

AGENDA

COUNCIL LEAD SESSION

Monday, November 3, 2025 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM

President's Dining Room, Donovan Dining Center
Rhode Island College, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave, Providence, RI 02908

Members of the public may join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85496970055>
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OVERVIEW

The Energy Efficiency Council's Learning, Education, and Advancement Discussion (LEAD) Sessions are held twice a year, in the spring and fall, as an extension of the Council's regular monthly meetings. These sessions provide space for deeper learning, open discussion, and stronger connection among Council members. LEAD Sessions are designed to be highly participatory, with topics shaped by Councilor input to reflect current priorities. Discussions typically focus on Council responsibilities, efficiency planning considerations, and deeper dives into the evolving energy efficiency landscape. All Council members are expected to attend, and sessions are open to the public.

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12:45 – 1:00 PM	15 min	Arrival, Refreshments & Welcome
1:00 – 1:05 PM	5 min	Public Comment
1:05 – 1:25 PM	20 min	Welcome & Icebreaker
1:25 – 2:10 PM	50 min	Efficient Housing for All Community of Practice – Results & Recommendations
1:25 – 1:55 PM	20 min	- Presentation by URI Cooperative Extension
1:55 – 2:10 PM	30 min	- Council Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team
2:10 – 2:30 PM	20 min	Group Photo & Break
2:30 – 3:35 PM	65 min	Residential Contractor Panel: Insights from the Field
2:30 – 2:45 PM	15 min	- Contractor Introductions
2:45 – 3:35 PM	50 min	- Q&A Discussion with Contractors Facilitated by Consultant Team
3:35 – 3:55 PM	20 min	2026 Energy Efficiency Plan Docket
3:35 – 3:40 PM	5 min	- Presentation by Consultant Team
3:40 – 3:55 PM	15 min	- Council Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team
3:55 – 4:00 PM	5 min	Wrap Up

All materials associated with the Energy Efficiency Council are the work of the "Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council" and any public meetings materials posted on the RI Secretary of State website should be searched using that title.

OBJECTIVES

Efficient Housing for All Community of Practice – Results & Recommendations

The University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension will present findings and recommendations from the *2025 Efficient Housing for All Community of Practice (EHACoP)* – a Council-funded initiative that worked through an established network of trusted community ambassadors to listen, learn, and co-develop solutions to the barriers preventing income-eligible Rhode Islanders from fully accessing the benefits of energy efficiency programs. The project brought together residents, community health workers, and energy professionals to build energy literacy, strengthen trust, and identify strategies for more equitable program delivery. The presentation will highlight lessons learned about structural and relational barriers, effective community engagement, and opportunities for systems change. URI will share recommendations for next steps toward integrating energy efficiency into the suite of resources that community-based health workers help residents access and navigate.

Residential Contractor Panel – Insights from the Field

This session will bring together voices from Rhode Island’s residential energy efficiency contractor community to share on-the-ground insights and challenges. Contractors are on the front lines of program delivery, engaging directly with homeowners, renters, and multifamily property owners, and their experiences can provide valuable context for the Council’s work to advance equitable, cost-effective energy efficiency. This interactive discussion will aim to give Council members an inside view of the current residential landscape and contractor challenges, and surface actionable insights that can inform the Council’s future priorities and recommendations.

2026 Energy Efficiency Plan Docket

Following Rhode Island Energy’s filing of their proposed 2026 Energy Efficiency Plan, the Public Utilities Commission has opened Docket 25-37-EE. This session makes space for the Consultant Team to provide an update to the Council on the Docket with topics including data requests, testimony, and upcoming scheduling. The objective of this session is to ensure there is an opportunity for the Council to weigh in on any key items that may warrant its input during the time between the Council’s regularly scheduled meetings.