

Attachment A
Meeting Summary
Power Ahead Colorado Oversight Committee
Friday, February 13, 2026
Virtual Meeting Only – Hosted on Zoom

Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:

Nicole Speer	City of Boulder
Emily Baer	Town of Erie
Richard Kondo (Chair)	City of Northglenn
Andrew Holder	Xcel Energy
Doug Rex	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Sharnell Smith (Alternate)	Black Parents United Foundation
Steve Douglas	Commerce City

Public: Desmond Kirwan, Scott Hackel

DRCOG staff: Chris Selk, Cam Kennedy, Devon Reifsneider, Clay McCombe, Fernando Briones, Greg Miao, Andy Birkey, Mac Prather, Robert Spotts, Emily Loker

Call to Order

Chair Richard Kondo called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

December 12, 2025 Power Ahead Colorado Oversight Committee Summary

The summary was accepted.

Discussion Item

Jurisdictional Support Program – Round 2

Greg Miao, DRCOG staff, presented a proposal for Round 2 of the Jurisdictional Support Program, which is part of the Building Policy Collaborative within the Power Ahead Colorado initiative. The program provides funding to jurisdictions to support their participation in regional building policy efforts and to build capacity to adopt and implement building codes and policies aligned with regional decarbonization goals. Miao summarized results from Round 1, which awarded 27 subawards covering approximately 85 percent of the DRCOG region's population. Most jurisdictions used funding to increase staff capacity and obtain technical assistance and training to support policy development and implementation.

For Round 2, approximately \$8.5 million remains available. Staff described several goals for the next round, including:

Encouraging additional jurisdictions to participate in the Building Policy Collaborative.

Increasing the impact of existing awardees.

Supporting regional services that benefit all jurisdictions.

Staff proposed allocating up to \$2 million of the remaining funds to provide regional services administered by DRCOG or Power Ahead Colorado. These services could include expanded facilitation of policy working groups, coordination with utilities, and shared support for residential building policy development and data management. Committee members discussed the proposal and broader program context. Director Emily Baer asked how recent announcements from the Environmental Protection Agency might affect the program's goals and work plan. Staff noted that DRCOG remains under contract to carry out the approved program work plan and will continue implementation regardless of federal policy changes.

Committee members also discussed the importance of regional coordination and the potential benefits of administering certain implementation services at the regional level to reduce administrative burden for local governments.

Miao noted that the policy will be brought to the Oversight Committee for their consideration

Power Ahead Colorado Incentives, Advising, and Innovation Program Update
Mac Prather, Incentives, Advising and Low-Income Communities Program Manager, provided an update on the Power Ahead Colorado incentives and energy advising programs, as well as the Innovation Grant Program. He noted that these program components are approaching implementation and that staff are seeing growing interest from jurisdictions and community members as outreach and policy work progresses. Prather introduced Luke Charbonneau, Senior Program Specialist, who provided additional detail on the incentives and advising program. Charbonneau explained that the program includes approximately \$59.6 million in funding to provide incentives intended to offset the cost of purchasing cold-climate heat pumps and similar equipment. The incentives are paired with energy advising services designed to help residents and businesses navigate available incentives and identify opportunities across multiple programs.

The program aims to provide a "no-wrong-door" approach for participants seeking information, incentives, and technical guidance for building electrification and efficiency upgrades.

Prather also provided an update on the Innovation Grant Program, which will be administered by VEIC and includes \$6 million in funding for pilot projects. Staff anticipate making approximately two dozen awards averaging around \$200,000, with flexibility in award amounts.

During discussion, Director Steve Douglas asked whether the program was coordinating with financing programs that could help cover remaining costs for households undertaking electrification projects. Staff noted that they are coordinating with several financing resources, including the Collective Clean Energy Fund, which offers energy-efficiency loan products, and are exploring additional opportunities such as on-bill repayment programs. Staff also noted that solar garden programs administered by Energy Outreach Colorado may help offset energy costs for some participants.

Staff also invited committee members to participate in one-on-one stakeholder interviews and encouraged members to share contacts who could provide expertise as the incentive program design continues.

Administrative Items

Member Comment/Other Matters

Executive Director Doug Rex noted that two new members are expected to join the committee, pending DRCOG Board approval. The anticipated additions are:

Director Bailey – Town of Mountain View

Director Dukes – City of Commerce City

Rex thanked Chair Kondo for his leadership and continued service on the committee.

Staff also recognized Cam Kennedy, whose final meeting this was before departing DRCOG for a position with the federal government. Committee members thanked Kennedy for his contributions to the development and launch of the Power Ahead Colorado program.

. Next Meeting – April 10, 2026

Adjournment

There were no additional comments, and the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.