Meeting Minutes

DLC Industry Advisory Committee Meeting Q4 2026

Wednesday, October 28th, 2026

8:00am – 12:00pm PDT

Attendance

DLC: Tina Halfpenny, Stuart Berjansky, Andrew Antares, Steve White, Leora Radetsky, Aaron Feldman, Lauren Falconer, Nikki Kludge
IAC: Tyson Taussig, Evan Smith, Calum Scott, Bernie Erickson, Eric Fournier, Steve Irving, Mark Hand, Dan Wang-Munson, Michael Davidson, Greg Hermanowycz, Francois R.-Moisan, Jeremy Yon (remote)

DLC Updates

DLC reviewed comments received on Draft 1 of the QPL Integrity Policy, which is expected to be released in early 2027. Surveillance testing has been renamed Routine Quality Monitoring. Manufacturers raised concerns about the proposed minimum dimming testing, were split on allowing DLC logos on products and packaging, and asked to designate a specific contact and to have more flexibility on response times. Members indicated strong benefit from dimming testing and from auditing controls categories and field-adjustable settings, and were largely neutral on logos.

Summit Key Takeaways

Members described a confidence gap around controls at every level: how to sell them, how to install them, and how to prove the savings. Members noted there are not enough trained installers, and that utilities are steering LED-to-LED projects toward Premium products with controls. They also noted that the value of connectivity and interoperability is not well understood across the supply chain. Suggestions included a TRM primer for those new to the lighting space, sales resources for distributors, and clearer guidance for utilities on what is working. The on-site Summit survey had a 45% response rate, above the typical 25–35%.

SSL V6.0

The October 9th deadline to update V5.1 products has passed, and products that have not qualified will be delisted on December 15th. Roughly half of V5.1 products are expected to move to V6.0, in line with manufacturer estimates from earlier in the year. Controls are reviewed after a product qualifies, and members found the Controls Options Table helpful. Members asked for guidance on review timing for applications submitted after the deadline. DLC noted that the annual listing fee beginning in 2027 is $100 per product family.

Members agreed that V6.0 is an enabler for wider controls adoption and that trade allies need to better understand its value. DLC described V6.0 and NLC V5.2 as converging toward a system approach that connects fixtures and controls.

2027 Themes

DLC shared a preliminary view of its 2027 priorities: stronger utility programs, more useful product data, adoption beyond utilities through states, cities, and public buyers, and documented real-world savings. Two barriers raised at the Summit, utility incentives and savings verification, fit within this draft. Contractor training and interoperability are not yet included.

Beyond 2027

DLC introduced flexible load as a central theme for its longer-term view, noting projected U.S. load growth of 166 GW by 2030 and the role controls can play in load shed and HVAC savings. Members then broke out on the top barriers to controls adoption:

- **Contractor training:** Manufacturers train their own channels, but there are too few trainers. An optional industry certification could help.
- **Utility incentives:** Utilities are designing programs around V6.0 and are looking for a blueprint.
- **Savings verification:** Little data exists, especially for small buildings. Pilots and standardized reporting could help.
- **Interoperability:** Industry efforts to define interoperability are underway and extend beyond lighting.