

**CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

April 8, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Conference Room 105

Rachel Carson State Office Building

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Christina Simeone, Mark Hammond, George Ellis, Brooks Norris, Robert Graff, J. Scott Roberts, Rebecca Oyler, Luke Brubaker, Paul Opiyo, Mike Winek, Steve Krug, Laureen Boles, Rep. Greg Vitali, Darren Gill

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES ABSENT:

Robert Bear, Ed Yankovich

PROXY VOTING:

None

PA DEP AND COMMONWEALTH AGENCY STAFF:

Dean Van Orden (DEP), Mark Brojakowski (DEP), Jessica Shirley (DEP), Vince Brisini (DEP), Stephen Kozak (DEP Intern), Thomas Santanna (DEP), Sarah Clark (PAHR)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Grant Gulibon (PA Farm Bureau), Gary Merrit (NSG)

MINUTES:

The minutes for the February 11, 2014, regular Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC) meeting were presented to the committee for approval. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Ellis and seconded by Mr. Vitali. The motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING:

The April 8, 2014, regular meeting of the CCAC was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Committee Chairperson, Christina Simeone. Members and guests introduced themselves. With eleven of the 13 appointed members present, a quorum was established. In total, fourteen of 17 members were present.

Secretary Abruzzo addressed the committee and thanked them for their dedicated service on the committee and also for their valuable input to the climate change program. He added that their work was greatly appreciated.

Mr. Brisini presented an overview of PA's 111(d) Option White Paper. There were multiple comments from committee members and Mr. Brisini answered questions and addressed the concerns of the membership.

Mr. Thomas Santana, DEP's Legislative Director, provided an update to the committee on the Legislative vacancies and addressed specific member concerns.

MEETING SUMMARY: (This narrative provides a summary of the discussions that took place during the meeting. It is not intended to be a transcript of the proceedings.)

MEMBERSHIP:

Currently the CCAC is operating with six vacancies. The statutory appointment authority for the vacancies is as follows: two members are to be appointed by the House Majority Leader, two members by the Senate Majority Leader, one member by the Senate Minority Leader and one member by the Governor. Members with terms expiring in July (Bear, Winek, Ellis, Yankovich) should contact their appointing authority and ask to be re-appointed. Members not seeking re-appointment should contact DEP as a courtesy. Climate Change program staff have prepared memoranda to the Secretary identifying candidates for the vacant and expiring Governor appointed committee seats. Individual CCAC members should contact DEP with any suggestions for new member appointments which will be forwarded for consideration by the legislative appointing authorities.

BY-LAWS:

Mr. Hammond gave a report on the activities of the by-laws sub-committee and led a discussion on the draft amended by-laws prepared by that sub-committee. Mr. Hammond's overview prompted questions and comments on committee procedures along with some suggested edits to the draft. Key points in the overview focused on membership (appointed members and Ex officio members). The sub-committee will be revising the by-laws and recirculating a draft with options in order to have a vote at the June meeting. Mr. Hammond will schedule a sub-committee conference call, if needed.

CURRENT WORK PLAN EVALUATION and NEW WORK PLANS:

The Department presented the results of the committee member rankings of the 2013 Action Plan work plans. The top five work plans from each of the responding members were used in the summary ranking. The top five work plans from the member evaluation are:

- Re-Light Pennsylvania
- Combined Heat and Power
- High Performance Buildings
- Heating Oil Conservation and Fuel Switching
- Cutting Emissions from Freight Transportation

Along with ranking the current work plans the committee was asked to submit ideas/concepts for new work plans. A total of nine ideas/concepts were submitted. The committee decided to break the nine proposed new plans into two groups for further evaluation—Generation type plans and Non-Generation type plans. They are as follows:

Generation-

- A work plan based on the PA 111(d) Option
- Strengthen the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard (AEPS)
- Strengthen Act 129
- Alternative Fuels Approved by USEPA as Non-Hazardous Materials
- Work Plan Modeling HB100

Non-Generation-

- PA Building Code Updates and Compliance
- Promoting Energy Efficiency Through Financing
- Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program
- Geothermal Heating and Cooling

A motion was made by Mr. Hammond and seconded that the Department plan on examining for inclusion in the next Action Plan the Re-Light Pennsylvania, the Combined Heat and Power, the High Performance Buildings and the Heating Oil Conservation and Fuel Switching work plans and further develop them to include realistic implementation steps designed to reasonably achieve emissions reductions set forth in each work plan. The motion carried by voice vote.

Also a motion was made by Ms. Boles and seconded that the Department plan on examining for inclusion in the next Action Plan the Cutting Emissions from Freight Transportation work plan and further develop it to include realistic implementation steps designed to reasonably achieve emissions reductions set forth in the work plan. The motion carried by voice vote.

The Department was asked to schedule two conference calls (generation, non-generation) to discuss the proposed new work plan ideas while the members who submitted ideas prepare new plan write-ups. These write-ups should be submitted to the Department by April 25. The CCAC also requested that the Department develop general guidance on a timeframe for development of the inventory, impacts assessment and action plan, so the CCAC understands target dates, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S): None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Graff and seconded. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.