



**PLANNING, POLICY AND  
INTERPRETATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE (PPIS)**

**MINUTES**

**Spring Meeting  
Conference Call  
Meeting of April 2, 2026**

NOTE: These draft minutes have not been approved and are the unofficial record by PPIS.

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**ACTION ITEMS ASSIGNED SPRING 2026**

AI#	Action	Assigned To	Status
1	None		

## 1. Call to Order/Introductions and Review of Agenda

### Call to Order/Chair's Report

The Planning, Policy and Interpretations Subcommittee (PPIS) meeting was called to order on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 10:01 a.m. via teleconference.

### Introductions

Chairman Karl Peterman greeted members and guests. .

#### PPIS Members

Karl Peterman  
Marcus Hassen  
Michael Patton  
Chris Seeton

#### PPIS Members Absent

Kelley Cramm

#### Guests

Clark Denton

#### Staff

Ryan Shanley, *GMOCS*  
Tanisha Lisle, *MOS*  
Klaudette Spencer, *SAS*

## 2. Chairman's Report

Chairman greeted guests and discussed the ASHRAE Code of Ethics, Anti-Trust Guidelines and the prohibition of recording meetings. Chairman had no official report.

## 3. Staff Report

Staff mentioned that the ASHRAE audit is officially over and updated procedural documents have been posted. The updated PC Guide to PASA has not been posted yet, Staff is currently working on the table with the link of resources, this should be completed within the next two weeks.

## 4. Approval of Minutes

PPIS Winter meeting minutes were approved via the OSR.

## 5. Review of Action Items/Unfinished Business

### 5A. Action Items - None.

A list of action items was presented to members for review (see pg. 2). PPIS members will continue to review their assigned action item(s).

## 6. Planning – New Projects

PPIS received a new TPS proposal for consideration from Mr. Clark Denton of TC 9.13, *SPACE (Extraterrestrial and Deep Space Environmental Control Systems)*. PPIS's discussion centered on whether ASHRAE should pursue a standard or guideline for spacecraft cabin air quality, particularly as NASA increasingly relies on commercial partners like SpaceX and Blue Origin. PPIS members debated the value, scope, and enforceability of such a document, noting that space environments differ fundamentally from terrestrial or aviation settings due to the absence of fresh air and unique

contaminants. While NASA has its own broad guidelines and certification requirements for missions it sponsors, gaps exist for purely commercial or space tourism missions, where an ASHRAE document could provide specific, design-oriented criteria useful to spacecraft designers. Concerns were raised about limited industry engagement, overlap with existing ASHRAE committees (such as 62.1 and 161), potential misuse or circumvention of requirements, and the implications of ASHRAE standards becoming de facto regulatory instruments if adopted by government bodies. Several members expressed greater comfort with developing a guideline rather than a standard due to enforceability, market uncertainty, and the need for flexibility, while acknowledging that the topic warrants further discussion, potential harmonization with other standard groups, and reconsideration at the next meeting.

## **7. Policy – Procedural Changes**

PPIS also discussed changes to the PC Guide to PASA, *Voting* section brought forward by Phil Johnson. Phil requested a review of the PC Guide to PASA and the *Proposed Changes to an Approved TPS* form to clarify whether or not a vote for the TPS change form (at the PC level) is considered a standards action vote. PPIS agreed that the relevant sections would benefit from greater clarity and revised the applicable portions of the PC Guide to PASA accordingly. Staff will share the updated language with Mr. Johnson to confirm that it addresses his concerns before PPIS proceeds with a formal vote. This item will be revisited at the next PPIS meeting.

*Note: Following the call, the changes were sent to Phillip for review, and he confirmed they met his request.*

## **8. Interpretations**

The PASA voting interpretation request submitted by Max Sherman is still under review. PPIS has requested that SPLS gather additional information from the Project Committees before a decision is made.

## **9. New Business**

None.

## **10. Recess**

PPIS adjourned at 11:33 am ET.