

# **NJDEP Science Advisory Board**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**June 3, 2024**

**1:00 pm-2:00 pm**

### **Attendance:**

#### **SAB Members**

Rick Kropp, Chair  
Clint Andrews  
Lisa Axe  
Michel Boufadel

Tina Chu  
Jerald Fagliano  
Chuck Harman  
Rob Laumbach

Tavit Najarian  
David Robinson  
David Velinsky  
Judith Weis

#### **DSR Liaisons and staff**

Nick Procopio, SAB Co-Lead  
Heidi O'Neill, SAB Co-Lead  
Mihaela Enache – Charge  
Liaison  
Zahid Aziz  
Joe Bilinski  
Josie Bonventre  
Marina Chiafullo  
Caroline Collins

Giacomo deFalco  
Mike Fowler  
Heather Genievich  
Sandra Goodrow  
Lee Lippincott  
Lori Lester  
Dan Millemann  
Josh Moody  
Rob Newby

Erin O'Brien  
Alex Polissar  
Kirk Raper  
Greg Raspanti  
Brittany Wilburn  
Brett Wiley  
Metthea Yepsen

Chairperson Rick Kropp called meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Dr. Nick Procopio, Director of DSR, gave an update on the members that were newly appointed in May (Siddhartha Roy-Water Quality and Quantity, Charles Schutte-Ecological Processes, and Alex Fiore-Climate and Atmospheric Sciences).

Mike Fowler gave an update on the current bioplastics report that was started in October 2023. The working group hopes to have a draft by the end of 2024.

Dr. Zahid Aziz gave an update on the current low carbon concrete report that was started in October 2023. The Climate and Atmospheric Sciences Standing Committee hopes to have a draft by the end of 2024.

Dr. Josie Bonventre gave an update on the current estrogens in New Jersey waters. The Public Health Standing Committee will have the report ready to send to the requesting program soon for comments.

Chuck Harman gave a presentation on the draft report on the charge related to Carbon Storage Capacity of Forest Soils in New Jersey. The draft report was unanimously approved by Board with minor edits suggested.

This was followed by an open discussion regarding the presented report.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.