

**CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

September 16, 2010  
10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.  
RCSOB, Room 105

The meeting of the Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC) was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by Sarah Hetznecker, Chair.

**The following members were present:**

Robert Bear, Terry Bossert, Dan Desmond, George Ellis, Fred Harnack, Sarah Hetznecker, Paul Opiyo, Ron Ramsey, Paul Roth, Scott Spiezle, Representative Greg Vitali, Wayne Williams, and Michael Winek.

**The following members were absent:**

Peter Alyanakian, Lauren Boles, Representative Camille “Bud” George, Jan Jarrett, Albert Magnotta, and John Quigley (Vice Chair).

**The following alternates were present:**

Mark Hammond (alternate for Albert Magnotta).

**Proxy Designations:**

George Ellis for Terry Bossert. Ron Ramsey for Jan Jarrett and Rep. Greg Vitali. Sarah Hetznecker for Peter Alyanakian and Dan Desmond.

**PA Department of Environmental Protection staff and guests present were:**

Amanda Barnes (Facilitator), Joe Sherrick (DEP), Kim Hoover (DEP), Maureen Guttman (Governor’s Green Government Council), Jessie Stockwell (DEP), Richard Allan (RJ Allan Consulting), Rob Davidson (PA Dept. of Agriculture), Alexandra D’Angola (Greenlee Partners), Jake Smeltz (EPGA).

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Members and guests present introduced themselves. Ms. Hoover reviewed the proxy list.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND REAPPOINTED MEMBERS**

Ms. Hoover informed the committee that Sarah Hetznecker, Lauren Boles, George Ellis, and Robert Bear had been reappointed to serve another term. She introduced newly appointed members Scott Spiezle and Michael Winek. She provided background information about each to the committee.

**ACT 70 BYLAWS AND REIMBURSEMENT**

Committee reviewed the Bylaws, including voting privileges of proxies vs. alternates. Presently, only members of the committee are permitted to vote, so while a member can send an alternate to a meeting they are unable to attend, the member must designate a proxy for their vote. Alternates also do not currently count toward a quorum. DEP suggested that the committee consider whether or not they are interested in amending any

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of these bylaws at a future meeting. Ms. Hoover also reviewed the procedure for requesting travel reimbursement from the commonwealth.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Ms. Hetznecker requested motions to approve CCAC meeting minutes from the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve. Mr. Williams asked DEP to confirm that Nathan Willcox had indeed been absent at the July meeting, or if he had already resigned. DEP agreed to confirm. Motion to approve was seconded by Mr. Harnack. The committee voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes.
- Mr. Sherrick requested additional nominations for Chair and Vice Chair, to be voted on prior to lunch. DEP had received nominations for both Terry Bossert and Jan Jarrett for Chair and zero nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Bossert accepted his nomination conditionally in the event that there were no other nominations for Chair. Mr. Ellis requested that voting be postponed until after lunch to confirm this. The committee agreed.
- Ms. Hoover reviewed committee goals for the coming year and asked the committee what their preferences are regarding meeting dates and potentially scheduling more meetings via WebEx. Mr. Harnack stated that the WebEx meetings are a nice option, but that they should be reserved for meetings that will be primarily informational. Ms. Hetznecker asked about public participation with regard to WebEx meetings, and Ms. Hoover confirmed that the meeting will be accessible to the public both via WebEx and via in-person attendance at the RCSOB. Ms. Hetznecker noted another benefit of WebEx is greenhouse gas reductions from elimination of travel by the committee to attend the meeting. DEP agreed to provide a more specific proposed schedule at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for the committee's consideration and approval.

### **GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY DRAFT REPORT**

Mr. Sherrick reviewed the Draft Greenhouse Gas Inventory. Mr. Williams asked if the Residential, Commercial and Industrial sectors' emissions were in addition to the Electric Power generation sector's emissions. Mr. Sherrick confirmed that they were. It was pointed out that Pennsylvania exports one-third of its generated electricity. Mr. Desmond asked about the change from states counting consumption versus counting generation. Mr. Sherrick clarified that the RGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative) set requirements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from power generators 25 megawatts and larger, but that states were also accounting for electricity on a consumption basis in their inventories. Mr. Desmond asked if we're doing anything to get more accurate data than industry extrapolations on methane emissions. Mr. Sherrick said that the federal government would be doing this.

### **DISCUSSION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTION PLAN – IMPLEMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

- Ms. Hoover reviewed the Implementation Subcommittee meetings held on August 4<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>. The subcommittee consists of Ron Ramsey, Lauren

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Boles, Sarah Hetznecker, George Ellis, Robert Bear, and Mark Hammond. Subcommittee identified short-term options for implementation.

- Maureen Guttman, Executive Director of the Governor's Green Government Council, reviewed House Bill 444/Senate Bill 728 High Performance State Buildings Act as they relate to the Residential/Commercial sector recommendations of the Action Plan.

**Action Item:** Mr. Ellis made a motion for the committee to draft a letter to send to DEP for the chair to sign and send to the legislature in support of HB444/SB728. Ms. Guttman offered to draft the letter for the committee to review. Mr. Desmond seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by committee vote.

- Ms. Hoover reviewed the other short-term implementation mechanisms for the Residential/Commercial sector. Ms. Guttman described the Keystone Help Program for the committee.
- Ron Ramsey and Paul Roth reviewed short-term implementation mechanisms for the Agricultural sector. Robert Davidson of the Department of Agriculture noted some additional things Ag. is doing that relate to climate change but aren't captured in the Action Plan. (For instance: easements, riparian buffers on farms for water quality programs, etc.)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

### **DISCUSSION OF IMPLEMENTATION AND ACTION PLAN (CONT.)**

- Ms. Hoover reviewed short-term implementation mechanisms for the Industry sector.
- Mark Hammond reviewed same for the Waste sector.
- Ms. Hoover reviewed same for Land Use and Transportation.
- DEP will schedule another meeting for the Implementation Subcommittee.

### **UPDATE ON CLIMATE ADAPTATION WORKING GROUPS**

Ms. Hoover reviewed the establishment and mission of the Adaptation Working Groups and provided an update on their progress for the committee. As of the meeting, the groups had completed matrices identifying risks, vulnerabilities, and potential recommendations, and had begun to prioritize recommended actions. The working groups will next finalize their priorities and draft their sections of the report. The co-chairs of the working groups will present their work to the committee at the next CCAC meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **VOTE FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION COMMITTEE**

- Mr. Bossert arrived and clarified that his acceptance of his nomination was conditional upon there being no other nominees for Chair. He accepted a nomination for Vice Chair.

**Action Item:** Mr. Spiegle made a motion to close the slate of nominees. Mr. Bossert seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**BYLAWS REVISITED**

- The committee discussed revision of the bylaws to allow alternates to vote. DEP agreed to draft language to provide to the committee two weeks in advance of the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Action Item:** Mr. Spiegle made a motion that DEP would offer options to the committee to amend the bylaws to allow designated alternates voting privileges in lieu of proxies. Mr. Ellis seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**PENN STATE UNIVERSITY DRAFT REPORT**

Mr. Sherrick reviewed the Penn State University Draft Report, which is essentially a summary of Penn State’s Impact Assessment Report that is intended for a general audience in a shortened format.

**RESULTS OF VOTE FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Jan Jarrett was elected Chair and Terry Bossert was elected Vice Chair. The vote count for Chair was: Jan Jarrett, 13; Terry Bossert, 1; with 2 blank votes. The vote count for Vice Chair: Terry Bossert, 15; Jan Jarrett, 1.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Ellis made a motion to adjourn at 1:45 PM. Mr. Bear seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.