

**MINUTES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD MEETING**  
**June 9, 2026**

**VOTING MEMBERS AND/OR ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Jessica Shirley, Chairperson, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection  
Amar Bhardwaj, alternate for Akbar Hossain, Secretary, Governor's Office of Policy and Planning  
*Greg Hostetter, alternate for Russell Redding, Secretary, Department of Agriculture*  
Adam Walters, alternate for Frederick Siger, Secretary, Department of Community & Economic Development  
*Kristen Rodack, alternate for Dr. Debra Bogen, Secretary, Department of Health*  
Kristen Bentz, alternate for Nancy Walker, Secretary, Department of Labor and Industry  
*Kennedy O'Dell, alternate for Michael Carroll, Secretary, Department of Transportation*  
*Heather Gahagan, alternate for Tim Schaeffer, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission*  
*David Yoxheimer, alternate for Stephen Smith, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Game Commission*  
*Andrea Lowery, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission*  
Kathryn Zerfuss, alternate for Stephen DeFrank, Chair, Public Utility Commission  
Matt Osenbach, alternate for Senator Gene Yaw, Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee  
Emily Eyster, alternate for Senator Carolyn Comitta, Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee  
*Evan Franzese-Peterson, alternate for Representative Greg Vitali, House Environmental and Natural  
Resource Protection Committee*  
Glendon King, alternate for Representative Martin Causer, House Energy Committee  
*William Fink, Citizens Advisory Council*  
*Trisha Salvia, Citizens Advisory Council*  
*John St. Clair, Citizens Advisory Council*  
Thaddeus Stevens, Citizens Advisory Council  
*John Walliser, Citizens Advisory Council*

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STAFF PRESENT**

Lauren Imgrund, Policy Director  
Laura Griffin, Regulatory Coordinator  
Laura Campbell, Regulatory Coordinator  
Robert "Bo" Reiley, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The hybrid meeting of the Environmental Quality Board (EQB or Board) was called to order by Chairperson Shirley at 9:00 a.m.

The Board considered its first item of business: approval of the April 14, 2026, EQB meeting minutes.

**Kathryn Zerfuss made a motion to adopt the April 14, 2026, EQB meeting minutes. Amar Bhardwaj seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board (19-0).**

**FINAL RULEMAKING: LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR DELEGATION OF FEDERAL PLANS IN 40 CFR PART 62 (25 Pa. Code Chapter 122) (#7-585)**

Ali Tarquino Morris (Deputy Secretary for Waste, Air, Radiation, and Remediation) provided an overview of the final rulemaking. Joe Martini (Division Manager, Air Resources Management, Bureau of

Air Quality) and Jesse Walker (Assistant Director, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel) assisted with the presentation.

Following the Department's presentation, Kathryn Zerfuss, noting that the Citizens Advisory Council recommended supporting the draft final rulemaking, asked if the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee and the Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee provided comments. Ali Tarquino Morris explained that these two advisory committees did not oppose the draft final rulemaking and are not required to vote on rulemakings.

**Amar Bhardwaj made a motion to adopt the final rulemaking. Kathryn Zerfuss seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Board (18-1). Glendon King voted in opposition.**

### **PROPOSED RULEMAKING: SAFE DRINKING WATER REVISED LEAD AND COPPER RULE IMPROVEMENTS (25 Pa. Code Chapter 109) (#7-576)**

Jill Whitcomb (Deputy Secretary for Water Programs) provided an overview of the proposed rulemaking. Ed Chescattie (Director, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water) and Leda Lacomba (Assistant Counsel, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel) assisted with the presentation.

There was no discussion following the Department's presentation.

**Amar Bhardwaj made a motion to adopt the proposed rulemaking. Kristen Bentz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Board (17-2). Matt Osenbach and Glendon King voted in opposition.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Laura Griffin provided the following regulatory update:

- The Board adopted the Water Quality Standards; Class A Stream Redesignations final rulemaking at the March 10, 2026, meeting. It was approved at IRRC's April 16, 2026, public meeting.
- The Board adopted the Administration of the Land Recycling Program—Chromium (VI) final rulemaking at the April 14, 2026, meeting. It will be deemed approved by IRRC on June 17, 2026.

Matt Osenbach asked for an update on the technical guidance document for spill reporting, which will be finalized following the withdrawal of the Notification Requirements for Unauthorized Discharges to Waters of the Commonwealth proposed rulemaking. Lauren Imgrund replied that the Department is working on this document and it should be finalized within the coming months.

Glendon King asked for an update on petitions and the petition policy. Lauren Imgrund replied that the Department is drafting reports evaluating petitions with an internal deadline of the end of 2026. Chairperson Shirley added that the Department is in the process of hiring a toxicologist, a critical position for this work, which may delay the timeline. Lauren Imgrund also provided that the petition policy is under review by the Department.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Chairperson Shirley announced that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 14, 2026.

## **ADJOURN**

With no further business before the Board, Matt Osenbach moved to adjourn the meeting. Glendon King seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board. The June 6, 2026, meeting of the Board was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.