

New Jersey Liquefied Petroleum Gas Education and Safety Board Meeting Minutes for March 10th, 2026

1) Meeting called to order at 1:30 P.M.

2) Roll Call

Attendance – Mike Merrill (Chair); Louis Kilmer; Caroline McCallum; Ed Mulcahey; Scott Oatman; Ryan Pierson; Staci Rammel; J.D. Stem; Corrine Walker

DCA Staff - Joe Imburgia (Liaison), Rob Austin, Anthony Menafro, Sonia Mora, Ian Rayfield

3) Approval of Minutes

Motion to amend the minutes from the December 9th, 2025, meeting per discussion and approve at the next meeting passed unanimously.

1st – Lou Kilmer; 2nd – Mike Merrill

4) Committee Reports

a) CETP Conversion to PEP

Department staff stated that there has not been a significant update on this item. Staff noted that the conversion document is available on the website and that CTEP can still be utilized. With these points noted, the Board provided no further comment.

5) Old Business

a) Master Hearth Specialist Exception

Discussion on this item did not take place as it is on hold for legal review.

6) New Business

No new business

7) Information

- Board members questioned the status of the adoption of the 2024 NFPA standards. Department staff noted that due to Executive Order 5, rulemaking is on pause until May. Department staff stated that they will provide an update at the next Board meeting.

- Board members questioned the status of the Uniform Fire Code adoption and whether any items would be of concern to the Board, such as items concerning food trucks. Lou Kilmer noted that there are no significant items in the adoption that will impact the LPG industry. Additionally, Mr. Kilmer noted that, although the adoption does not include any items related to food trucks, the Division of Fire Safety is working with the food truck industry to develop safety solutions.

- The Board welcomed new members Caroline McCaullum and Scott Oatman.

These new members represent the environmental community and public member seats, respectively. In addition, the Board expressed thanks and gratitude to retiring Board member Ed Mulcahey. Following Mr. Mulcahey's retirement announcement, Chairman Mike Merrill stated that the NJPGA will nominate a replacement for his position at their upcoming association meeting.

8) Public Comments

No public comment

9) 2026 tentative meeting schedule –09/08; 12/08

10) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting passes unanimously at 2:00 P.M.

1st – Lou Kilmer, 2nd – Mike Merrill