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## **The Colorado Energy Office and Department of Local Affairs Announce Energy Code Board Appointees**

*The Energy Code Board will review, approve, and recommend energy codes for new buildings  
and retrofits to existing buildings*

**DENVER - Friday, September 30, 2022** - The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) announced today their appointees to a newly convened 21-member Energy Code Board (ECB). [House Bill 22-1362 Building Greenhouse Gas Emissions](#) directed the Directors of CEO and DOLA to appoint and convene this task force to adopt minimum energy codes for new and renovated buildings. These codes must meet statutory requirements for solar readiness and electric vehicle and building electrification pre-wiring in the near term, and maximized carbon reductions consistent with maintaining housing affordability in the longer term.

Governor Polis' administration is working to create a more equitable, low-carbon and clean energy economy. Several state agencies, including CEO and DOLA, are working together to deliver on the goals of this vision through the Colorado [Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Roadmap](#). The Roadmap analysis shows the combustion of fossil fuels in buildings and industry is one of the five major sources of GHG emissions in Colorado. Adopting minimum energy codes will lower energy costs, improve indoor air quality and reduce GHG pollution, moving the State closer to meeting its ambitious greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets of 26% by 2025, 50% by 2030, and 90% by 2050, compared to 2005 levels.

HB22-1362 requires the Energy Code Board to represent members with a variety of interests and experiences, as well as members from each of the State's climate zones. In line with these requirements, CEO and DOLA have appointed the following individuals:



**Seats selected by Director Garcia, DOLA:**

<b>Appointee</b>	<b>Board Seat</b>	<b>Climate Zone &amp; County</b>
<b>Director Rick Garcia or his designee (TBD)</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Aaron Martinez, VP of Operations and Sustainability, Urban Land Conservancy</b>	Affordable housing representative - nonprofit for-rent housing builder	Climate Zone 4/5, City and County of Denver
<b>Lauren DeBell, Chief Strategy Officer, Elevation Community Land Trust</b>	Affordable housing representative - nonprofit for-sale housing builder	Climate Zone 4/5, Larimer County
<b>Cody Davis, Commissioner, Mesa County</b>	Building operations expert	Climate Zone 4/5, Mesa County
<b>Zachary Esquibel, Licensed Electrical Journeyman</b>	Licensed mechanical, electrical or plumbing trade representative	Climate Zone 4/5, Jefferson County
<b>Sean Wyatt, Business Manager, Denver Plumbers Local #3</b>	Licensed mechanical, electrical or plumbing trade representative whom is a member of a labor organization	Climate Zone 4/5, Weld County
<b>Thomas Riead, Mechanical Engineer, Tolin Mechanical Systems</b>	Mechanical, electrical or plumbing services contractor OR statewide association representative of such contractors	Climate Zone 4/5, Douglas County
<b>Andrew Harris, Senior Officer, Richmond American Homes of Colorado, Inc.</b>	Statewide home building professionals organization representative	Climate Zone 4/5, City and County of Denver
<b>Don Suppes, Commissioner, Delta County</b>	Rural county representative	Climate Zone 4/5, Delta County
<b>Tim Pate, Chief Building Official, City and County of Broomfield</b>	Urban municipality representative	Climate Zone 4/5, City and County of Broomfield



**Seats selected by Director Toor, CEO:**

<b>Appointee</b>	<b>Board Seat</b>	<b>Climate Zone &amp; County</b>
<b>Director Will Toor or his designee (TBD)</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Kevin Eronimous</b> , Licenced Architect, SAR+ Architects	Architect	Climate Zone 4/5, City and County of Denver
<b>Brad Smith</b> , Project Manager, Utility Energy Services, City of Fort Collins	Building energy code expert	Climate Zone 4/5, Larimer County
<b>Mary Wiener</b> , Energy Efficiency Program, Holy Cross Energy	Electric, gas, or electric & gas utility representative	Climate Zone 5, 6, 7, Garfield County
<b>Kristen Taddonio</b> , Senior Climate and Energy Advisor, Institute for Governance & Sustainable Development	Energy efficiency expert	Climate Zone 7, Grand County
<b>Kim Wheels</b> , Professional Mechanical Engineer, representing EcoAction Partners	Environmental or sustainability group representative	Climate Zone 6, San Miguel County
<b>Chris Menges</b> , Director of Climate Action, The Nature Conservancy	Environmental or sustainability group representative	Climate Zone 7, Pitkin County
<b>Elizabeth Gillmor</b> , Licensed Architectural Engineer, Energetics Consulting Engineers, LLC	Professional engineer with experience working on building systems	Climate Zone 4/5, Arapahoe County
<b>Carolyn Elam</b> , Sustainability Senior Manager, Energy Systems, City of Boulder	Solar power expert	Climate Zone 4/5, Boulder County
<b>Jason MacMillan</b> , Mayor Pro-Tem, Building Code Update Committee, Crested Butte Town Council	Rural municipality representative	Climate Zone 7, Gunnison County
<b>Ron Flax</b> , Chief Building Official, Boulder County	Urban county representative	Climate Zone 4/5, Boulder County



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**“We are delighted that so many strong candidates are willing to volunteer for the Energy Code Board,”** said CEO Executive Director Will Toor. **“The depth of experience and insight from important stakeholder groups will be essential to adopting minimum energy codes for new buildings that meet the legislative requirements and move us closer to our pollution reduction goals.”**

**“It’s imperative that local governments and affordable housing builders engage in the newly evolving energy code requirements,”** said DOLA Executive Director Rick Garcia. **“I am pleased these DOLA appointees are a cadre of experienced construction professionals and local building officials who will contribute to the outcomes of the Legislation.”**

The Energy Code Board will convene within the coming weeks and be facilitated by a Board facilitator selected through a competitive solicitation process by the CEO.

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#### **About the Colorado Energy Office**

To deliver on the vision of a prosperous, clean energy future for Colorado, the Colorado Energy Office works to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and consumer energy costs by advancing clean energy, energy efficiency and zero emission vehicles to benefit all Coloradans. Go to [energyoffice.colorado.gov](http://energyoffice.colorado.gov) to learn more.

#### **About the Colorado Department of Local Affairs**

DOLA serves as the primary interface between the State and local communities. DOLA provides financial support to local communities, and professional and technical services to community leaders in the areas of governance, housing, and property taxation. Go to [cola.colorado.gov](http://cola.colorado.gov) to learn more.