



ASHB

Smart Home Council

ASHB Smart Home Council (SHC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

12 PM – 1:30 PM (ET) via Webinar

SHC Executive:

SHC Chair, Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

SHC Vice-Chair, Josh Gerena (2N/Axis Communications)

Present:

Belimo Americas, Aaron Nobel

Caleb Controls, Antoine Karam

Cameco Corporation, Elaine Cowling

Cenmar Enterprises Inc., Frank Spitzer

Chicago Faucets, Patrick Tanzillo

Chicago Faucets, Shruti Dere

Cognitive Architecture LLC, Matthew Vanberg

Concentric IoT LLC, Mike Welch

Daikin North America LLC, Bevnoty Attia

ERG Energy Efficiency, Michael Dabbene

GB FOODS, John Adanlawo

GE Appliances, a Haier Company, Becky Heintz

GE Appliances, a Haier Company, Shawn Stover

inField Solutions Inc., Prasad Rao

inField Solutions Inc., Rakesh Tiku

ioXt Alliance, Grace Burkard

ioXt Alliance, Lloyd Linder

Legrand North America, Harold Jepsen

Leviton Network Solutions, Kirk Shulman

Leviton Network Solutions, John Walbridge

Multitech, Hemant Sarma

National Research Council Canada (NRC), Anca Galasiu

NLR, Xin Jin

OSAEDA, Praveen Chintakayala

Ottawa Valley Construction, John Meloche

RB Shields Me, LLC, Herman Torres

Resideo Technologies, Inc., David Kaufman

Resideo Technologies, Inc., Raj Rajagopalan

Siemens Industry, Inc., Arthi Janakiraman

Siemens Industry, Inc., William Vargo

Sinopé Technologies, Marc-André Legrand

Sustainable Resources Management Inc., David Katz

tekmar Control Systems Ltd., Gregory Leupin

tekmar Control Systems Ltd., Jay Vath

The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Co., Norman Thoms
UL Solutions, Nils Meinhardt
Yassini Broadband Knowledge Center, Rouzbeh Yassini

SHC Meeting AGENDA

Marta Klopotoska (ASHB) thanked everyone for attending, outlined the agenda, and alerted everyone that the meeting was being recorded and would be made available to the industry.

1. **Call to Order, Welcome, Introduction, and About the SHC** – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

Ken Wacks (SHC Chair) welcomed everyone and gave a short introduction to the SHC and what the council does.

2. **Administrative** – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

Ken Wacks informed everyone that the March 3, 2026, SHC meeting minutes were circulated and posted on the ASHB Website in the SHC section: [CLICK HERE](#).

3. **Research Update** – Greg Walker (ASHB)

2026 SHC Landmark Research – [Smart Home Trends & Technology Adoption](#)



Greg Walker provided an update on the 2026 Smart Home Trends & Technology Adoption Landmark Research Project. The annual study explores consumer attitudes, purchasing behavior, and technology adoption trends across North America through a survey of 500 homeowners and renters, supplemented by in-depth industry interviews.

The project will examine four key trend areas, which will be selected by the Steering Committee following the project launch. New for 2026, the Smart Home Device Adoption Curve, developed in collaboration with Resideo, will provide a framework for assessing market maturity and adoption patterns across a range of smart home device categories. For more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at admin@ashb.com.

4. **SHC Webinar**

“From Smart Homes to Safer Homes: How IoT Is Changing Insurance, Risk, and Property Protection” (30 min) – Marta Klopotoska (ASHB), Hemant Sarma, Strategic Advisor, Smart Home & Smart Building Ecosystems



Marta Klopotoska introduced Hemant Sarma, who presented the keynote and participated in the Q&A.

Description: Smart home technology is evolving from convenience and automation to proactive risk prevention. Hemant Sarma, Strategic Advisor, Smart Home & Smart Building Ecosystems, explores how connected solutions such as leak detection, fire prevention, environmental monitoring, and security systems are helping reduce property damage, improve safety, and provide new opportunities for data-driven risk management. The session also examined how insurers, property owners, and other stakeholders can benefit from real-time insights and verified sensor data as the industry shifts toward predictive prevention strategies.

Keynote Contact: Hemant Sarma – Email: hsarma2304@gmail.com Tel: 609 475 2828

5. **ASHB Podcasts** – Marta Klopotoska (ASHB)

Marta Klopotoska outlined ASHB’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 ASHB at admin@ashb.com.

6. **ASHB Whitepapers** - Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

An overview was given of the SHC White Paper review process, completed SHC White Papers and papers in progress. SHC White Papers are secondary literature review articles that are approximately 10-20 pages in length. These papers are written and distributed free of charge to inform the industry. For the papers to be approved by the SHC White Paper Sub-Committee (WPSC), they must have significant technical material of relevance to SHC members. They must not contain marketing material or promote an agenda. Any ASHB member can and is encouraged to complete the [white paper proposal](#) on the ASHB website.

All completed and approved ASHB White Papers are placed in the ASHB Public Library, Members Library, ASHB NewsBrief, ASHB Twitter Feed, and ASHB LinkedIn Group and promoted at industry events. To view the SHC White Paper terms of reference, previous SHC White Papers, and additional information, please go to: www.ashb.com/whitepapers.

SHC White Paper Sub-Committee:

- Ken Wacks Associates, Kenneth Wacks
- Consultant, Steve Samson

- Frost & Sullivan, Dilip Sarangan
- National Research Council Canada (NRC), Heather Knudsen
- Sustainable Resources Management Inc., David Katz

7. ASHB Journal – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)

Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates) presented the ASHB 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@ashb.com or kenn@alum.mit.edu.

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

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

No new business was brought forward.

9. Announcements – Marta Klopotowska (ASHB)

Upcoming Events

[Unify](#) by Connectivity Standards Alliance - June 16-18 | Austin, TX - ASHB is attending
[CEDIA Expo](#) - September 1-4 | Denver, CO - ASHB is attending and has a booth at the show.
[International Smart Space Exhibition \(ISSE\)](#) - September 23-27 | China
[IoT Tech Expo](#) - October 19-20 | Amsterdam

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

The next SHC Meeting will be held on August 13, 2026.

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ASHB SHC meetings are open to ASHB Members and invited guests, and everyone is encouraged to participate. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info on the SHC, past minutes, participants, and terms of reference. Any ASHB Member who attended as a guest will be added to the SHC unless they notify the ASHB office that their name should not be added. Non-ASHB members who attended this meeting as guests should contact Marta Klopotowska at klopotowska@ashb.com to indicate if they wish to join the SHC or ASHB. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on the ASHB Benefits.

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