



**CABA**  
Connected Home Council

**CABA Connected Home Council (CHC)  
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, July 25, 2023  
12 PM – 1:30 PM (ET) via Webinar

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**CHC Executive:**

CHC Chair, Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

CHC Vice-Chair, Charles Hume (Southwire Company, LLC)

**Present:**

American Lighting Association, Terry McGowan

Atom Power, Amila Ranasinghe

Axis Communications, Inc., Joshua Gerena

CEDIA, Giles Sutton

Consumer Technology Association, Mike Bergman

Copeland, Victor Vera

Draper, Inc., Tyson McDonald

EkeyUSA Systems, LLC, Hassan Hares

Environmental Systems Design, Inc., Steve Brown

ERG Energy Efficiency, Michael Dabbene

exp. US Services, Inc., Jon Larry

GLG, John Diamant

Johnson Controls Inc., Arun Veda

Johnson Controls Inc., Joseph Klotz

Johnson Controls Inc., Salvador Landin

Kimberly-Clark Professional, Jon Boulos

KNX Association, Jesus Arias

Mecho, Rezaur Rahman

Mecho, Rich Bottles

National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), Bryan Holland

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), CanmetENERGY, Marius Farcasiu

Nyveld Networks, Ben Nyveld

Parks Associates, Elizabeth Parks

Parks Associates, Megan Holland

Resideo Technologies, Inc., Raj Rajagopalan

Resideo Technologies, Inc., David Kaufman

Siemens Industry, Inc., Paul Pelczynski

Siemens Industry, Inc., Richard Rivera

Siemens Industry, Inc., William Vargo

Snap One, LLC., Patrick Dunlavey

Snap One, LLC., Eric Harper

Southwire Company, Maegan Sherrill  
Springs Window Fashions, Zengwei Zheng  
St. Patrick Development, Christos Petsinis  
Sustainable Resources Management Inc., David Katz  
Trane Technologies, Glenn Gasmen  
Trane Technologies, Mangaya Sivagnanam  
Trane Technologies, Chris Gist  
Trane Technologies, Kurt Kalmbach  
Trane Technologies, Dan Desruisseaux

## **CHC Meeting AGENDA**

### **1. Agenda - Greg Walker (CABA)**

Greg Walker thanked everyone for attending, outlined the agenda, and alerted everyone that the meeting was being recorded and will be made available to the industry.

### **2. Call to Order, Welcome and Introduction, about the CHC – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)**

Ken Wacks welcomed everyone and introduced: IBC Vice-Chair Charles Hume (Southwire Company, LLC) and keynote speaker Mike Bergman (Consumer Technology Association).

### **3. Administrative – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)**

#### **3.1 Motion to Approve Past CHC Minutes**

Ken Wacks informed everyone that the May 9, 2023 CHC meeting minutes were circulated and posted on the CABA Website in the CHC section: [CLICK HERE](#).

The motion to approve the May 9, 2023 CHC minutes was moved by Chris Larry (exp. US Services, Inc.), and the motion was seconded by David Katz (Sustainable Resource Management). Unopposed motion carried.

#### **3.2 Call for CHC Vice Chairs**

Ken Wacks made a call for volunteers as Vice-Chairs for the Connected Home Council (CHC). If there is any interest, please contact CABA to further discuss.

#### 4. Research Update – Greg Walker (CABA)

##### 2022 CHC Landmark Research “Smart Home Energy Management” - Greg Walker (CABA)



Greg Walker (CABA) announced the completion of the 2022 CHC Landmark Research project, Smart Home Energy Management. The [Executive Summary](#) is now available on the CABA website. CABA extends its thanks to Broan-NuTone, Resideo, Snap One, Honda, and Thread Group for their support on this project.

##### 2023 CHC Landmark Research “Smart Home Technology & Market Trends” - Greg Walker (CABA)

Greg Walker (CABA) gave a brief overview of this 2023 CHC Landmark Research Project, “Smart Home Technology & Market Trends”. Only the funders will receive the full \$40,000 of research but the Executive Summary of the research will be available to CABA Members. Funding opportunities range from \$5K-\$10K depending on the benefits. To receive this research and become a funder, please contact Greg Walker (CABA) at [walker@caba.org](mailto:walker@caba.org). [CLICK HERE](#) for the research prospectus and other supporting documents.



Five (5) CABA members have already joined this research project:



## 5. CHC Webinar



Mike Bergman  
Vice President of Technology  
and Standards



**“A U.S. National Cybersecurity Label for Consumer-Connected Devices, & Beyond” (30 min)** – Greg Walker (CABA) (Moderator), Mike Bergman (Consumer Technology Association)

Greg introduced Mike Bergman who presented the keynote and participated in the Q&A.

**Description:** On October 20, 2022, the White House announced a plan to create a cybersecurity assurance mark for consumer-connected products. The effort is well underway thanks to significant work from NIST and the private sector, led by groups including the Consumer Technology Association. Mike Bergman, Vice President at CTA, provided real-time updates on this fast-moving activity as the U.S. government and private sector work together to establish an effective program at a national scale.

**Contact:** Mike Bergman, [mbergman@CTA.tech](mailto:mbergman@CTA.tech)  
<https://CTA.tech/Cyber-Labeling>

## 6. CABA Journal – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates) presented the CABA Journal and urged all attendees to contribute their articles for consideration. If you're interested in submitting a proposal or an article, you can reach out to [klopotowska@caba.org](mailto:klopotowska@caba.org) or [kenn@alum.mit.edu](mailto:kenn@alum.mit.edu).

## 7. CABA Podcasts – Marta Klopotowska (CABA)

Marta Klopotowska (CABA) outlined CABA's Podcast series on [Spotify](#) and [Apple Podcasts](#). If you or someone that you know is interested in participating as a guest or host on a future episode, please contact Marta Klopotowska (CABA) at [klopotowska@caba.org](mailto:klopotowska@caba.org).

## 8. New Business - Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

Ken Wacks made a call for new business related to future CHC Guest/Keynote presentation topics and speakers, new CHC White Papers, new research projects and meeting ideas, etc.

David Katz (Sustainable Resource Management) – Green Building Initiative has announced a public input period and a complimentary pilot program for Green Globes Net Zero Energy and Green Globes Net Zero Carbon Programs. For anyone interested in learning more, please [click here](#).

9. **Announcements** – Greg Walker (CABA)

**Past Events**

[Connections Connected Home Summit](#) – May 23-25 | Frisco, TX

**Upcoming Events**

[Shanghai Smart Home Technology](#) – August 29-31 | Shanghai, China

[CEDIA Expo](#) – September 7-9 | Denver, CO

[Connections Connected Home Summit](#) – Virtual - Jul 20, Oct 5

[Smart Spaces \(Parks Associates\)](#) – Virtual - Jul 20, Oct 5, Nov 30

10. **Adjournment** (1:30 PM ET) – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

The next CHC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023.

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CABA CHC meetings are open to CABA Members and invited guests, and everyone is encouraged to participate. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info on the CHC, past minutes, participants, and terms of reference. Any CABA Member that attended as a guest will be added to the CHC unless they notify the CABA office by August 4, 2023, that their name should not be added. Non-CABA members that attended this meeting as a guest, should contact Marta Klopotoska at [klopotoska@caba.org](mailto:klopotoska@caba.org), to indicate if they wish to join the CHC or CABA. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on the CABA Benefits.

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