

**NEW JERSEY
NOISE CONTROL COUNCIL (COUNCIL)
JANUARY 10, 2023
MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDEES

Council Voting Members: Arnold Schmidt (Chair, Public Member), Steve Szulecki (Vice Chair, Public Member, Ecologist), Daniel Lefkowitz (Department of Health), Randy Hauser (Department of Labor), Salvatore Fama (Motor Vehicle Commission), Gina Fischetti (Department of Community Affairs), Jack Zybura (Public Member), Joseph DiFillippo (Public Member, Local Governing Body), and Norm Dotti (Public Member, Industrialist)

Council Candidate Members (Pending confirmation from the Governor's Office): Christopher Bergacs (Public Member Candidate) and Lynette Dooley (Public Member, Local Governing Body Candidate)

Rutgers and NJDEP Representatives: Eric Zwerling (Director of the Rutgers Noise Technical Assistance Center), David Triggs (NJDEP Liaison to the Council) and Michelle Feasel (NJDEP Co-Liaison to the Council)

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

*Jack Zybura **motioned** to open the meeting to the public with Steve Szulecki seconding. All were in favor, so the motion carried. There was no one from the public present to comment. Mr. Zybura **motioned** to close the public session with Steve Szulecki seconding. All were in favor, so the motion carried.*

MEETING MINUTES

December 2022: Chairman Schmidt emailed the Council his proposed revisions to the December minutes prior to the meeting. *Jack Zybura **motioned** to accept the meeting minutes with Chairman Schmidt's revisions with Steve Szulecki seconding. All were in favor, so the motion carried.*

CHAIR REPORT

- There are four members of the Council: Steve Szulecki, Norm Dotti, Joseph DiFillippo and Mark Roskein, whose appointments expired January 2023. Since an appointment memo is already with the Governor's Office waiting for approval to fill vacancies, the Council decided that they would not send a new memo until the original is approved. Until then, the expired members will keep their seats on the Council and follow the attendance policy.
- Local Governing Body Candidate, Lynette Dooley announced that she has accepted a position with the Somerset County Office of Emergency Management and will no longer be working in her county's noise program. She stated that she would still like to serve on the Council and will speak with her new supervisor about her ability to attend the Council meetings in her new position.

COMMUNICATIONS

- David Triggs stated that he reached out to his DEP contact regarding the Council's appointment memo at the Governor's Office. He was notified that his original contact has

been replaced. The new contact stated that they had a meeting the day of the Council meeting, with the Governor's Office and would mention the Council's appointment memo.

- David Triggs announced that he will be retiring from the DEP on May 1, 2023. Chairman Schmidt reminded him that even if he is not the Liaison to the Council, he is welcome to continue attending the Council's meetings or could be considered a candidate member for a "Public Member" vacancy should one arise in the future if he is interested.

OLD BUSINESS

N.J.A.C. 7:29 (Response to DEP attorney's comments): The Council continued to discuss the comments made by the DEP's attorney in response to their proposed amendments. The discussion began with voting on some of the November meeting's responses, which were approved by consensus, but left out of the voting in December. The Council made it to the end of the "Exceptions" section of the document. A detailed accounting of the responses and how they were voted on is being prepared in a separate document.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council did not meet in Executive Session.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

*Arnold Schmidt **motioned** to go into Public Session, with Jack Zybura seconding. All were in favor, so the motion carried.* There was no one present from the public, to comment so *Jack Zybura **motioned** to end the Public Session with Arnold Schmidt seconding. All were in favor, so the motion carried.*

ADJORNMENT

*Randy Hauser **motioned** to end the meeting with Arnold Schmidt seconding. All were in favor, so the motion carried.*

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14th at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Feasel with edits by David Triggs, NJDEP Liaisons to the Council.