

**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. 01-24**

February 12, 2024 - 5:30 PM

Committee Members Present

Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law
Chip Babst, Babst, Calland (Vice Chair) (TEAMS)
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army
Anna Batista, High Street Consulting
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN
Steven Hvozdoch, Clean Water Action
Mark Jeffrey, U. S. Steel (TEAMS)
Courtney Maronich Vita, Friends of the Riverfront (TEAMS)
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group (TEAMS)

Participants Present

Lee Ann Briggs, SBAC/EMAP
Patrick Campbell, GASP (TEAMS)
John Graham, Clean Air Task Force (TEAMS)
Stephen Hepler, PA DEP (TEAMS)
Ned Mulcahy, GASP (TEAMS)
Carol Wivell, Citizen (TEAMS)
Tishie Woodwell, U. S. Steel (TEAMS)

Committee Members Not Present

Mary Ann Bucci, Port of Pittsburgh Commission
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council
Anna Siefken, Department of Energy (TEAMS)

ACHD Staff Present

Kim Campbell, ACHD
Patrick Dowd, ACHD
David Good, ACHD (TEAMS)
Tom Lattner, ACHD (TEAMS)
Sean Rhoades, ACHD
Karen M Sagel, ACHD (TEAMS)
Wesley Speary, ACHD

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Bricmont called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. A quorum was present. All in attendance made their introduction.

2. Chair's Remarks – No remarks.

3. Member Applications – Jason Maranche stated all committee appointments have technically expired, with the exception of Ms. Batista and Ms. Maronich Vita who expire at the end of 2024. All members, including their alternates, can continue to serve as acting members until future appointments are made by the County Executive. Members were encouraged to visit the County website to submit a letter of intention as directed.

4. Approval of Minutes – December 11, 2023

The minutes were found to contain two typos, questions regarding attendance, and the committee felt sections of the minutes were found lacking in information. It was requested that members provide specific suggestions and email those comments to Patrick for revision.

Action: Ms. Clark moved to table the vote on the minutes until revisions can be made, Ms. Batista seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved.

5. **Clean Air Fund Project Update** – Kim Campbell gave a review of the applications that have been submitted to the Department. Ms. Clark asked how the receivers of the grants are purchasing equipment paid for by the grant.
6. **Future Meeting Scheduling** – Meeting dates are not being voted on at this meeting and will be revisited at a later time. Tentatively the next meeting will be April 8, 2024, at CCAC Allegheny Campus.
7. **Program Updates** - Jason Maranche gave a review of the personnel changes in the County, and what the Air Quality Program will be working on in the future. Dates for subcommittees will be announced at a later time, depending on Program and Committee needs.
8. **Other Business / Citizen Comments**

Committee members discussed the election of officers and agreed to wait until appointments were made to have an election at the next meeting.

Carole Wivell – questioned if the alerts in the Mon Valley Episodic Plan would be affected by the new PM standards. Jason Maranche said the biggest effect would be more yellow days than green days, due to revised AQI breakpoints.

Lee Ann Briggs – requested clarity on how to become a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee. Ms. Baldi asked if there was a deadline. Chair Bricmont said there was not a deadline.

Ned Mulcahy – asked if the Department is working with EPA in defining geographic areas. Jason Maranche responded that it would be.

Ned Mulcahy – asked if the construction across the street was for the county. Mr. Dowd explained it has been proposed as a gas station.

Jason Maranche – The Pittsburgh Regional Future City Committee, thanks all that were involved in supporting of the Future City Program through the Clean Air Fund. The Pittsburgh Regional Competition was held on January 20, 2024, with the winner being Fort Couch Middle School, who will represent Pittsburgh area at the National Competition in Washington, DC this upcoming weekend.

9. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Action: The date of the next meeting was set as April 8, 2024, at 5:30 PM. Chair Bricmont moved to adjourn, and all attending members seconded the motion. The committee approved it unanimously. The meeting concluded at 6:32 PM.