

NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

<u>Clean Air Council Members</u> Allen Weston, Chair Maria Connolly, PP, AICP, Vice-Chair Leonard Bielory, M.D. Michael Egenton Timothy Fekete Robert Laumbach, M.D.	<u>Clean Air Council Members</u> Toby Hanna, P.E. Stephen Milgrom Richard Opiekun, Ph.D. John Valeri Jr., Esq. Adam Neuman Sharon Brown Kimberly Scarborough
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New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

In-Person Meeting - 216 W. State Street

Trenton, NJ 08608

Hybrid - Microsoft Teams Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Maria Connolly opened the meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

All Council members were present with the changes noted below.

ABSENT**EXCUSED**

Sharon Brown, Richard Opiekun, Robert Laumbach and Michael Egenton

REPRESENTEDKen Ratzman representing Francis Steitz
Amirah Hussain representing Michael Egenton**GENERAL PUBLIC ATTENDEES****NJ DEP Staff**Ken Ratzman
George Berdomas
Peg Hanna
Helaine Barr

Meeting Summary

- Maria Connolly called to order and roll was taken.
- Motion to approve the Chair – Maria Connolly and Vice Chair – Richard Opiekun. Motion to approve by Allen Weston, second by John Valeri and third by Maria Connolly at 9:45 a.m.
- Appointments and Reappointments for the Council:
 - Maria Connolly
 - Initial Appointment – 7/2016
 - Expiration – N/A
 - Allen Weston
 - Initial Appointment – 10/19/2017
 - Expiration – 9/6/2025
 - Leonard Bielory
 - Initial Appointment – 1994
 - Expiration – 7/15/2026
 - Michael Egerton
 - Initial Appointment – 9/1993
 - Expiration – 7/15/2025
 - Timothy Fekete
 - Initial Appointment – 6/2021
 - Expiration – N/A
 - Robert Laumbach
 - Initial Appointment – 9/22/2023
 - Expiration – 7/15/2026
 - Toby Hanna
 - Initial Appointment – 3/2005
 - Expiration – 7/17/2027
 - Stephen Milgrom
 - Initial Appointment – 10/14/2020
 - Expiration – N/A
 - Richard Opiekun
 - Initial Appointment – 9/2010
 - Expiration – N/A
 - John Valeri
 - Initial Appointment – 5/7/2015
 - Expiration – 7/15/2026
 - Adam Neuman
 - Initial Appointment – 9/22/2023
 - Expiration – 7/15/2027
 - Sharon Brown
 - Initial Appointment – 9/22/2023
 - Expiration – 7/15/2024
 - Kimberly Scarborough
 - Initial Appointment – 9/22/2023
 - Expiration – 7/15/2027

- Vacancies for the Council to Appoint – NJBIA and NJ League of Municipalities we are still waiting for appointments.
- Motion to expanding our topics to include Climate Change by Allen Weston, second by Kimberly Scarborough and all in favor.
- Ken Ratzman and Peg Hanna both presented the AEMS Reorganization to the Council.
 - o Great opportunity to expand both Climate and the Air Quality Divisions. Future research and areas of interests.
 - o Research in Climate – Division of Science and Research focuses on climate change impacts and changes in wildlife patterns. Indicators of climate change.
- Ken Ratzman and Peg Hanna both presented the Administrative Report.
 - o Why do we think schools are not taking rebates?
- Presentation on Climate Pollution Reduction Grants by Peg Hanna/Helaine Barr
 - o Co-Writing with other States from the implementation grants.
 - o Possible opportunity for regional applications
- New Business/Old Business
 - o New Business – NJ State Development Plan updating it with an adoption date of Winter 2025. Having a bunch of input sessions. Few more coming up and next one is social justice for the state plan.
 - o Old Business – N/A
- Potential Hearing Topics
 - o Streamlining Access to Climate Action Programs. Primmer Education and Recommendations on Improvements.
 - o Building Electrification.
- Motion to adjourn first by Maria Connolly, second by Allen Weston and third by John Valeri at 11:10 a.m.

Clean Air Council 2023 Meeting Locations

MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS (tentative)

Meeting will be 9:30am – 12pm, every 3rd Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted.

November 15	In-Person – ACUA 1801 Absecon Blvd (Rt. 30) Atlantic City, NJ 08401/Hybrid
December 20	In-Person - IBEW – 299 Ward Street, East Windsor, NJ 08520