



## Meeting Minutes

### DLC Industry Advisory Committee Meeting Q2 2026

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

2:00pm – 4:00pm EST

#### Attendance

**DLC:** Tina Halfpenny, Stuart Berjansky, Andrew Antares

**IAC:** Mark Hand, Michael Davidson, Kassim Tremblay, Evan Smith, Eric Miller, Dan Wang-Munson, Tyson Taussig, Bernie Erickson, Steve Irving, Calum Scott, Jeremy Yon, Greg Hermanowycz, Jenny Shockley, Michael Armstrong

#### Around the Room

Members reported continued supply chain pressure and cost increases due to demand for semiconductors in AI data center manufacturing. At the same time, members reported growth for electrical contractors and distributors, increased controls activity, and continued demand for LED-to-LED retrofit work.

Members also raised concern about the V6.0 transition, including delisting timing, stranded inventory, and products remaining on shelves after key deadlines. There has also been a shift in customer priorities. While still interested in efficiency, they are increasingly focused on appearance, comfort, controls, light levels, and long-term project value.

#### DLC Updates

- **NLC V5.2:** DLC reviewed the timeline and comment summary.
- **Hort V5.0 Update:** Draft 1 has shifted from Q3 2026 to Q1 2027.
- **Webinars:** DLC review upcoming webinars and the IAC requested webinars on controls verification and LED-to-LED retrofit guidance.
- **Summit:** DLC reviewed the summit agenda.

#### Planning Collaboration

DLC reviewed the takeaways from the Q1 whiteboarding exercise and presented proposals for next steps. The group agreed that the topic of Wellness & Human-Centric Lighting should wait until 2027 to develop further and that Hort Market Development should be discussed during the Hort V5.0 draft 1 development in 2027. DLC reviewed the feedback on the SSL V6.0 implementation process and their plans to continue finding efficiencies in the review process.

The group then discussed challenges and next steps around the following topics:

*Prescriptive lighting program design*

LED-to-LED projects are often moving forward without controls, leaving significant energy and operational savings on the table. Clearer guidance on how programs can use DLC controls categories and tables in custom, prescriptive, and midstream designs.

Members also noted that many customers are focused on minimizing upfront costs rather than long-term value, avoided future upgrades, functionality, and operating savings. Controls incentives may need greater visibility and simpler administration, particularly as non-controls products have become increasingly commoditized.

#### *NLC-HVAC System Integration*

Members noted that integration is difficult because projects are often scoped, bid, and delivered across different trades. The group discussed the need to engage facility managers and other building stakeholders more directly, while recognizing that utilities often manage those customer relationships. Messaging may need to move beyond technical materials and focus more on practical, accessible, and emotionally resonant explanations of why integrated systems matter.

#### **Outdoor lighting market & light pollution solutions**

Members noted customers often remain focused primarily on energy-efficiency conversions. Outdoor fixtures that provide selectable settings also provide cause actual installations to drift from project design. Developing best-practice recommendations could address this issue. A subcommittee may be necessary to properly develop these solutions.