

NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

Meeting in person and/or Microsoft Teams

In-Person Meeting Location:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

401 East State Street, 7th Floor

Trenton, NJ 08625

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Opiekun opened the meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

All Council members were present.

ABSENT

EXCUSED

Timothy Fekete

REPRESENTED

NOT APPLICABLE

GENERAL PUBLIC ATTENDEES

NJ DEP Staff

Francis Steitz, Peg Hanna, Daniel Clark, Shawn LaTourette,
Janine Macgregor, Seth Hackman, Paul Baldauf, Helaine Barr
and George Berdomas

Meeting Summary

- George Berdomas called the meeting to order, and roll was taken by George Berdomas.
- Francis Steitz gave the NJDEP administrative report.
 - o September – Finalizing the SOTA for Graphic Arts manuals for printing and public comment.
 - o Rule Front in August – Architectural AEMS project rule. Change the consumer project VOC contents.
- Old Business/New Business
 - o Motion to approve prior meeting summary for June made by Leonard Bielory, seconded by Allen Weston.
 - No abstentions.
- Potential Topics for 2025 Hearing Topics –
 - o Modifications for transportation, new rail lines, etc.
 - o Electrification plays into this especially regarding air quality
 - o Air Quality hotspots
 - o How much of a contribution is it in New Jersey and what is the impact on this for the state
 - o Green buildings, green remodeling and infrastructure. How much of an impact is it making between environmental and financial impact. Is this a benefit statewide or beneficial only to certain regions?
 - o Data centers and energy use for supporting the cloud
 - o Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- The council went over any pre-meet issues/concerns before the Commissioner comes to the meeting to present the 2024 CAC Hearing Report.
- The council presented the 2024 CAC Hearing Report to the Commissioner.
 - o Get everything over to the Legislature within the next couple of days copies of them.
 - o Climate pollution reduction grant – office of land and emergency management played a role in grant applications from a food waste circularity perspective. Swiffer grants.
 - o Legality from one organization to another – it is not legal to be doing this on what you can serve and share. Clarification of what can be approved and what can be addressed.
 - o There is no requirement or chain of custody when it comes to safety of food handling. What is the guarantee that this was stored, handled and wrapped properly. People need the assurance that it has been handled properly to be donated.
 - o How do you characterize the recommendations in terms of a short/medium/long term goals between regulatory and modernization.
 - o If there are location stipulations and ordinances. Making a pilot to work with mayors in NJ if there are stipulations and roadblocks. Discussion with league of municipalities if it is a local as opposed to a lawyer standpoint. Identifying different ordinance barriers.
- Motion to adjourn at 10:49 a.m. made by Richard Opiekun, John Valeri seconded and no abstentions.