

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH PROGRAM
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Community College of Allegheny County - Allegheny Campus
K. Leroy Irvis Science Center, Room 302
808 Ridge Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Meeting No. 02-24**

April 15, 2024 - 5:30 PM

Committee Members Present

Dan Bricmont (Chair), Bricmont Law (TEAMS)
Anna Batista, High Street Consulting (TEAMS)
Coleen Davis, U. S. Steel (alternate) (TEAMS)
Steven Hvozdoch, Clean Water Action (TEAMS)
Courtney Maronich Vita, Friends of the Riverfront (TEAMS)
John Palmiere, Vice President, Allegheny County Council

Participants Present

Steve Bohnel, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Lee Ann Briggs, SBAC/EMAP
Amanda Gillooly, GASP (TEAMS)
Stephen Hepler, PA DEP (TEAMS)
Brian Joos, Citizen (TEAMS)
Matthew Mehalik, Breathe Project (TEAMS)
Carol Wivell, Citizen (TEAMS)

Committee Members Not Present

Chip Babst (Vice Chair), Babst Calland
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army
Mary Ann Bucci, Port of Pittsburgh Commission
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN
Mark Jeffrey, U. S. Steel
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group
Anna Siefken, U.S. DOE

ACHD Staff Present

Geoff Rabinowitz, Deputy Director, EH Bureau
Jason Willis, Senior Solicitor
David Good, AQ Program Manager (TEAMS)
Jason Maranche, AQ Program Manager
Ian Anderson, EH Administrator
Tom Lattner, AQ Engineer (TEAMS)
Sean Rhoades, Allegheny County DIT
Pearl Robinson, Senior Secretary (TEAMS)
Brendan Turley, Attorney

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Action: Chair Dan Bricmont called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

A quorum was not present. All in attendance in person and via Microsoft Teams made their introduction.

2. Chair's Remarks

Mr. Bricmont discussed the need to hold the annual election for officers to fulfill Article XXI requirements. However, based on discussion with ACHD management, the Mr. Bricmont stated that the Committee would postpone changing any officers at this point since, as at the previous meetings, it anticipates new appointments to the Committee.

Coleen Davis inquired whether there was a timeline for new appointments to be made. Jason Maranche replied that the issue is under the purview of the Office of the County Executive, and that he was not aware of the timeline. Committee members were also not aware of the timeline, when asked by the Mr. Bricmont.

3. Approval of Minutes - December 11, 2023, and February 12, 2024

Action: A quorum not present, so a vote could not be made on the previous two meeting minutes.

Mr. Bricmont requested that the members look at the minutes again and bring any comments to ACHD's attention before the next meeting. Mr. Bricmont also noted that ACHD staff are trying to prepare minutes that are sufficiently detailed but not overly verbose. Ms. Davis noted that there were several instances where someone asked a question and the answer provided at the meeting was not noted in the minutes. Carol Wivell requested that the position of the Department attendees should be listed in the minutes.

4. Meetings Schedule

Jason Maranche provided updates on the meetings schedule and procedures. He noted that the Secretary position was held by the Air Program Manager in the past. Regarding quorums, ACHD held internal discussions and further consulted Robert's Rules of Order. He noted that the majority of a quorum can move a vote forward and that abstentions are considered part of the quorum.

Mr. Maranche also presented the schedule for the remaining Committee meetings in 2024, which is posted on the Air Quality website. For the Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee, a meeting is anticipated for June, and a Regulation Subcommittee meeting is anticipated for July.

5. Regulations in Progress

Tom Lattner addressed the Regulations in Progress Status Table. Regarding State Implementation Plan (SIP) 103, the committee recommended it proceed to the BOH for their approval to hold a public comment period/hearing. Tom briefly discussed the three 111(d)/129 plans, explaining the need for state and local agencies to submit plans or request delegation of authority of federal plans when they become available.

Geoff Rabinowitz addressed the status of SIP 100, the PM_{2.5} redesignation request and maintenance plan for the 1997, 2006, and 2012 PM_{2.5} standards, including the recent request to withdraw the portion of the redesignation request for the 2012 standard. Mr. Maranche added that SIP 101, the SO₂ redesignation request and maintenance plan for the 2010 standards, was submitted to EPA in November 2023 and is still under review there.

6. Program Updates

Mr. Maranche addressed the new 2024 particulate matter (PM) standards and initial work that has begun to prepare a PM_{2.5} attainment demonstration SIP. The date of the signing of the new standards (Feb. 7, 2024) is the start of the timeline for the new standards. Within one year of that date, ACHD will provide analysis to the PA DEP to assist with

the area designation recommendations to EPA for the state. He also presented the most recent PM_{2.5} design values for Allegheny County sites based on 2021-2023 data, which are showing about half the sites above the new annual PM_{2.5} standard. He noted that the values are not final prior to a network-wide correction to be made by EPA for continuous-based monitored data.

7. Other Business/Citizen Comments

Vice President of County Council John Palmiere inquired whether the Advisory Committee bylaws could be changed to address the issue of committee members not attending meetings. Quorums are not being met, and decisions involving the improvement of air quality are not being made. He also noted that the meeting location is difficult to access compared to the previous meeting location (Clack Health Center) and questioned if perhaps that was a reason for members not attending. Ms. Wivell applauded Mr. Palmiere's expression of concern over this issue.

Brendan Turley pointed out that Article XXI provides that if a member is not in attendance at more than three out of any six consecutive meetings, that their membership has been forfeited. Mr. Bricmont suggested that if members are not interested or committed to attending, then they should simply submit a resignation, allowing the County Executive to appoint someone who will attend.

8. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Action: The date of the next meeting was set as June 10, 2024, at 5:30 PM. Mr. Bricmont entertained a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Palmiere so moved the motion. All attending members seconded the motion. The meeting concluded at approximately 6:30 PM.