

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM  
MEETING – 4- 20  
October 5, 2020 - 5:30 PM**

**Committee Members/(Alts) Present**

Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law  
Chip Babst, Babst, Calland (Vice Chair)  
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army  
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN  
Michael Corcoran, PPG  
Rachel Filippini, GASP  
Steven Hvozdoovich, Clean Water Action  
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel  
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group  
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council  
Michael Winek, Babst, Calland alternate

**Others Present**

Lee Ann Briggs, SBAC/EMAP  
Angela Culbert  
Christopher Hardin, US Steel  
Mike Dzurinko, US Steel  
Amanda Gillooly, G.A.S.P.  
David Hacker, US Steel  
Steven Hepler, DEP  
Brian Joos, Citizen  
Ned Mulcahy, GASP  
Sue Seppi, GASP  
Brett Tunno, US Steel  
Tishie Woodwell, US Steel  
Ken Zapinski, Pittsburgh Works

**Committee Members/ Not Present**

Richard Schwartz

**ACHD Members Present**

Jeff Bailey  
Dr. Debra Bogen  
Bill Clark  
Dean Deluca  
Sandra Etzel  
Gary Fischman  
David Good  
Jayme Graham  
Jim Kelly  
Tom Lattner  
Karen M. Sagel  
Brandon Turley

- After careful review of the recording and a conversation with Richard Schwartz it has been confirmed he was not present at this meeting.

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Dan Bricmont called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

**Action:** A quorum was present. All in attendance made their introduction.

- 2. Chair's Remarks – Dan Bricmont** – Dan Bricmont allowed Mark Jefferies to request a new process for approving the minutes to be able to provide the Board of Health the recommendations of the Air Advisory Committee on various requests to the BOH. Jayme reminded the board that because of the Sunshine Act the minutes can not be approved by email prior to the next Advisory meeting and she does try to clearly represent the

Committees recommendations to the BOH. Jayme suggested that anyone who would wish to make their recommendations to the BOH, they could give her three or four sentences which she would provide to the BOH in her report. She did ask that the committee members keep in mind the amount of time she is permitted to speak to the BOH is limited and to please keep the remarks concise. Mark then question the complications of that as some committee members could submit comments that the rest of the members are not aware of. Chip Babst asked if it would be possible to have the minutes distributed as a draft and a quick committee meeting to approve minutes prior to the BOH meetings. Jeff Bailey reminded Chip that those meetings would have to be publish in the newspapers and on social media and the Department would have to go through the time and expense to do that which would be challenging to double the meetings. Bob Orchowski agreed that it was a good idea to circulate the minutes as a draft, give the members a chance to comment on the minutes as a draft then have them approved at the next Air Advisory meeting. Jeanne Clark suggested the minutes are handled the way Congress does, you ask permission of the body to revise or extend your remarks then you have 24 hours to get them in. We could do that know that it wouldn't be part of the minutes, but then it would be comments that we could then write for Jayme to take, which would mean we wouldn't have to depend on her to convey our statements. Dan's final summation is that if a member has a dissenting option they can briefly express that reasoning to Jayme when voting, "the bullet point for me is X,Y,Z and please convey that to the BOH on my behalf. This subject will be revisited at a later time as the concern is that BOH get a fair and accurate assessment of the members recommendations.

**3. Approval of Minutes August 2020 meeting – approved with corrections**

**Action:** Moved by John Palmiere 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Jefferies – Rachel pointed Section VII the last paragraph the last sentence was unfinished. All proposals should follow procedures will be added to the minutes.

**4. Sub Committee Reports:**

A. **Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee** – Coleen Davis was unable to attend the Air Advisory Committee. Karen M. Sagel read an email from Coleen that state there was no previous meeting and the next meeting would be October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.

The next meeting is October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM via Teams

B. **Pollution Prevention and Education Subcommittee** – Rachel Filippini – Last met on September 17<sup>th</sup>; at that meeting we learned that Tony Sadar with the Health Department is working on a 30 year look back at Climatology and Temperature Inversions. We are continuing to discuss other education ideas, one being educating the public about the Air Quality Index. The current Health Department information is somewhat dated and the public in general still need some guidance on understand the AQI and what it means

to them and what steps they need to take to protect their health. The Department may be able to use social media to better educate people about this issue. We also discussed a possible education project on the difference between regulatory and citizen monitoring without dissuading citizens from using monitors. Lastly, we were introduced to Miss Katie Kim who is helping the Department provide the Air Quality Program with Outreach and will be helping to educate the community on the Air Toxic Study and Hydrogen Sulfide issues.

The next meeting is November 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM via Teams

- C. **Regulation Subcommittee** – Bob Orchowski – Met September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bob pointed everyone to the Regulations in Progress status table which has been updated. Bob covered the highlights of the changes. Activity was centered on reviewing the draft coke oven regulations, which are an action item for this meeting.

The next meeting is not stated during the meeting

5. **Draft Regulation Changes – 2101.21 definitions, 2105.21 coke ovens, and 2109.01 inspections** – Dean Deluca discussed the proposed changes to the regulations. Brendan Turley read two comments received on this subject by Brian Joos and Tishie Woodwell (these comments and supporting power point are available upon request) Bob gave commentary on Tishie Woodwell's comments that her comments were discussed in the Regulations Committee. Jeff Bailey said that the Department did meet with US Steel last Thursday and the technical staffs from both sides also met; that is what resulted in the changes in the regulation that everyone received on Friday. Rachel requested that the power point presentation and the comments from US Steel be shared with the committee members individually and Jayme agreed, Karen sent them out immediately. Dean Deluca presented the changes made to the regulations. There were no questions from the members.

**Action:** Moved by Rachel Filippini 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steven Hvozdoovich – For: Dan, Sara Marie, Jeanne, Rachel, Steve. Apposed, Mike, Mark, Bob, John. Abstain, Chip and requests that if the Department intends to proceed to the BOH it is indicated that he abstains because of his firms work with US Steel but he did actively participate in the discussion regarding the appropriateness of the proposed regulations with respect to the Departments commitment made in the 2019 settlement agreement. Mark Jefferies will provide Jayme with bullet points to take to BOH after the meeting.

- 6.. **Coal fired EGUs issues - Sierra Club suit, RACT2, RACT3, and Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) petition – Jayme Graham** – Reviewed the changes to the standards for Coal Fired EGUs and explained how they affected the standards of the Department. Jayme also gave a review of the Sierra Club suit and where it stands and what needs to be done in response to it. Bob and Sara Marie left the meeting at this time. Bob requested Jayme share these slides with the members.

7. **Report of the Air Program – Jayme Graham** - Clean Air Fund requests that the Advisory Committee approved at the last meeting were passed on to the BOH. The BOH heard the concerns of this committee. The BOH had the same concerns about the software maintenance fee so that was removed from the CAF. The BOH had the same concerns for the Expert and Technological Support as the committee did so it has been decided the Department will provide a bi-monthly accounting of the expenditures of these monies. With those changes the BOH approved the requests. The software design that was approved at the last meeting has been started.
8. **Other Business/Citizen Comments** – Tere Bailey offered a comment along with three pictures regarding the monitoring of the county and suggestions for improvement of coverage and community involvement. It was ready by Brendan and is available upon request.
9. **Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment**  
**Action:** Moved by Everyone 2<sup>nd</sup> by Everyone  
The meeting concluded at 07:04 pm  
The next meeting is December 14 at 5:30 pm.

Draft Minutes transcribed by: Karen M Sagel  
Draft Minutes approved by: Jayme Graham

\*All power points and handouts available upon request.