

MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD MEETING
April 14, 2026

VOTING MEMBERS AND/OR ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jessica Shirley, Chairperson, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection
Jacob Finkel, 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
Shane Rice, alternate for Michael Carroll, Secretary, Department of Transportation
Heather Gahagan, alternate for Tim Schaeffer, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
Paul Lupo, alternate for Stephen Smith, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Game 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
Robert Barkanic, 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 March 10, 2026, EQB meeting minutes.

Kathryn Zerfuss made a motion to adopt the March 10, 2026, EQB meeting minutes. Thaddeus Stevens seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board (18-0).

FINAL RULEMAKING: ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND RECYCLING PROGRAM – CHROMIUM (VI) (25 Pa. Code Chapter 250) (#7-588)

Ali Tarquino Morris (Deputy Secretary for Waste, Air, Radiation, and Remediation) provided an overview of the final rulemaking. Kris Shiffer (Director, Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields) and Lindsay Williamson (Assistant Counsel, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel) assisted with the presentation.

There was no discussion following the Department's presentation.

Kathryn Zerfuss made a motion to adopt the final rulemaking. Emily Eyster seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Board (18-0).

PRESENTATION OF REGULATORY FEE REPORT: UNIFORM ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANTS ACT (25 Pa. Code Chapter 253)

Ali Tarquino Morris (Deputy Secretary for Waste, Air, Radiation, and Remediation) provided an overview of the fee report. Kris Shiffer (Director, Bureau of Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields) and Lindsay Williamson (Assistant Counsel, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel) assisted with the presentation.

There was no discussion following the Department's presentation.

This was a presentation to the Board. No formal action was needed.

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 is scheduled for consideration this week at IRRC's April 16th public meeting.

Matt Osenbach asked if the Board is required to vote to withdraw the Notification Requirements for Unauthorized Discharges to Waters of the Commonwealth proposed rulemaking or if the decision can be made unilaterally. Bo Reiley replied that the Board does not vote to withdraw a rulemaking. Chairperson Shirley explained that the majority of public comments on the proposal were oppositional. After re-evaluating the proposed regulation, including the concerns that prompted it, the Department is looking at all avenues to address the concerns that that rulemaking was seeking to resolve.

NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Shirley announced that the May 12, 2026, meeting of the EQB is cancelled and the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 9, 2026.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Board, Kathryn Zerfuss moved to adjourn the meeting. Emily Eyster seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board. The April 14, 2026, meeting of the Board was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.