

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: Registration Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/68u8cZNeSl2HOAGdtNVkHg>



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 – 2:10 PM	65 min	Efficient Housing for All Community of Practice – Results & Recommendations
1:05 – 1:20 PM	15 min	- Presentation by URI Cooperative Extension
1:20 – 2:10 PM	50 min	- Council Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team
2:10 – 2:30 PM	20 min	Group Photo & Break
2:30 – 3:55 PM	85 min	2026 Energy Efficiency Plan Docket*
2:30 – 2:40 PM	10 min	- Discussion Framing by Consultant Team
2:40 – 3:55 PM	75 min	- Council Discussion Facilitated by Consultant Team and Potential Vote on Testimony
3:55 – 4:00 PM	5 min	Wrap Up

*The Council may vote to enter an Executive Session (also referred to as a closed meeting) pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-4(a) to discuss the Council's draft testimony in Docket 25-37-EE as described in the agenda. The business to be discussed and the statutory purpose of entering into an Executive Session, is R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2): "Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation."

EFFICIENT HOUSING FOR ALL COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE - RESULTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Objectives

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.

Discussion Prompts

- What stands out most from the EHACoP findings in terms of what's working and what's still missing in efforts to engage income-eligible households in energy efficiency?
- How can Rhode Island's programs better address relational barriers such as trust, communication, and cultural competence, alongside structural barriers like pre-weatherization and eligibility constraints?
- Does the concept of "Energy Navigators" or similar community-embedded roles make sense? Should it be integrated into program delivery structures?
- How can feedback loops be institutionalized to ensure continuous learning from community partners and participants?
- What next steps should the Council consider to support equitable systems change, whether through funding, collaboration, plan priorities, policy recommendations, etc.? What additional information does the Council need to consider next steps?

Resources

- [URI Cooperative Extension EHACoP Final Report Overview Presentation](#)
- [URI Cooperative Extension EHACoP Final Report](#)
- [URI Cooperative Extension DRAFT Education Proposal for 2026](#)

2026 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN DOCKET

Objectives

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, Councilor Gill Case, and the Council's legal representation to review and discuss the Council's pre-filed testimony in this Docket (Consultant Team and Councilor Gill Case). The objective of this session is to ensure that Councilors have the opportunity to review, provide feedback, and suggest edits to draft testimony before it is filed with the Public Utilities Commission by the November 7th deadline (note that this

deadline has been extended from the original deadline of November 3rd for all parties). Meeting this objective will ensure that both the Consultant Team and Councilor Gill Case are able to convey that their testimony is on behalf of the entire Council with its support. The Council may wish to formally vote to endorse either or both sets of testimony.

Discussion Prompts

- Is the Council comfortable with the breadth and depth of the topics covered in both sets of testimony?
- Are there any topics not covered in the draft testimony that Councilors feel is missing?
- How do Councilors want the testimony to convey its position regarding savings goals (i.e. inform of a general preference for maintaining goals for 2025 versus requesting the Commission approve a level of savings different from what the Company has filed)?
- What are the potential benefits or drawbacks if the Council decides to request the Commission to approve an alternative?

Resources

- [Consultant Team Docket Strategy Presentation from EEC 10/16/2025 Meeting](#)
- [Rhode Island Energy 2026 Plan Filing](#)
- [Docket 25-37-EE \(2026 Plan\) Page](#)
- [Consultant Team 2025 Plan Docket Summary Memo](#)
- [Councilor Teichert's 2025 Plan Docket Testimony](#)
- [Consultant Team's 2025 Plan Docket Testimony](#)