

Alison Lindburg

Aurora, IL

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, 2001

B.A., Architecture, Minor in Spanish

EXPERIENCE

Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance

Director of Building Codes & Policy, March 2023 – Present

Senior Building Codes Manager, March 2016 – March 2023

- Provides policy and technical assistance to 13 states and their municipalities about building decarbonization through energy efficiency policies such as energy codes.
- Supervises a team that performs energy code compliance field studies, participates in code compliance collaboratives, and provides code compliance education and training programs in Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, Missouri, Michigan, and Wisconsin.
- Develops educational materials and outreach for a utility-funded project on development, adoption, and compliance with stretch codes and BPS in Illinois.
- Managed single-family residential and commercial energy code compliance field studies in Illinois and drafted a utility support program to increase compliance.
- Leads fiscal, energy, and policy research analysis regarding decarbonization and energy efficiency in buildings.
- Engages stakeholders in development, adoption, and compliance of building policies.
- Creates and disseminates education/training on code compliance and benchmarking/BPS implementation.
- Coordinates market transformation work to incorporate utilities into benchmarking, BPS, stretch codes and energy codes.
- Researches, analyzes and disseminates information on economic and environmental benefits of strong energy codes, and state/federal policy activity on building energy codes and energy efficiency standards.
- Involved in development of innovative tools to improve code compliance.
- Provided subject matter expert consultation and stakeholder outreach for the Minnesota Codes and Standards Roadmap (completed in 2021).
- Facilitates and participates in the use of advisory committees to solicit advice and recommendations on promoting equity, cost-effective solutions, and practical improvement of building energy consumption.

Fresh Energy

Director of Buildings, 2010-2016

- Created and managed the Minnesota Energy Codes Compliance Collaborative.
- Developed positions and strategies on policy matters and legislative priorities, and promoted efficiency policies, such as the City of Minneapolis Benchmarking Ordinance and adoption of the 2012 IECC.
- Convened and assembled stakeholder engagement, education, and advocacy.

- Co-led the benchmarking/data access work of the Minnesota Multifamily Affordable Housing Energy Network.
- Managed efforts on access to energy consumption data at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.
- Led statewide effort to add green building standards and HERS to largest Multiple Listing Service in MN.
- Advised zoning and policy on the largest metro land development in the Twin Cities.
- Provided research and testimony to Minnesota in adoption of its 2015 energy codes.

Dovetail Partners

Director of Eco-Affordable Housing Program, 2006 – 2010

- Helped develop green building standards and trainings for Habitat for Humanity of MN.
- Promoted sustainability, green building, and economic development in small communities through replicable demonstration projects, education, and facilitated discussions with affordable housing partners.
- Acted as designer, general contractor, and project manager while assisting with contractor training.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Do Stronger Energy Codes Move Development to Neighboring Jurisdictions, Aug. 2024
- Potential Impacts of Off-Site Construction for Multifamily & Public Housing, Aug. 2024
- Overcoming Barriers to BPS: A Collaborative, Grassroots Approach to Building Performance Standards, Aug. 2024
- A Win-Win Strategy: Municipality and Utility Partnerships on Advanced Building Policy Market Transformation, Aug. 2024
- Building Decarbonization Policies in the Midwest: Aug. 2022
- PHIUS + GEB: A Little Abbreviation Goes a Long Way, Aug. 2020
- Passive House as Energy Code in the Midwest, Aug. 2020
- Sometimes Talking is More Important than Walking: Conversation about Grid-Interactive Efficient Buildings, Aug. 2020

BOARDS/AFFILIATIONS

- Illinois Energy Code Advisory Council – Voting Member, 2022-current
- Illinois Building Energy Hub Advisory Board - Member, 2024- current
- International Code Council (ICC) 2024 International Energy Code Council (IECC) Residential Consensus Committee - Voting Member; Envelope and Embodied Energy Subcommittee -Voting Member, 2021-2024
- Minnesota Residential Energy Technical Advisory Group - Voting Member, 2023-current
- Building Performance Institute, Building Science Certification, 2023
- International Code Council Sustainability Membership Council - Chair, 2023-current; Vice Chair, 2021-2022; Secretary, 2017-2021
- Chicago Sustainable Development Policy Committee, 2016, 2020-current
- US Green Building Council of Minnesota, Board Member, 2012-2016
- GreenStar Technical Advisory Committee, 2007-2016
- Minnesota Green Communities Initiative Advisory Committee, 2005–2009
- Enterprise Green Communities Pre-Qualified Facilitator, 2006