

NHERI Council Monthly Meeting
September 4th, 2025, 11:00 – 12:00 PM, Eastern (8:00 AM, Pacific)

NHERI Council Meeting Minutes

Title: NHERI Council – September 2025

Location: <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/96458182889>

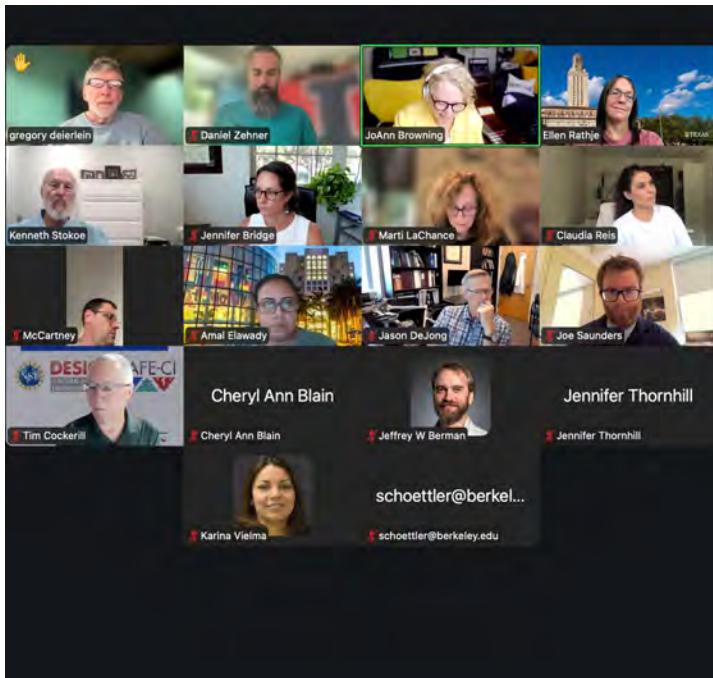
When: Sept 4, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Eastern

Attending:

- Oregon State University: Dan Cox (EF Dir. and Council Chair) and Pedro Lomonaco (Fac. Dir.) Hinsdale
- University of California, Berkeley: Matt DeJong (Co-Dir.), and Matt Schoettler (Assoc. Dir. – Ops), Stanford University: Greg Deierlein (Co-Dir), SimCenter
- University of California, Davis: Jason DeJong (EF Dir) and Dan Wilson (Assoc. Dir.) CGM
- University of California, San Diego: John McCartney (EF Dir.,) LHPOST
- University of Colorado Boulder: Lori Peek (Dir., CONVERGE)
- University of Florida: Jennifer Bridge (EF Dir.) Powell Lab
- University of Texas at Austin: Ellen Rathje (CI Dir. and Council Vice-Chair) and Tim Cockerill (Dep. Proj. Dir.) DesignSafe-CI
- University of Texas at Austin: Ken Stokoe (EF Dir.), Tricia Clayton (CoPi), and Sungmoon Hwang (syongmoon@utexas.edu) (Operations Manager) Texas Mobile Equipment Facility
- University of Washington: Joe Wartman (EF Dir.) and Jeff Berman (CoPI and Fac. Manager) RAPID
- National Science Foundation: Giovanna Biscontin (Prog. Dir, NHERI)
- Purdue University: Julio Ramirez (NCO Dir., Council Secretary), JoAnn Browning (NCO ECO Leader), Cheryl Ann Blain (NCO-Comms Leader) and Dan Zehner (NCO Sch./Ops. Coord.)
- Florida International University: Arindam Chowdhury (EF Dir.), Ioannis Sizis (CoPI) and Steve Diaz (Site Operations Manager) WOW
- Lehigh University: Jim Ricles (EF Dir.), Liang Cao (lic418@lehigh.edu), Joe Saunders, (Facility Manager), and Claudia Reis (Co-PI Lehigh NHERI Facility)
- Guests: Marti LaChance (NCO Media Manager), Karina Vielma (NCO Education leader)

Agenda

1. Attendance and introductions (All)



2. Minutes of 8/7/25 Meeting No. 11 in Y-9 (Rathje)

[Minutes](#) were not posted for the August 7, 2025 meeting, and so approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

3. Ongoing Business -

- a. "NHERI Presents Webinar" Speaker Nominations (JoAnn Browning, Ellen Rathje)
 - i. All: Send any media contacts and other people we need to inform and engage to JoAnn Browning and Marti LaChance.
 - ii. Send nominations to JoAnn Browning
- b. Update on the NHERI One-Pagers (JoAnn Browning, Marti LaChance)
 - i. Jeff Berman: Will take the lead for RAPID. Marti to send informational email and example from UT Austin.
- c. Status of Facility Dashboard (Dan Zehner)
 - i. Slides: [NCO Scheduling Dashboard.pptx](#)
 - ii. Dan Zehner to simplify language and send new version within 2 weeks for further comment before posting.

4. New Business

- a. Shortened Summer Institute (1.5 days)
- b. Sept. 30 EERI paper submittal 4 page max) deadline September 30, 2025.
- c. GA Tech has new faculty workshop for geotechnical early-career academics.

5. Adjourn



NCO Facility Scheduling Dashboard

Dan Zehner, FSOC

Natural Hazards Engineering Research
Infrastructure Network Coordination Office
(NHERI-NCO)

NSF Award CMMI 2129782

Facility Scheduling

At any given time, dozens of research projects are underway at NHERI's eight [Experimental Facilities](#). The Facility Scheduling Dashboard provides researchers with a centralized location for managing project experiments and offers a public view of the work underway at NHERI facilities.

The NHERI Network Coordination Office (NCO) oversees NHERI's centralized scheduling and will be rolling out phased updates to the Scheduling Dashboard.

Questions? Contact [Dan Zehner](#), NCO Facility Scheduling and Operations Coordinator.



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Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date	Facility	Award	Event Description	Actions
8/10/2025	9/12/2025	Florida International University	<i>PI: not reported</i>	DOE funded Project	Contact Facility Request Payload
5/11/2025	8/8/2025	Florida International University	Collaborative Research: Real-Time Hybrid Simulation Enabled Damping System Assessment using Scaled Aeroelastic Models of Tall Buildings <i>NSF CMMI #2011423</i> <i>PI: Wei Song</i>	Tall Slender Buildings (w/RTHS)	Contact Facility Request Payload
4/21/2025	7/19/2025	Florida International University	Collaborative Research: Real-Time Hybrid Simulation Enabled Damping System Assessment using Scaled Aeroelastic Models of Tall Buildings <i>PI: Wei Song</i>	Tentative-- Tall Slender Buildings (w/RTHS)	Contact Facility Request Payload

[Dashboard link](#)

Data provided

- Facilities continue to be busy, with no major delays
- Projects continue to be scheduled up to the end of the current award
 - FIU, UF, and UCSD all have currently scheduled projects that are near or past the end of the current award
 - Communicating with facilities and their researchers about the impacts and how that will be handled
- Bi-weekly meetings with multiple facility managers
 - Especially UCSD, this has led to mitigating the effects of steel tariffs, contractors retiring, and other potential major delays to projects. We talk through contingency planning for major projects every two weeks.

Needs from EFs

- Dates for tentative projects
 - Put "TBD" or "Tentative" in the Event Description field
- What can we add/subtract/modify to serve the NHERI network in the NCE period?

No-cost Extension support

NHERI 2026–2031 status: NSF has not yet announced awards for the next NHERI period. Under current cooperative agreements and no-cost extensions of the same, NHERI facilities and coordination services continue at least through September 30, 2026. For project planning within the current award period, contact the NHERI Network Coordination Office at [\[zehner2@purdue.edu\]](mailto:[zehner2@purdue.edu]) and the facility manager of the NHERI Experimental Facility you are working with. Facilities may optionally publish planned activities beyond 2026 for community awareness; such entries are provisional and contingent on future funding decisions from the US NSF and other funding agencies for non-NSF projects

Tooltip on hover:

During the no-cost extension period, facilities are still available for awarded NSF projects, and other agency testing as allowed under their cooperative agreements. Please reach out to the facility manager of the NHERI Experimental Facility that you wish to engage for details on availability and costs for using specific resources

Updated message

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