

**CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**June 24, 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, Mike Winek, Steve Krug, Lauren Boles and Darren Gill

**MEMBERS/ALTERNATES ABSENT:**

Robert Bear, Ed Yankovich, Paul Opiyo, Rep. Greg Vitali

**PROXY VOTING:**

Christina Simeone for Rep. Greg Vitali

**PA DEP AND COMMONWEALTH AGENCY STAFF:**

Dean Van Orden (DEP), Mark Brojakowski (DEP), Jessica Shirley (DEP), Vince Brisini (DEP), Krish Ramamurthy (DEP)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

Gina Myers (Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC)

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the April 8, 2014, Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC) meeting were presented to the committee for approval. A motion to accept the minutes with the corrections/additions presented by Mr. Hammond and Ms. Simeone was made by Mr. Groff and seconded. The motion carried.

**REGULAR MEETING:**

The June 24, 2014, regular meeting of the CCAC was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairperson Christina Simeone. Members and guests introduced themselves. With 11 of the 13 appointed members present, a quorum was established.

**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. There are also four members with terms expiring in July (Bear, Winek, Ellis, Yankovich). Most are expected to seek re-appointment. Climate Change section staff have prepared memoranda to the Secretary identifying candidates for the vacant and expiring Governor and legislative appointed committee seats.

### BY-LAWS:

Mr. Hammond gave a report on the activities of the by-laws sub-committee and led a discussion on the latest draft amended by-laws prepared by that sub-committee. A motion was made by Mr. Krug and seconded to accept the latest version of the amended by-laws with a change to Article XI that would strike the line stating “pursuant to Article XII” as explained by Mr. Hammond. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion carried with one member abstaining.

### TIMELINE OVERVIEW:

An overview of the proposed timeline for completion of the 2015 update was presented. Questions arose about the June and July dates for securing a contractor and signing a contract for the preparation of the report. In addition the committee desired to cancel the August 12, 2014, regular meeting and reschedule it to sometime in September. The Department agreed and said they would solicit the membership for a September date for the meeting and make the appropriate arrangements for rescheduling the meeting.

### CLIMATE IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT:

The Department reported that the Pennsylvania State University (PSU) had been contacted to provide the Climate Impact Assessment report, which is required under Act 70. A discussion followed. It was suggested that the committee be allowed to provide comments/concepts on the impact assessment scope of work. The department agreed that it would accept comments on the refinement of the scope of work and provided copies of the scope of work for committee review.

### WORK PLAN DEVELOPMENT:

A report on the generation and non-generation subcommittee calls was presented by Ms. Simeone. The highlights of these calls included economic analysis, emissions reduction and a revised target date.

The Department presented a set of work plans for consideration by the Committee for inclusion into the 2015 update. The set included a combination of previous and new concepts for work plans. They are:

- Energy Efficiency (Consumer-side)
  - Act 129
  - Energy Codes
  - Geothermal
  - Combined Heat and Power
  - ReLight PA
  - High Performance Buildings
  - Heating Oil Conservation and Switching?
  - Financing Opportunities
    - PACE
    - Keystone HELP
    - On-Bill Repayment
- Exploring the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard
- Urban Forestry

- Transportation and Funding Opportunities
  - Freight Transportation
- Anaerobic Digesters and Financing
  - Manure
  - Sewage

A motion was made by Mr. Hammond and seconded that the Department continue developing the Energy Efficiency and Transportation and Funding Opportunities work plans and present possible GHG reductions to the committee at the next meeting. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Groff and seconded that, along with the Energy Efficiency and Transportation and Funding Opportunities plans, the Department continue developing the Urban Forestry and Anaerobic Digester plans and provide the reduction data for these as well. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Groff and seconded stating that the committee sees the importance in the AEPS as a tool and the Department should further explore the AEPS and keep the committee up to date and look to the committee for advice. The motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS:**

Mr. Gill (PA PUC) gave a brief presentation on the history of Act 129 beginning with Phase I in 2008, through the present Phase II and into the future Phase III beginning in 2016.

Mr. Brisini along with Mr. Ramamurthy provided an overview presentation on Sections 111(b) and 111(d) with regards to the recent action by the EPA on the regulation of GHGs. A lengthy discussion on 111(d) ensued, which stretched beyond the scope of the committee. A motion was made by Mr. Groff and seconded to discontinue the discussion and move on to subjects more pertinent to the committee. The motion carried.

Mr. Van Orden provided a presentation on the 2012 Natural Gas Inventory. The presentation provided an overview of the new requirements for 2012 inventory reporting, the sources and activities subject to reporting and a summary of criteria pollutant emissions. In addition a comparison of criteria pollutant emissions, a summary of criteria emissions, a summary of HAPs emissions, NOx/VOC emissions in 2011-2012 and an emissions summary by county were included.

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S):**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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