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Environmental Justice Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2018
7th Floor Conference Room
401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

Council Members

Present: Zachary Lewis, Joann Held, Melissa Miles, Leilani Holgado, Ted Carrington

On the Phone: Meredith Taylor, Demetrius Marlowe, Kim Gaddy, Lloyd Abdul-Raheem, Andy Kricun

Absent: Zenobia Fields, James Horne, Gantry Fox, Amy Tuininga, Phyllis Reich, Colandus (Kelly) Francis, Monique Griffith,

OEJ Staff: Riche Outlaw, Nadia Akbar

DOH Representatives: Christa Fontecchio, Barbara Goun

Other DEP Staff: Michael Gordon, Kerry Kirk Pflugh, Jennifer Feltis Cortese, Frank McLaughlin, Anastasia Bellisan, Christine Schell, Oliva Glenn, Peg Hanna

Call to Order

Chair, Zachary Lewis, opened the meeting at 10:17am.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Leilani Holgado moved that the minutes from the September 6, 2018 meeting be approved. Ted Carrington seconded the motion. All present voted yes.

Executive Order No. 23

Riche Outlaw reviewed the work on the Guidance Document required by Executive Order (EO) 23. Staff are currently in the writing stage. The draft document is due to the Governor's Office on October 20.

The draft outline includes the following sections:

- Introduction
- Goals

- Interagency Collaboration
- State Agency Actions
- Implementation and Evaluation
- Appendices

Discussion

- The Goals are drawn from EO23, with the addition of Capacity Building.
- The Interagency Collaboration section recommends the establishment of a Task Force and Working Groups with designees from each state agency.
- EJAC members discussed ways that the Council may be involved with the Interagency working groups.
- Council members also discussed capacity building, benchmarks for public engagement, developing action plans, deliverables and accountability measures.

Next Steps

The document will be delivered to the Governor's Office on October 20, 2018. There will be a public comment period some time in November/December 2018. The Final Guidance will be issued in January 2019.

Announcements

- There will be a conference on Public Health in Our Ports at the Rutgers Law School in Newark on October 26. (Kim Gaddy)
- There will be a panel on Cultivating Justice: African Americans and Farming at Rutgers Newark Campus on October 25. (Meredith Taylor)
- There will be a College Fair for Historically Black Colleges at NJIT on November 16. (Ted Carrington)
- The draft VW Settlement Mitigation Plan has been sent out for comment. There will be a series of public meetings and webinars about the plan in the next few weeks. (Peg Hanna)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.

Next Meeting

December 4, 2018 at 10am in the 7th Floor Conference Room.