ASHRAE Summer Meeting Report (Austin, TX)

Meeting Dates: June 27 – July 1, 2026

Location: JW Marriott, Austin, TX

This report summarizes key activities and developments from the ASHRAE Summer Business Meeting regarding Standards 90.1 and 189.1.

ASHRAE Standard 90.1 Updates

The most significant development regarding Standard 90.1 is the strategic shift to split the standard into two distinct tracks: the traditional Standard 90.1 (Energy) and the new Standard 90.1X (Operational Carbon/Extra). This change reflects a broader industry trend of separating baseline energy conservation from operational carbon/GHG reduction goals, framing the latter as optional rather than mandatory requirements.

Additional Technical Updates:

- **ASHRAE 169-2025 Adoption:** Standard 169-2025 was published in December 2025 and serves as the comprehensive source for climatic design information.
- **Climate Data Transition:** There is a transition from TMY3 to TMYx weather data. TMYx files, which are derived from more recent data (up through 2025 in some datasets), are intended to better reflect current climate trends, including global temperature increases (approximately 1.6°C above pre-industrial levels).
- **Standard 169 Impact:** The updated standard includes data for 12,424 station locations worldwide, representing a 35% increase in coverage.

SSPC 189.1 Updates

The SSPC 189.1 committee continues to move toward a 2026 publication date, with the summer meeting focusing on finalizing addenda and preparing for the public review/appeal period.

Key Committee Actions & Addenda Status:

The committee held a full meeting on June 30, 2026, with the following key actions recorded for specific addenda:

- **Addendum af (Space Definition):** Vote for PKUO (Publication with Knowledge of Unresolved Objectors).
- **Addendum aa (Update WaterSense Requirements):** Vote for PKUO.
- **Addendum l (Thermostats):** Vote for PKUO.
- **Addendum m (Grid Interactive & Demand Response):** Vote for PKUO.
- **Addendum ae (Biomethane):** Vote for PKUO.
- **Working Group 05:** Vote for PPR (Public Review) on WG05DA01 (Artificial turfgrass).

Looking Ahead (2026 Timeline):

- **July:** Final approvals and initiation of the appeal period.
- **August:** Appeal period closes.
- **September:** File check for staff review and committee galley review.