

**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. 01-25**

**April 14, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Committee Members Present**

Dan Bricmont (Chair), Bricmont Law  
Mark Jeffrey (Vice Chair), U. S. Steel\*  
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army  
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN\*  
Steven Hvozdoch, Clean Water Action\*  
Courtney Mahronich Vita, Friends of the Riverfront\*  
Michael Winek (Alt. for Chip Babst)\*

**Committee Members Not Present**

Chip Babst, Babst Calland  
Anna Batista, High Street Consulting  
Mary Ann Bucci, Port of Pittsburgh  
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group  
John Palmiere, Vice President, Allegheny County Council  
Anna Siefken, U.S. DOE

**ACHD Staff Present**

Kim Joyce, C.O.O. ACHD\*  
Geoff Rabinowitz, DPA, Deputy Director, EH Bureau  
Wesley Speary, Assistant Solicitor ACHD  
Ian Anderson, EH Administrator  
Jason Maranche, AQ Program Manager  
David Good, AQ Program Manager\*  
Tom Lattner, AQ Engineer  
Karen M Sagel, AQ Senior Secretary\*

**Participants Present**

Sarah Batchelor, Comprehensive Safety Compliance\*  
Matthew DeLibero, U. S. Steel\*  
Amanda Gillooly, G.A.S.P.\*  
David Hacker, US Steel\*  
Steve Hepler, DEP\*  
Mark Huncik, Citizen\*  
Matthew Mehalik, Breathe Project\*  
Gary Steinbauer, Babst Calland\*  
Brett Tunno, U. S. Steel\*  
NaTisha Washington, Citizen\*  
Carol Wivell, Citizen\*  
Ken Zapinski, PGH WORKS\*

\* Denoted participated via remotely; all others in person attendance

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

**Action:** Chair Dan Bricmont called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present. All in attendance in person and via Microsoft Teams made their introductions.

**2. Chair's Remarks**

Mr. Bricmont had no remarks.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

#### **a. Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2025**

**Action:** Ms. Baldi moved to approve the minutes from February 10, 2025. Mr. Jeffrey seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved. Jeanne Clark abstained.

### **4. Air Quality Program Financial Update – Kim Joyce**

Ms. Joyce reviewed the current finances of the Air Quality Programs. She noted that she had committed to updating the Committee regarding the Programs' finances, and this report was following through on that commitment. She presented a summary table showing major revenue and expense categories and their related 2025 yearly budgeted amounts and actual expenses to date. She noted that the bottom line shows a deficit in year-to-date revenue versus expenses, and that this deficit is attributable to the fact that the funding from the EPA has not yet been received. She noted that the County has a meeting with the EPA next week (regarding to the mid-year 105 grant), and she expected ACHD will be receiving guidance during that meeting as to when that funding will be shared with the County and how it will be allotted. Ms. Joyce spoke on other areas of the budget and how passing the fee increases will improve the income. Ms. Clark requested clarification on the hiring of future employees.

### **5. Regulations in Progress Status – Tom Lattner**

Mr. Lattner provided an update to the Regulations in Progress table.

### **6. Air Program Updates – Jason Maranche**

Mr. Maranche reported that the proposed revisions to the Coke Oven Regulations related to the lowering of the hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) limitations are currently in public comment. The three CTG regulation revisions have been approved by the Board of Health and will proceed to the County Council for enactment. The EPA has approved the redesignation request and maintenance plan for SO<sub>2</sub> and is reviewing the same for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards.

Mr. Bricmont asked if there was any further information about the event involving Battery B at U. S. Steel Clairton. Dr. Rabinowitz explained it was still an ongoing investigation, and ACHD will update the committee when information is available. Mr. Bricmont conveyed Bob Orchowski's request for an update on the Clean Air Funded Projects. Dr. Rabinowitz said the Program is hoping to have that available on the website shortly going back to at least 2020 and it will be a running update from there.

Mr. Jeffrey asked for clarification on the status of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> redesignation request. Dr. Rabinowitz reported that the EPA has proposed approval of the attainment redesignation requests related to the 1997 and 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards and the related maintenance plan. EPA has also proposed approval of the maintenance plan for the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard. ACHD is evaluating whether and when to resubmit a redesignation request for the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard.

## **7. Other Business/Citizen Comments**

Ken Zapinski – commented on the American Lung Association’s yearly “State of the Air” report, contesting the validity of that organization’s methods of assessing and reporting on the air quality in Allegheny County and noted that the County now meets all federal criteria pollutant standards.

Matthew Mehalik – rebutted Mr. Zapinski’s comments. Mr. Mehalik noted his own support of the ALA report and its methods and stated that the County does not meet all the federal criteria pollutant standards, given that it does not meet the 2024 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard.

Carol Wivell – also contested Mr. Zapinski’s comments on the ALA report.

## **8. Adjournment**

**Action:** Ms. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Mahronich Vita. Unanimously approved, the meeting ended at 6:02 p.m.