

Minutes of EJAB

Meeting Date: February 7, 2006

Call to order: The quarterly meeting of the Environmental Justice Advisory Board was held in the Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market St, Harrisburg, PA on February 7, 2006.

The meeting convened at 9:20 am, Ayanna King presiding.

Members in attendance:

Ayanna King	Efrain Cirilo
Mario Browne	Janine Legg
Rev. Wm Rocky Brown	Erlinda Agron
Alfred Ryan	Michael Walker
Eli Brill	Cyndi Romero
Arthur Frank	Ann Morrison

Members absent (excused):

Luvennise Gamble	Jerome Balter
Lamar Barnes	Edward Thomas
Patrick O'Neill	Edgar Howard

Non-members:

Marylou Barton	Secretary McGinty
Susan Wilson	Janice Dean
Patrick McDonnell	Dan Snowden (Penn Dot)
Marcus Kohl	Holly Cairns
Alice Wright-Bailey	Joe Powers

Welcome and Introductions

In the absence of Edward Thomas, Chair, Ayanna King introduced Doan Ginger, the OEA's new Administrative person. She also introduced Patrick McDonnell, the new Director for the Office of Policy.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Reverend Rocky Brown to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2005 meeting with necessary changes, and second by Arthur Frank.

Abstained: Janine Legg.

Administrative Business

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- A motion was made by Arthur Frank to move the resume of Dr. Mark White for recommendation to the EJAB, second by Reverend Rocky Brown.

All in favor: motion carried.

Recommendations for re-appointments will be submitted to Secretary McGinty along with recruitment recommendations.

- A motion was made by Arthur Frank to adopt the recommended changes to the Secretary McGinty memo and have the memo sent.

Abstained: Mario Browne.

- A motion was made by Reverend Rocky Brown to send best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery to Jerry Balter.

All in favor: motion carried.

Public Comment Period

Dan Snowden, PA Department of Transportation, explained to the Board that some projects cannot cut across environmental justice communities.

Discussion was engaged.

The Precautionary Principle

Arthur Frank gave copies of The Precautionary Principle to members to read, educate themselves and perhaps this can be put back on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Health Tracking Project

Pat Miller gave Members copies of a power point presentation of the Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT) project that she is working on in collaboration with the Department of Health.

DEP Priorities & EJAB Expectations

Secretary McGinty joined the meeting and a discussion was engaged.

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2001 Work Report – Prioritizing Recommendations

Marcus Kohl facilitated by asking the Board to go through the Report, discuss those that needed done this year or immediately, then they'll go back to the partially and fully implemented recommendation and prioritize what will be tackled first.

Discussion engaged.

Subcommittee Work

No Discussion

New/Unfinished Business, Questions, and Comment Period

No Discussion

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm