Meeting Minutes

DLC Industry Advisory Committee Meeting Q3 2026

Tuesday, August 11th, 2026

2:00pm – 4:00pm EST

Attendance

DLC: Tina Halfpenny, Stuart Berjansky, Andrew Antares
IAC: Greg Hermanowycz, Tyson Taussig, Jeremy Yon, Evan Smith, Mark Hand, Francois R.-Moisan, Eric Miller, Eric Fournier, Bernie Erickson, Devin Jernigan, Dan Wang-Munson, Michael Oboyle, Michael Davidson

IAC Around the Room

Members reported continued supply chain pressure, rising component costs, and long lead times, driven in part by demand from data center construction and by changes in trade policy. Some noted reduced product lines and discontinued products, soft demand for typically high-selling goods, and difficulty competing with price-insensitive buyers. Members also noted that educating the market on controls remains a challenge, even as controls expand the scope of their work.

DLC Updates

- **SSL QPL Updates:** The QPL now supports exact model number searches that identify controls options. The Controls Options Table links each controls option to its controls category and to NLC systems, which members found helpful.
- **SSL V6.0 & LUNA V2.0 Review Progress:** DLC reiterated the October 9th deadline to update products and reviewed progress. Products submitted by the deadline will not be delisted while still under review, and applications submitted afterward will be lower priority. Members asked DLC to communicate expected review timeframes after the deadline.
- **2026 DLC Summit:** DLC encouraged members to register for the Summit and the in-person IAC meeting in Los Angeles.
- **NLC V5.2 Implementation:** NLC V5.2 was released at the end of June and adds a pathway for horticulture systems.
- **QPL Integrity Policy:** DLC announced the upcoming release of Draft 1, which brings QPL integrity policies together and renames surveillance testing to Routine Quality Monitoring. The final version is expected in early 2027.

Priority Topics Discussion

Market Adoption of V6

Members noted that V6.0 increases the savings available for LED-to-LED incentives. When controls are not deployed or commissioned as specified, programs lose savings, and some utilities are now funding ongoing monitoring and reporting requirements. Programs are showing interest in ANSI C137.9 reporting, with some considering it as early as 2027.

Prescriptive Lighting Program Design

BriteSwitch data shows programs continuing to shift toward controls incentives. Members reported that many earlier LED projects were under-lit, so new projects often add light, and controls add cost that incentives alone do not cover. Because midstream programs rarely include controls, projects often have to combine midstream and prescriptive rebates. Manufacturers reported strong controls growth where strategies are implemented correctly from the start, though experienced electricians can be resistant.

NLC-HVAC System Integration

Members see growing interest in whole-building efficiency, including in small and medium buildings. The availability of compatible thermostats is not yet clear, and packaged offerings have been the most successful.

Outdoor Lighting Market and Light Pollution Solutions

LUNA adoption is gaining traction, including new program incentives. DLC encouraged manufacturers to make sure qualifying products are listed.