

**NEW JERSEY
NOISE CONTROL COUNCIL (COUNCIL)
MARCH 11, 2025
MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDEES

Council Voting Members: Steve Szulecki (Chair, Public Member, Ecologist), Jack Zybura (Vice Chair, Public Member), Sal Fama (Motor Vehicle Commission), Philip Makrelis (Public Member, Local Governing), David Triggs (Public Member), Arnold Schmidt (Public Member), Randolph Hauser (Department of Labor), Joseph DiFillippo (Public Member), Daniel Lefkowitz (Department of Health), Chris Bergacs (Public Member), Norm Dotti (Public Member, Industrialist), Dr. Iris Udasin (Public Member, Medical Doctor).

Rutgers and NJDEP Representatives: Eric Zwerling (Director of the Rutgers Noise Technical Assistance Center), Michelle Feasel (NJDEP Liaison to the Council), Christy Choo (NJDEP Co-Liaison to the Council), and Bruce Velzy (Deputy Attorney General) via Microsoft Teams.

MEETING MINUTES

February 2025: Jack Zybura sent his proposed amendments to the council ahead of the meeting. *David Triggs motioned to approve the minutes as amended, with Arnold Schmidt seconding. A vote was taken, and all were in favor except Daniel Lefkowitz, Norm Dotti, Chris Bergacs, and Iris Udasin who abstained due to being absent at the February meeting. The motion carried.*

CHAIR REPORT

There was no Chair report.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was no one present from the public to comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The council called Bruce Velzy, the assigned Deputy Attorney General, via Microsoft Teams. *Arnold Schmidt motioned to go into Executive Session, with David Triggs seconding. All were in favor, so the motion carried.* This meeting was closed to the public and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Meeting minutes were recorded separately from the regular meeting minutes.

Jack Zybura motioned to leave Executive Session, with David Triggs seconding. All were in favor, so the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

N.J.A.C. 7:29: Bruce Velzy stated that during Executive Session, under the Open Public Meetings Act, the Council adopted a number of rule changes and voted on the changes to the rule text, which were finalized around 12:15 PM. Mr. Velzy stated that the comments in the right hand margin will remain protected from distribution because it reflects Council discussion. Mr. Velzy also stated that a Council member must summarize the changes to the rule text and summary.

Steve Szulecki stated that among the rule changes discussed and voted on, they included the adding back of the definition of sound source using the original text of 7:29 in 7:29-1.1; the addition of “or dBZ” to charts for octave band limits in 7:29-1.2c and 1.2d; the retaining of the original rule text using “person” instead of “responsible entity” in 7:29-1.2c and 1.2d; the removal of the phrase “as set forth in this subchapter” in 7:29-2.2; the change from “source” to “facility” in 7:29-2.4a1; the addition of ANSI to the list of approved institutions to provide accreditation to laboratories for equipment calibration procedures in 7:29-2.4a5; the clarification of procedures and equipment to make measurements at different elevations in 7:29-2.7a; the removal of “flight” from the exemption for aircraft in 7:29-1.5a7; and the simplifying of the rule text as it relates to railroad operators exempt from the noise code in 7:29-1.5a10. *Steve Szulecki motioned to summarize, with David Triggs seconding. All were in favor, so the motion carried. Steve Szulecki motioned to accept the changes and edits made to the summary section and proposed amended rules of 7:29, with Joseph DiFillippo seconding. All were in favor, so the motion carried.*

Steve Szulecki motioned to accept the document as the final document to be submitted to the DEP and Governor’s Office, with Arnold Schmidt seconding. All were in favor, so the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Szulecki motioned to end the meeting, with Arnold Schmidt seconding. All were in favor; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8th at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Christy Choo, with edits by Michelle Feasel, NJDEP Liaisons to the Council.