We now know and lead v5 will be available is available now but is not mandatory as of a few weeks ago right before even at green build people were still announcing the wrong date which was interesting. won't be required until July 1st essentially of 2026.

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Ben Roush: We have a weird thing for schools that they will not be required to use this program but will not be able to register if they choose to under a V4.1 program after that J June 30th cutoff. so they'll be in a weird place. And Alex had asked reasonably that schools with their very long procurement process have more time. so that's something I expect we're going to get some questions on.

Ben Roush: What should schools do after, RFP's coming out next summer, fall? all right, let's open it up for questions. Hands, we got them. Most people have had a chance to review and comment if they wish to,...

Ben Roush: but yeah, and that's general public, too. Anyone is allowed to raise hands and talk. It's a public meeting. All right, Alex.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Yeah, thanks Ben.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: With regard to the phasein for schools, I think our intention from our previous discussions was for schools to have a kind of a runway to get a design approaches changed and all in all the steps that go in before they put out an RFP for particularly electrification. U and my concern is that we get this worded correctly.



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Alex Donahue -IAC-: so it's clear that the electrification requirement doesn't kick in for those school projects until the projects whose RFPs are published after December 31st. And what I'm not seeing here is where this would lead an LEA to go for the requirements that would apply prior to that point.

Ben Roush: Yeah, those are all on the website.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Right. Because if the Right.

Ben Roush: We have begun posting every program we could get our hands on going backwards and...

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Mhm. Yeah. Right.

Ben Roush: we will post all of them going forward so that you can say great the effective date was I'm going and...

Ben Roush: getting that one and...

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Yeah, right.

Ben Roush: the February program had the electrification in it. this November program if they choose the lead pathway they have an all-electric requirement in the credits that are required in this program.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Mhm. So technically for projects whose RFPs are published prior to January 1st,...

Ben Roush: So I think if your main concern was electrification this could also take effect at the end of 2026 without it would lead you to the same place in this program. and it's also fine if it's further out.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: 2027, it's not the requirements in this new program version that would apply. It would be the previous one which does have electrification in it. Right?

Alex Donahue -IAC-: So that doesn't get us to the agreed upon outcome, does it?

Ben Roush:

Ben Roush: No. So you get to use the program before this one before February 20th,...

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Before the February ...

Ben Roush: the February 20th for schools takes effect January 1st, 2027 that has electrification. That was what we...

Alex Donahue -IAC-: I see...

Ben Roush:

Ben Roush: what we did in the last one.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: what you're saying I get you.

Ben Roush: the previous program saying you're going to do lead V4 and it's got some weird gaps,...

Ben Roush: but that'll be the law of the land for LEAs until these deadlines and...

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Okay.



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Ben Roush: that's on the website that one is posted I get...

Alex Donahue -IAC-: I No, no, I know the versions are there. what I'm struggling with is this table doesn't quickly clearly lead an LEA to the applicable program version depending on you see what I'm saying?

Ben Roush: what you're saying We could do them as date ranges.

Ben Roush: We could say published and it'll be whenever the last one was published through December 31st,...

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Yeah, maybe that would be better.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Yeah, I think we need Yeah,...

Ben Roush: 2026. Yeah.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: I think we need something other than the table as it exists.

Ben Roush: So the November 20th line.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Because if I'm an LEA and I'm thinking, hey, we're putting our RFP out on this date. I'm going to look here and go, wait a minute, which program applies?

Ben Roush: I got it.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Which requirements? I think we just need to address that.

Ben Roush: So We can do that easily in the November 20th because it'll be the day after the February 20th line. it'll be 1 2027 through 712027.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Uh-huh. Yeah,...

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Ben Roush: Yeah. No, that would be in the February 20th line.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: I see you following me now,...

Ben Roush: I am.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: I think.

Ben Roush: Yeah. Let's do hands.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Can we flip it so that the middle column is the first or...

Ben Roush: Let me Yeah.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: determining column? Yeah, Melissa, you have your hand up. I'm sure you're looking to help add Yeah.

Ben Roush: Melissa, do you have thoughts on that? You have your hand up twice, I think.

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: No, no.



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Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: I was second in line is what that meant.

Ben Roush: I'm sorry then,...

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Okay. Yeah.

Ben Roush: Ryan. We skipped you. Let us come back.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Sorry, Ryan. I'll get out of the way.

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: No, I was going to point out just...

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: what I think you just realized and also point out that the version that we're now going to make applicable does not require electrification, but it also still has major renovations in it. So that would mean the major renovation come next July has to comply with lead V5.

Ben Roush: No January 2027 and...

Ben Roush: then July 2027. So it's a year and it's more than next July. It's further out.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: But the major rena should never be subject.

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: So that Right.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Remember, it's the new replacement and...

Ben Roush: Yeah. if you scroll down it's when you're replacing equipment,...

Alex Donahue -IAC-: we're just

Ben Roush: If you scroll, if you look at the language, it's when you're replacing central equipment. yeah, and that language was in the last version that is currently applying to schools.

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: But it wasn't in the version that's now going to apply to schools.

Ben Roush: Agreed. Yes,...

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: Yeah. Yeah.

Ben Roush: I agree.

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: So, I think that needs cleaned up.

Ben Roush: Yeah, I let us write that and send out it is worth saying minor typos or changes that clarify dates we are allowed to do after adoption while it's in with the secretary. if we find a number change that is acceptable into the secretary is major intent changes obviously are off the table once the council has voted.

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: I think it's a scope clarification also in the major renovation question.

Ben Roush: So I think clarifying date ranges that falls under that it's going to be okay as long as we meet the same dates.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Thank you.



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Ben Roush: Let's think about wording and send out me and David and then send out a revised table snippet to the council. Ryan, I don't know. I think read what it says and I think it's clear what's going on and aligns with the governor's executive order.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Sorry, Ben. What section are you pointing us to?

Ben Roush: I will have to go pull it out. Hold on. It's in section. let me go find it and then tell you where to go get it. So, it's in chapter 3. it is. 302.1 Yeah. does not make a distinction. And the governor's executive order does not make a distinction and beeps does not make a distinction.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: right? Schools were statutoily exempted.

Ben Roush: So for renovations or...

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: I'm not following distinction for what but schools...

Ben Roush: So if you're doing a major renovation of a building that is your chance. That's sure.

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: but that doesn't comply to schools. This only complies to new or replacement projects. The high performance green building program doesn't.

Ben Roush: Yeah. Beths doesn't comply, but the governor's executive order does apply to all state funded buildings. Not to Yeah.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: program't not to major renovations doesn't Yeah.

Ben Roush: Not to I got it. So you I'm sorry.

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: So the

Ben Roush: I understand your question. So if you go back to major renovations and public schools, it's up where is that? High performance building complies with Yes.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: 10 one.

Ben Roush:

Ben Roush: Yes. where it's in the scope of...

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Yeah. Yeah.

Ben Roush: what actually applies.

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: But...

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: because this isn't going to apply to schools,...

Ben Roush: It will not apply to it.

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: the version that currently applies to schools does require major renovations.

Ben Roush: I'm with It The ...

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: That's what needs cleaned up.



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Ben Roush: the old version. So, we can't clean up the old version.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Right. Mhm.

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: But you can make a distinction in this version.

Ben Roush: So I think I And we did.

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: I think you just put the pieces together.

Ben Roush: Yeah. ...

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: But it also pushes schools back to the previous version.

Ben Roush: 101.2. If you go to 101.2 101.2 a little bit higher.

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Alex Donahue -IAC-: Right. B.

Ben Roush: There you go.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Mhm. Yeah.

Ben Roush: Look at and...

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Got it.

Ben Roush:

Ben Roush: are not public school. So it's only new construction of pre kindergarten through K12. so yes if you work through this it exempts state school renovations. So I know and we can't fix the previous version without our tool here is to release this version. I think for previous schools that are renovation

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: But what we can say is that...

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: what we can say is that the projects that require compliance in this version of the high performance green building program that are schools will follow the compliance pathway of the previous version.

Ben Roush: I was going to say so that would...

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: But compliance is determined by this definition.

Ben Roush: then put all of your schools into this program...

Ben Roush: which I don't Mhm.

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: Only the provisions of this high performance screen building billing program apply to.

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: Take that definition as the provision that determines which projects have to comply to the high performance green building program. and then go down to the other section and say



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the compliance requirements are those included in the previous version, but the definition of who has to comply is in this version. Mhm.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Okay.

Ben Roush: I think that's going to be incredibly confusing to readers.

Ben Roush: I agree that Okay, so the reason we changed this in the February program is that statute says that school renovation is not subject to this.

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: Mhm. Okay.

Ben Roush: So it's in statute and I think as the IA you just make that clarification that this program does not apply to your renovations period and it will continue forward because it's more I can't say clear but it's more clearly in here that the school renovations are not subject to the program. but you're right because they're going to have the previous program with the previous language through the end of 2026. And yeah, I think that's a clarification. If schools are asking, what program do we need to use and it's a renovation? they don't. So, it's not a waiver process because it's just here's your state statute.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Mhm. Gotcha.

Ben Roush: You don't have to. yeah, cuz we can't go back and...

Ben Roush: change old versions. And if I start saying the old version was wrong, but this one could Yeah, I think it will Ryan,...

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: No, it wasn't.

Melissa Wilfong -IAC-: Yeah, it wasn't. Yeah, I wasn't thinking that, but thank you.

Ben Roush: sorry, we skipped you. That was a bit I'm

Ryan Schwabenbauer: That's no problem. hopefully y'all can hear me while I'm down in DC. I've been listening along, but in the coffee shop. Hopefully y'all can hear me. I appreciate everyone's efforts here and I appreciate people, digging into the details. and for Green Globes making a special survey to try to comply to benefit some of the school projects and to use it. But in general, I'd like to make a general comment and it is pretty easy to notice from this conversation that in the interest of the taxpayers of Maryland all these complications for one I want to make an example.

Ryan Schwabenbauer: If we have a green building professional, they will have to learn to advise on a special survey. So, if they might be familiar with green globes, but they have to learn to advise on that. that's going to cost money. all these special exceptions that we keep putting through this program for schools, I'm sure that they have a lot of great reasons. I'm sure's some of them were looking for loopholes. It's pretty clear. they also cost a lot of money to navigate. I think that we need to be conscious of that and see if this program really makes a lot of sense.

Ryan Schwabenbauer: I just feel like most of the projects in the state are school buildings and is every time we take a step. It seems like we're weaving around things to provide exceptions for schools. I get it from the IA standpoint.

Ryan Schwabenbauer: They want flexibility. They want power, but it's costing the taxpayers money every time an exception's made. thank you'all.

Ben Roush: Yeah,...

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Ben Roush: and this is my instate statute. We're doing what's required. Schools have instate statute to follow a lead silver equivalent and not certify. No, if we change we have no power as the council to change that. there's a legislative advocacy bullet there for those who are interested. yeah, so we have written in and the waiver it's the same thing. It is written in state statute.

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Ben Roush: IA has the waiver power over LEAs. you keep going for specialty for school. Brian, as far as lead goes, what we drew in that list of credits that you're going to do anyways were credits that you already largely complied just by what was required in state statute or law or energy code. So it is a lot of ifs and therefors and most projects it's largely a cheat sheet to credits you should achieve anyways just by following code and statute. so yeah I see that and then the equivalency yes this is equivalent I would love to just do lead and have no and if you want to do equivalency of any kind apply a waiver. That's not where we're at.

Ben Roush: Think when IGCC came out, the 2012 version adopted in 2015, got that added in here and then the cat was out of the bag. yeah, it's think it's there. all right. I would like to make a motion, unless somebody else would like that we take a vote on to adopt this program and...

David St.Jean -DGS-: Just and Ben, I'm sorry. Just clarification on this particular schedule is that we're going to be redrafting this and including it,...

Ben Roush: we're same dates, different way of formatting them so that it's clear it's this date range is when this program is acceptable or...

David St.Jean -DGS-: right? Right. Yep. Okay.

Ben Roush: applicable. Yep.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: It might actually help to have three programs reflected in it,...

Ben Roush: I'm going to go put the Exactly.

Alex Donahue -IAC-: not just two. Right. Because of the time scales here. Great. Yeah.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Right. Yeah.

Ben Roush: Yep. When we change it,...

David St.Jean -DGS-: So, yeah,...

Ben Roush: we have to go get the previous program whenever it was applicable date and put that date in as well. Yes. Yep.

David St.Jean -DGS-: we'll have three rows here,...

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Thank you.

David St.Jean -DGS-: I think.

Alex Donahue -IAC-:

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Thank you both. Yeah.



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Ben Roush: So, I'm going to make a motion to vote on this program for approval.

Ben Roush: and need a second and then we'll have discussion before we vote. Great. And then discussion any if we haven't done it yet, this is your chance.

David St.Jean -DGS-: I second that motion.

David St.Jean -DGS-: The only discussion is that I've been having a sidebar with the lawyer while we've been talking.

Ben Roush: Great.

David St.Jean -DGS-: MEA has someone standing in for their official appointee to the council.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Apparently according to Robert's rules, their vote will not count. Right. So, right.

Ben Roush: They can't vote.

Ben Roush: Yeah, they can vote, but it doesn't count in the count. Yes. there is a way around that in Robert's rules, but you have to have official alternates. It's quite a process. I don't think we should pursue that. certainly not today. I would take additional appointments.

David St.Jean -DGS-: The good news is we have 12 out of 18 council members and...

Ben Roush: Okay. Right.

David St.Jean -DGS-: we only need nine for the vote to pass one way or the other. So, I think we're good.

Ben Roush: Discussion chance to raise your hands. I think we do this one by roll call. Uhhuh.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: I think verbal roll call and...

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: I know David would you like me to do that or would you like to do that? So again this is verbal so...

David St.Jean -DGS-: Yes, please.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Go ahead. Okay.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: if you could unmute yourself and let me know.

Ben Roush: And...

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: And...

Ben Roush: these are yays and...

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: we will yes the motion from Ben to approve and...

Ben Roush: nays. Yay would be for and nay would be against, just to be fully clear.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: adopt the high performance screen building program which was seconded by first on my list is Paul Clary.



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Hannah Debelius -DGS-: Paul, I see you still You're muted if you're speaking. Okay, Paul, we will loop back to you. hopefully you're just experiencing IT issue.

Ben Roush: Paul, you're muted.

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Hannah Debelius -DGS-: Yes.

Ben Roush: You can type as well.

Ben Roush: It would be acceptable if you're having headset issues.

Michael Daly: Yay.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: And next, Ben to you.

Ben Roush: Yay.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: And Ryan, Marissa Britain,...

Marisa Britton: Yeah.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: Michael Dailyaly, Stephanie, just double checking you're not on the line.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: Okay. Ashley Vanstone,...

Ben Roush: Nope. Do it.

Mark Beck: Yes. Yay.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: Mark Beck,...

David St.Jean -DGS-: Sure, why not?

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: Alex, David Cuminsburg,...

Alex Donahue -IAC-: Yay!

David Koenigsburg -DBM-: Yay.

Bill Hersch -MDP-: Hello again.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: David St. Jean. All right.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Who was that? Paul.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: And Paul, I'm verbally noting your yay that you put into the chat. That was Paul Clary.

Ben Roush: F***.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: Bill Hirs.



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Hannah Debelius -DGS-: And then I think they're line, but Eddie Luke Meyer confirming you're not online. Becky. Okay.

Ben Roush: Still not there.

Ben Roush: Yep. is not a voting member.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: Becky Price and Michelle Van Russell confirming she has not joined. Martha Okay, those are just participants.

Ben Roush: All right.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: And neither is a teeth. Okay, so we have 10 yays and one nay.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Yeah.

Hannah Debelius -DGS-: So the yays have it and that does meet quorum.

Ben Roush: Should we go back to the agenda to scroll on down? That was our main thing to do today. the council vacancy that can be a recruiting effort of sorts. So, yes, we're going to ask Crystal to put in we'll get the link and send it out. But if council members know someone that should be recruited,...

Ben Roush: they can either pass their name over to me and David and Hannah, or you can reach out to them directly with the link to put in an application. it's a nomination process, but it's fairly straightforward from the governor's office.

David St.Jean -DGS-: I'm remembering now that I did recommend someone earlier.

Ben Roush: And we'll yeah,...

David St.Jean -DGS-: And...

Ben Roush: if we can get them,...

David St.Jean -DGS-: she has applied

Ben Roush: if they applied, they have to reapply at this point every time there's a vacancy. but yes, we're going to send those out far and wide. The more candidates the better. next steps we have to So for this specific program, we have to run it past both secretaries for signature or for commentary. That can be several months process. and we will report back. If there are nt substantial requests to change, we will talk about them as a council. If there are minor copy editing requests, we will fix numbering, things like that.

Ben Roush: Any other?

Ben Roush: I think that's it for next steps. Anna or David, Victoria,...

David St.Jean -DGS-: It's maybe too early to start talk.

David St.Jean -DGS-: We've been focusing so much on this. What's the matter?

Ben Roush:

Ben Roush: thank You're so on it. we are not going to meet in December...



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David St.Jean -DGS-: We've been focusing so much on the program for almost a year now that I guess at some point we need to start talking about what do we do now? We've

Ben Roush: because it is immediately before the week of the holidays. Most of us are going to take off in January. I'm really interested to look at community solar and I think this might be a legislative tie-in as well.

Ben Roush: And at this point it's rumor nothing for nothing formal or firm but there's supposed to be a couple community solar bills in session.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Just quick.

Ben Roush: It'll be a timely discussion. we'll do that closer to the meeting when we set an agenda. but there's a discussion there about these state buildings and some of their very large roofs and how can we help incentivize solar even if it's community not owned by the state or the LEA. So yeah,...

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David St.Jean -DGS-: That's a good point. We're going to by January legislature will be in session so we could spend some time reviewing new proposed legislation.

Ben Roush: and you'll all recall last year It will occur every year probably. we get some bills that say by October we'll adopt something and we're allowed to comment on that as a council or if any of us go testify including the private members we just have to say and I'm not testifying on behalf of the position we're on but you can be involved to testimony we'll be tracking those and then we'll have to react to them after the session if they pass we'll see what goes

Ben Roush: All right, announcements for good and welfare. I got to see Ryan at Green Build. he was awarded as a lead fellow. So a giant congratulations there. it's a pretty big deal. wanted to send a kudos in this meeting, too. So you all know he's a big deal. any other good and welfare type yeah, Gracie said her headset isn't working. I will read that. Gracie said, "Thanks to the council for the public comment opportunities this year and the effort put into this program update." thanks for the acknowledgement. it was a process with a whole committee.

Ben Roush: If nothing else, then we'll give you back 12 minutes and off we'll go.

David St.Jean -DGS-: All right.

David St.Jean -DGS-: Thank you everybody.

Ben Roush: Thank you.

Bill Hersch -MDP-: Are you ready?

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