

**CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 8, 2013  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 105  
Rachel Carson State Office Building**

**MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

Rebecca Oyler, Christina Simeone, Robert Bear, Mark Hammond, Steve Krug, J. Scott Roberts, Michael Winek, Luke Brubaker, George Ellis, Rep. Greg Vitali, Brooks Norris, Kriss Brown, Paul Opiyo

**MEMBERS/ALTERNATES ABSENT:**

Ed Yankovich, Laureen Boles, Robert Graff

**PROXY VOTING:**

Mark Hammond for Luke Brubaker (minutes only) and for Robert Graff

**PA DEP AND COMMONWEALTH AGENCY STAFF:**

Dean Van Orden (DEP), Mark Brojakowski (DEP), Hayley Book (DEP), Jessica Shirley (DEP), Susan Foster (DEP), Patrick Henderson (Governor's Office)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

Matt Fine (Buchanan, Ingersoll, Rooney), Gina Myers (Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney), Steve Swarney (AIA-PA)

**MINUTES:**

Meeting minutes from May 21, 2013, were presented to the committee prior to the meeting for review. However, due to confusion over the current draft, the minutes were not voted on for acceptance. They will be brought before the committee at the December 5, 2013, meeting.

**REGULAR MEETING:**

The October 8, 2013, regular meeting of the Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC) was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Committee Chairperson Christina Simeone. Members and guests introduced themselves. With the thirteen members present and the one official proxy, a quorum was established.

Mr. Van Orden reported that the Climate Change Program Manager vacancy has been filled. Mr. Mark Brojakowski has been selected to fill the vacancy. In addition Mr. Van Orden announced the release of the Climate Change Impact Report on October 7, 2013, and that copies were available for committee members.

Ms. Simeone posed a question as to the committee's next step in the Climate Change Action Plan Update (Plan) process, specifically if there is anything else the committee needs to weigh in on such as ranking or a greenhouse gas goal. Mr. Van Orden stated that what needs to be accomplished now is finalizing the work plans; compiling and completing the action plan,

presentation to the Governor and then on to the next iteration of the Climate Change Action Plan Update.

**WORK PLAN DISCUSSION & VOTING:**

Twenty (20) work plans remained for committee action prior to this meeting. The following work plans were discussed and acted upon:

**Alternative Fueled Public Transit Fleets** – Endorsed - 8 yea - 5 nay - 0 abstained. A motion to endorse was made by Mr. Bear and seconded. The motion carried.

**Alternative Fueled Taxi Cabs** – Endorsed - 11 yea - 2 nay - 0 abstained. A motion to endorse was made by Christiana Simeone and seconded. The motion carried.

**Act 129 of 2008** – Endorsed - 10 yea - 3 nay - 0 abstained. A motion to endorse was made by Mr. Krug and seconded. The motion carried.

**Combined Heat and Power (CHP)** -- Endorsed - 13 yea - 1 nay - 0 abstained. A motion to endorse was made by Mr. Hammond and seconded. The motion carried.

**Waste-to-Energy Digesters** – Endorsed - 14 yea - 0 nay - 0 abstained. A motion to endorse was made by Mr. Hammond and seconded. The motion carried.

**Fuels for Schools** – Not Endorsed - 6 yea - 7 nay - 1 abstained. A motion to endorse was made by Mr. Roberts and seconded. The motion did not carry.

**Nuclear Upgrades** – Endorsed - 11 yea - 3 nay - 0 abstained. A motion to endorse was made by Mr. Brubaker and seconded. The motion carried.

**High Performance Buildings** – Endorsed - 13 yea - 1 nay - 0 abstained. A motion to endorse was made by Mr. Roberts and seconded. The motion carried.

**Re-Light PA**– Endorsed - 13 yea - 0 nay - 1 abstained. A motion to endorse was made by Mr. Bear and seconded. The motion carried.

**Reforestation** – Tabled - 10 yea - 2 nay - 1 abstained. A motion to table this work plan for further consideration by the Department was made by Rep. Vitali and seconded. The motion carried. Discussion points included feasibility, calculations, cost effectiveness and end use of timber.

In the discussion of work plans that did not require committee action, the AEPS work plans drew particular attention from Ms. Simeone. Ms. Simeone inquired about DEP's removal of the price suppression data from the existing AEPS work plan. DEP replied that the price suppression data was limited and did not present clear, specific results and would therefore not be included in this version of the work plan. Alternatively, the committee could submit comments for inclusion in the work plan. DEP staff also informed the CCAC that they would not consider a recommendation to increase the AEPS in this report but will discuss it for the next update.

A total of 10 of the 20 work plans were acted upon by the committee. Eight (8) received the committee's endorsement, one (1) did not receive the committee's endorsement and one (1) was tabled for further consideration.

The October 8, 2013, regular meeting of the CCAC was the final scheduled meeting of 2013. Because all of the work plans were not acted upon by the committee, a committee conference call was scheduled for October 21, 2013. The purpose of the call is to discuss and provide comments on the remaining work plans prior to an additional meeting that has been scheduled for December 5, 2013. The purpose of the December 5 meeting is to finalize action on the remaining work plans. Further, the Department requested that all committee member comments on the work plans that have been acted upon be submitted to the Department no later than October 31, 2013.

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S):** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Krug, and seconded. The motion carried.