CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 08, 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 process. Mr. Van Orden stated that what needs to be accomplished now is the finalizing of the work plans, compiling and completion of the action plan, followed by perhaps a short comment period (not yet decided due to lateness of report), 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 Uprates— Endorsed - 11 yay- 3 nea- 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.

A total of ten (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. A voting record listing each committee member's vote on each proposed work plan will be included in the Climate Change Action Plan.

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 the additional meeting that is scheduled for December 5, 2013. The purpose of the additional meeting is to finalize action on the remaining work plans. In addition the Department requested that all committee member comments on the work plans that have been acted upon should 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.