

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2017**

The following SWAC members were present:

Michele Nestor, Chair
Bob Watts, Vice-Chair
John Vatavuk
Gordon Burgoyne
James Sandoe
Gary Roberts
John Frederick
Joyce Hatala
Shannon Reiter
Jim Close
Ed Vogel
Eli Brill
Tim O'Donnell
Tanya McCoy-Caretti
Randall York
Joe Reinhart
Kelly Megonnel (Alternate for Gregg Pearson)

The following SWAC members were absent:

Jerry Zona
Gregg Pearson

The following guests and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) staff members were present:

Jim Lambert	Monroe County Solid Waste Authority
Bob Bylone	PA Recycling Markets Center (PennRMC)
Barbara Baker	Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority
Justin Stockdale	Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC)
Lee Ann Murray	Citizens Advisory Council – PA DEP
Joanne Shafer	Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority
Lisa Schaefer	County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP)
Mary Keenan	Webber Associates/PA Waste Industries Assn. (PWIA)
Alex Danovitch	Eureka Recycling
Isaac Rison	Rep. Mike Carroll
Mary Webber-Weston	Webber Associates/PWIA
Chris Noble	DEP Bureau of Waste Management (BWM)
Laura Henry	DEP BWM
Larry Holley	DEP BWM
Timothy Gilbert	DEP BWM
Neil Bakshi	DEP Policy Office

Call to Order (SWAC); Introduction of Members and Guests; Approval of Minutes of September 21, 2017; Old Business

The December 6, 2017, meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Michele Nestor, Chair. She asked for introductions of committee members and guests.

Ms. Nestor called for a motion to approve the September 21, 2017, meeting minutes. Shannon Reiter made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Joyce Hatala. The motion carried unanimously.

Meet and Greet with DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell

DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell introduced himself to the committee members and spoke about the Department's focus on public participation and desire to enhance the relationship between the Department and its advisory committees. The Secretary also heard comments from several members regarding their concerns for the future of recycling as well as other matters they would like to see addressed.

Review of Proposed Policies Regarding Public Participation

Neil Bakshi, Executive Policy Specialist, DEP Policy Office, gave a brief presentation regarding proposed changes to three DEP policies and how the changes impact their related documents.

The policies being updated include the Policy for Development and Review of Regulations, the Policy for the Development and Publication of Technical Guidance, and the Advisory Committee Guidelines. These policies are about 20 years old.

The purpose of the updates is to:

- Increase clarity in wording;
- Modernize outdated concepts;
- Remove non-substantive information (i.e., DEP's internal workflow processes); and
- Initiate meaningful conversation between DEP and all stakeholders on policy development.

Mr. Bakshi then presented slides detailing background information on each of the three policies and a summary of specific changes to each of the policies.

Two members commented that there seems to be a shift to DEP setting the agendas for advisory committee meetings; further discussion concluded that SWAC would provide official comments to DEP specifically on the Advisory Committee Guidelines.

Public Comment; New Business

Bob Watts moved to adjourn the SWAC meeting, seconded by Joe Reinhart. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.