

**Attachment A
Meeting Summary**

Power Ahead Colorado Oversight Committee

Friday, November 14, 2025

DRCOG Office (1001 17th St, Denver) – Red Rocks Conference Room

Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:

Nicole Speer	City of Boulder
Emily Baer	Town of Erie
Richard Kondo (Chair)	City of Northglenn
Sharnell Smith (Alternate)	Black Parents United Foundation
Doug Rex	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Steve Douglas	Commerce City
Stephen Shepherd	Building Owners and Managers Association

DRCOG staff: Chris Selk, Cam Kennedy, Clay McCombe, Fernando Briones, Greg Miao, Mac Prather, Robert Spotts, Luke Chabonneau, Crystal Egelkamp

Call to Order

Chair Richard Kondo called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Public Comment

Chair Kondo took the opportunity to note that since the committee is now in need of a new Vice Chair, please reach out to him or Cam Kennedy if interested in the role, and Executive Director Doug Rex added that DRCOG guidelines state that only a DRCOG Board member can fill the position.

**October 10, 2025, Power Ahead Colorado Oversight Committee Meeting
Summary**

The summary was accepted.

Discussion Items

Update on DORA Sunrise Engagement Sessions

Clay McCombe, Program Manager, discussed that DRCOG asked the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) to attend two stakeholder engagement sessions on October 30 (one for industry and another for local licensing offices). The intent of these sessions was not to determine what a license would recommend or the specific nature of what bill language would look like. Rather, it is simply an opportunity to better inform the Sunrise Review with feedback from the individuals who this regulation does and would affect most. Over 200 people participated in the meetings, and DORA will publish its official report on December 31, 2025.

Building Policy Collaborative Jurisdictional Subaward Program Update

Greg Miao, Building Policy Program Manager, discussed that through the Jurisdictional Subaward Program, DRCOG provides funding to help jurisdictions build staff capacity, receive training, enhance permitting systems, and pursue technical and policy assistance. In Round 1, DRCOG allocated approximately \$34.8 million in formula-based subawards to eligible jurisdictions. Round 1 feedback identified several challenges and opportunities for improvement, including insufficient minimum award levels for smaller jurisdictions, a lengthy application timeline, uncertainty around eligible activities, and the need for additional education and engagement among elected officials and building departments.

Round 2 will build on these lessons by obligating the remaining ~\$12 million through a competitive process. Feedback was subsequently sought from committee members in a breakout activity regarding how to expand local government participation, particularly among smaller communities, and encourage projects that emphasize innovation, policy implementation, and benefits to low-income communities.

Administrative Items

Member Comment/Other Matters

Executive Director Rex stated that DRCOG is seeking to trademark Power Ahead Colorado, and legal counsel is involved to make sure that the process is done correctly. Additionally, DRCOG is getting one-on-one meetings next week with the Commissioners on Colorado's Public Utilities Commission to discuss this program in more detail.

Robert Spotts stated on January 13 that the website will launch, and the Colorado Contractor Hub will also go live. Then, not even two weeks later, on January 26, the marketing launch will begin with billboards, radio ads, Spotify commercials, etc., as we begin to roll out our message on a much wider scale.

Next Meeting – December 12, 2025 (virtual)

Adjournment

There were no additional comments, and the meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.