

Attachment A
Meeting Summary
Power Ahead Colorado Oversight Committee
Tuesday, April 10, 2026
Virtual Meeting Only – Hosted on Zoom
Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:

Sharnell Smith	Black Parents United Foundation
Nicole Speer	City of Boulder
Steve Douglas	Commerce City
Duke Charles	Commerce City
Kathleen Bailey	Mountain View
Randy Drennan	Rocky Mountain Mechanical Contractors Association
Emily Baer	Town of Erie

DRCOG staff: Chris Selk, Doug Rex, Fernando Briones, Emily Loker, Devon Reifsneider, Mac Prather, Robert Spotts.

Call to Order

Chair Nicole Speer called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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The summary was accepted.

Action Items

Power Ahead Colorado Innovation Pilot Program Policy

Mac Prather Program Manager for Incentives, Advising and Innovation, informed the committee of Power Ahead Colorado's \$6 million innovation pilot program which is a competitive grant program that funds targeted pilot projects testing new approaches to reducing the structural, financial, and operational barriers limiting adoption of efficient electric equipment in buildings across the Denver region. Funded pilots are expected to generate practical, scalable insights that strengthen Power Ahead Colorado's broader programs and those of its partner agencies. The policy establishes parameters for the Innovation Pilot Program, including program goals, eligible applicants and uses, award structure, evaluation criteria, and the approval and post-award processes. There are four tracks for funding: Making Electrification Easier to Deliver, Demand Flexibility and Technical Performance, Coordinated Deployment and Planning Strategies, Expanding Access, Health, and Trusted Delivery and Expanding Access, Health and Trusted Delivery.

Charles Duke inquired around the first track, Making Electrification Easier to Deliver, and asked if DRCOG intends to explain the language around 'complexity of tenant' and how DRCOG intends to define it. Desmond Krwan replied that the biggest thing is the split incentive and how does DRCOG parse out funds between the tenant and property owner and this can change depending on the case. Charles followed up with a clarifying question that stated a nonprofit agency, or outside agency, would help work with the tenants to apply for the program or opportunities. Desmond replied that the program would contract with a local nonprofit who would then work with individual tenants to either install equipment or might provide equipment funding and the nonprofit facilitates the distribution of that to tenants. It could also be tenant support. Charles followed up with a question about how VEIC and DRCOG are informing non-profits of this opportunity and Mac replied that the program will have a call for applications, it will be announced in Power Ahead Colorado's newsletter.

Kathleen Bailey asked Mac a clarifying question about promotional materials for this opportunity. Mac replied that a webpage will be posted in the near future on Power Ahead Colorado's website as well as a live webinar that will be recorded.

Steve Douglas questioned if school districts would qualify for the innovative pilot program. Mac replied that Power Ahead Colorado is opening the program to nonprofits, private businesses, a business operating out of a neighborhood or community and quasi-public entities. There is flexibility. The first-round application will be open for one month. Mac also added that the selectin process will be decided via DRCOG, VEIC and a few others who can join the interview panel.

Nicole Speer was curious if there would be examples for each track when this policy goes to the board the same week? She followed up with another question around what happens after this funding is gone? Will the programs still be there? Desmond replied that once the solicitation and application are posted, there will be examples provided. VEIC is planning for the future of these programs by looking at the current conditions that are happening in the market currently and intending to review the lessons as they occur over the next few years of implementation.

Administrative Items

Member Comment/Other Matters

There were no additional comments.

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Adjournment

There were no additional comments, and the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.