



ASHB

Smart Home Council

ASHB Smart Home Council (SHC)

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 13, 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:

Adaptive Networks, Inc., Michael Propp

Ascendant Facility Partners, Russ Litsinger

AVIXA, Keisha Wooten-Smith

Bird Construction, Oleg Maslennikov

Building Commissioning Association (BCA), Andrew Gledhill

Chicago Faucets, Patrick Tanzillo

Cyber Power Systems USA, Tom Fuehrer

Einshtein | Caleb Controls, Antoine Karam

Environment Canada, Marius Farcasiu

Etherdyne Technologies, Inc., Jeffrey Yen

exp. US Services, Inc., Chris Larry

ICE Cable Systems, Timothy Copp

Infrastructure Ontario, Stanley Phil Harvey

JLL (Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated), Yann Palmore

Johnson Controls, Inc., Donald Bellamy

Johnson Controls, Inc., Srikant Raman

Ken Wacks Associates, Kenneth Wacks

Mecho, Lisa Isaacson

MHT Technologies, Akram Khalis

MHT Technologies, Greg Silverman

MHT Technologies, Robert Cote

Milele Design, Shani Sandy

Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA), Eric Olson

Oyela Consults Limited, Patrick Mwesigye

Parks Associates, Daniel Holcomb

Parks Associates, Elizabeth Pakrs

peterconsults, Peter Pearson

Ready for Security, Vincent Chan

Resideo Technologies, Inc., Blake Kozak

Robert H. Lane & Associates, John Bell

Siemens Industry, Inc., James Burroughs

Signify, Puneet Grover

SM&W, Adriaan Klaassen

St. Patrick Development Foundation, Christos Chris Petsinis

Sustainable Resources Management Inc., David Katz
tekmar Control Systems Ltd., Jay Vath
Trane Technologies, Jad Toomeh

SHC Meeting AGENDA

Marta Klopotowska (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 June 9, 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](#)

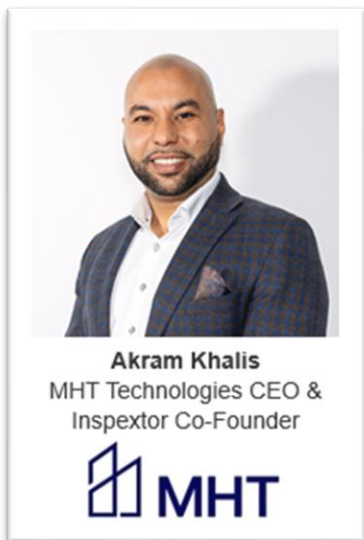


Greg Walker provided an update on the 2026 Smart Home Trends & Technology Adoption Landmark Research Project. The annual study explores consumer attitudes, purchasing behavior, and technology adoption trends across North America through a survey of 500 homeowners and renters, supplemented by in-depth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

The project will examine four key trend areas, which will be selected by the Steering Committee in the following weeks. 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 Intelligent Infrastructure: Why the Network Is Becoming the Foundation of Residential Design” (30 min) – Greg Walker (ASHB), Akram Khalis (MHT Technologies)



Greg Walker introduced Akram Khalis, who presented the keynote and participated in the Q&A.

Description: As smart homes become more connected and sophisticated, the underlying network infrastructure is increasingly shaping how homes are designed, powered, and operated. This presentation explored the growing role of low-voltage DC systems, Power over Ethernet (PoE), and unified network architectures in creating scalable, flexible, and efficient residential environments. The discussion examined the shift from device-centric automation to infrastructure-driven design and will highlight how builders, integrators, and designers can prepare for the next generation of intelligent homes.

Contact MHT Technologies: sales@mht-technologies.com, +1-718-524-4370

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 klopotoska@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 Klopotoska (ASHB)

Upcoming Events

[Smart Energy Summit](#) by Parks Associates - August 20 | Virtual

[CEDIA Expo](#) - September 1-4 | Denver, CO - ASHB will be attending the show, moderating a panel, and exhibiting at a booth.

[Smart Spaces](#) by Parks Associates - September 15-16 | Dallas, TX

[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 November 3, 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 Klopotoska at klopotoska@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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