

Attachment A

Meeting Summary

Power Ahead Colorado Oversight Committee

Friday, July 10, 2026

***Virtual Meeting (Via Teams)**

Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:

Nicole Speer

Kathleen Bailey

Steve Douglass

Dr. Shere Walker-Ravenell

Randy Drennen

Sharnell Smith (Alternate)

City of Boulder

Town of Mountain View

United Power

BPUF

RMMCA

BPUF

Public: None

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

Call to Order

Chair Nicole Speer called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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Chair Speer noted that the summary incorrectly reflected her attendance and attributed comments to her even though she was not present at the meeting. Staff acknowledged the error and agreed to make the necessary corrections. No additional comments were raised, and the summary was accepted with the noted revision.

Announcements

Robert Spotts introduced Jhas Cooper-Moore as the new Division Assistant for DRCOG's Transportation Planning and Operations Division. Committee members introduced themselves and welcomed Jhas to DRCOG.

Action Items

Building Policy Collaborative Roadmap

Greg Miao, Program Manager for the Building Policy Collaborative, presented the Building Policy Collaborative Road Map and requested the committee's

recommendation for adoption by the DRCOG Board of Directors. Greg explained that the Road Map is a long-range visioning document intended to establish a regional vision for reducing building-related emissions and achieving net-zero emissions from buildings by 2050. The document aims to build collaboration and momentum among local jurisdictions, which have primary authority over building policies, while providing multiple pathways for communities to work toward shared goals. The Road Map envisions a region with buildings that are efficient, comfortable, affordable, resilient, and free from energy-related pollution. Greg noted that buildings are the region's largest contributor to climate pollution and that improvements to building systems can also provide health and safety benefits.

Greg highlighted the three primary policy actions identified in the Road Map. The first is advancing building energy codes, building upon state efforts and the Low Energy and Carbon Code to improve the performance of new construction. The second is adopting building transparency policies to better understand how buildings use energy and generate emissions. The third is implementing building performance policies that encourage ongoing building improvements, electrification, and transitions away from natural gas systems to reduce greenhouse gas emissions over time. The Road Map also outlines implementation milestones, beginning with transparency policies in the near term and progressing toward stronger building performance policies beginning around 2030.

Committee members discussed the Road Map's role in fostering regional collaboration and supporting local jurisdictions as they pursue building-related climate goals. The discussion emphasized the importance of establishing baseline data through transparency policies and using that information to guide future performance improvements and emissions reductions.

Emily Baer moved to recommend approval of the Building Policy Collaborative Road Map to the DRCOG Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Kathleen Bailey and passed unanimously.

Innovation Pilot Grant Program – Round 1 Recommendations

Mac Prather, Program Manager for Power Ahead Colorado, presented the recommended projects for the first round of funding under the Power Ahead Colorado Innovation Program and requested the committee's recommendation for approval. Mac was joined by Desmond Kirwan of the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC), which is supporting the design and implementation of the innovation program. Mac reminded the committee that this is the first of three planned funding rounds and that the initial round is intended to award approximately \$1.4 million, with an average award size of \$200,000 per project.

Mac reviewed the program's goals, which are to demonstrate innovative and scalable solutions, address market barriers, and generate real-world insights that can inform future policies, programs, and regional planning efforts. He also highlighted the four funding tracks that were developed with committee input and included in the Notice of Funding Opportunity. These focus areas include making electrification easier to deliver by reducing barriers and soft costs; evaluating demand flexibility and technical performance to better understand system benefits of emerging technologies; supporting coordinated deployment and planning strategies; and advancing additional innovative approaches that can help accelerate building decarbonization efforts across the region. Mac noted that the recommended projects were selected through a competitive process and are intended to provide practical lessons and data that can be replicated and scaled throughout the Denver region. Committee members discussed the program's objectives and the proposed project recommendations, emphasizing the importance of testing innovative solutions that can support regional climate and building decarbonization goals.

Kathleen Bailey moved to recommend approval of the innovation pilot grant program to the DRCOG Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Emily Baer and passed unanimously.

Informational Briefings

Update on Community Engagement Grants

Chris Selk, Power Ahead Colorado Program Administrator, introduced Mallory Huggins and Rebecca Beauregard of Kearns & West, who are leading community engagement efforts for Power Ahead Colorado. Chris provided an overview of the proposed Community Engagement Grant Program, noting that approximately \$2.2 million has been earmarked to support community outreach and engagement activities. The presentation provided the committee with an early look at the program's development and discussed how grant funding will help Power Ahead Colorado achieve its outreach goals by increasing awareness, participation, and engagement in program activities throughout the region.

Committee members discussed strategies for expanding outreach and community participation. During the discussion, Nicole Speer suggested developing draft resolutions or proclamations that local governments could adopt in support of special awareness weeks, days, or months related to Power Ahead Colorado initiatives. Chris welcomed the suggestion, noting that staff had discussed the concept previously and would explore creating materials that partner jurisdictions could easily place on future council agendas. Staff emphasized the importance of leveraging local partnerships and community-based organizations to maximize engagement and program impact.

Administrative Items

Member Comment / Other Items

Robert Spotts announced that the committee is planning to cancel the August meeting to allow for a summer break. He also shared that staff are exploring holding the September meeting in person, with planned discussions focused on the Community Engagement Policy and the Low-Income Program. Robert added that staff hope to provide committee members with Power Ahead Colorado promotional materials and lunch during the in-person meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Speer thanked committee members & staff and reminded members that the next meeting would be held in September. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 am.