

Attachment A
Meeting Summary
Power Ahead Colorado Oversight Committee
Friday, June 12, 2026
Virtual Meeting Only – Hosted on Zoom

Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:

Nicole Speer	Boulder
Steve Douglas	Commerce City
Kathleen Bailey	Mountain View
Kimberly Schlaepfer	Lotus Engineering & Sustainability
Dr. Shere Walker - Ravenell	Black Parents United Foundation

DRCOG staff: Chris Selk, Devon Reifsneider, Clay McCombe, Mac Prather, Robert Spotts, Jhas Cooper-Moore

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

May 8, 2026 Power Ahead Colorado Oversight Committee Summary

Nicole Speer noted that the summary incorrectly listed her as present and providing comments during the meeting. She stated that she had been out of town and requested that the record be corrected. Kathleen Bailey and Robert Spotts acknowledged the error, and staff agreed to revise the summary accordingly.

The summary was accepted pending the requested correction.

Discussion Items

Building Policy Collaborative Road Map

Kimberly Schlaepfer, Managing Director at Lotus Engineering and Sustainability, provided an overview of the roadmap's phased policy framework, which focuses on advancing regional building performance through three policy areas: advanced building codes, building transparency policies, and building improvement policies. The roadmap outlines a voluntary, long-term approach through 2040 that emphasizes regional consistency, predictability, and flexibility for local governments. Proposed policies would help communities better understand building energy use, support incremental efficiency improvements over time, and encourage higher-performing buildings through a stepwise approach that accounts for local capacity, market readiness, workforce considerations, and community needs. Staff noted that the roadmap is intended to reduce fragmentation

among local policies while supporting the region's long-term energy, affordability, resiliency, and emissions-reduction goals.

Nicole Speer asked how Home Energy Scores would be communicated to prospective homebuyers and whether they would provide useful information about expected energy costs. Kimberly Schlaepfer explained that Home Energy Scores are intended to function similarly to an efficiency rating by providing standardized information about a home's expected energy performance.

Nicole Speer also asked whether similar information could be made available to renters. Schlaepfer responded that building transparency policies can be applied to multifamily and commercial buildings and are intended to provide building energy performance information that can help consumers better understand and compare energy usage and efficiency.

Nicole Speer further asked how the proposed policies could support wildfire resilience and whether energy efficiency efforts could be paired with more sustainable or fire-resistant building practices. Schlaepfer noted that opportunities exist to better connect energy-efficiency and resilience goals as policy development continues. She highlighted the importance of proper ventilation, air sealing, and building-code provisions that can support both energy performance and wildfire preparedness, and indicated that subject matter experts would be engaged during development of future model policies.

Schlaepfer also emphasized that the roadmap is intended to provide jurisdictions with flexible, phased policy options that can be adopted over time based on local capacity and community needs while supporting greater regional consistency and long-term planning.

Kathleen Bailey and Steve Douglas indicated they had additional questions and comments; however, due to time constraints, those discussions were deferred for follow-up outside the meeting.

Incentives and Energy Advising Discussion

Mac Prather and Keith Cronin provided an update on the rollout of Power Ahead Colorado's energy advising services, contractor network, and incentive programs. Staff reported that a tiered support model is being implemented that includes basic customer assistance, access to technical experts, and on-site support for more complex projects through local partners. While current call center activity remains modest, staff anticipate increased participation as incentive offerings launch and outreach efforts expand. The program will serve existing single-family, multifamily, and commercial buildings and will provide incentives for qualifying cold-climate heat pump installations,

which may be combined with other available utility and state incentives. Staff also highlighted development of educational resources, a participating contractor network with a contractor verification badge, and a streamlined application portal designed to simplify participation for contractors and customers. VEIC staff emphasized that the program was designed with contractor feedback in mind to encourage participation and improve program delivery. Committee members were encouraged to share information about the program within their communities as public outreach and incentive offerings are rolled out.

Steve Douglas thanked staff for the educational materials and noted that visual resources and plain-language explanations would help residents better understand available technologies and program opportunities.

Steve Douglas asked whether the proposed Home Energy Score approach discussed earlier was intended to function similarly to the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) used in residential construction. Robert Spotts explained that the proposed scoring approach is similar in concept but is a different, simpler assessment process intended for existing homes. He noted that local governments could choose between different scoring methodologies and that the assessment would likely occur at the point of sale, with lower costs and less intensive testing requirements than a traditional HERS rating.

Clay McCombe added that the Home Energy Score pilot will include a workforce study to evaluate labor capacity and identify strategies for expanding the pool of qualified professionals who can perform energy assessments. He noted that staff are also exploring future enhancements to the contractor directory that could help residents identify contractors certified to perform Home Energy Score assessments.

Steve Douglas commented that workforce availability remains a significant concern, citing experience with an Arapahoe County energy-efficiency program that experienced substantial delays due to high demand and limited contractor capacity. He specifically noted challenges in finding qualified electricians to install heat pump systems. Mac Prather acknowledged these concerns and stated that workforce capacity remains one of the key challenges facing the market. He noted that the program is designed to provide relatively quick incentive processing while avoiding administrative bottlenecks for contractors and customers. Prather also highlighted Colorado's alternative energy code pathways and emphasized the program's focus on supporting highly efficient, all-electric technologies that exceed minimum code requirements and provide additional resilience benefits.

Administrative Items

Member Comment / Other Matters

Upcoming Grant Evaluation and Community-Based Organization Funding

Robert Spotts reminded committee members that the July meeting will be particularly important, as staff will present recommendations for consideration related to upcoming funding decisions and begin developing criteria for the Community-Based Organization Grant Program, which will distribute approximately \$2.2 million in funding. He emphasized the importance of member attendance to ensure a quorum is available for committee business.

Nicole Speer requested that staff send a reminder to committee members highlighting the importance of the July meeting, particularly for members who were unable to attend the June meeting. Staff agreed to follow up with committee members prior to the next meeting.

Next Meeting – July 10, 2026

Adjournment

There were no additional comments, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:03 a.m..

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Member Comment/Other Matters

There were no further comments.

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Adjournment

There were no additional comments, and the meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.