

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Thursday, January 26, 2023**  
**Virtual TEAMS Meeting**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

James Revak, Designee for Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development  
Luis Alamo, Representative for Public  
Wayne Blanchard, Representative for Employees of Law Enforcement  
Lisa Grant-Faries, Designee for Commissioner of Education  
Richard Hogan, Representative for Municipal Employees  
Paul Malarcher, Representative for County Government  
Gina Mayer-Costa, Representative for Institutions of Higher Education  
Mark McLane, Representative for Rutgers, The State University  
Michael McLinden, Designee for Commissioner of Environmental Protection  
Loel Muetter, Designee for Commissioner of Health  
John Saville, Representative for Public  
Michael Smith, Designee for State Treasurer  
Stacy Spera, Substitute Designee for Commissioner of Community Affairs

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED**

Robert Weissman, Representative for Public

**VACANT BOARD POSITIONS**

Correctional Institutions	Employees of Public Health Care Facilities
Employees of Correctional Institutions	Local School Boards
Employees of County Government	Employees of Local School Boards
State Government Employee	Fire Services
Public Health Care Facilities	Municipalities

**NJ DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT STAFF**

Howard Black	Krishna Jagannathan
Cristina Coelho	Theresa Kramarz
John Garton	Tom Wilson

**NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SUPPORT STAFF**

Keith Bobrowski	Glenn Pulliam
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**OTHERS PRESENT**

Kristen Affrime, CWA	Pura Jackson, CWA1040	Janice Thomas, NJDOL
Nicole Benowitz, NJDOL	Cecelia Leto, NJWEC	Bruce Tynan, NJDCA
Michael Boucher, NJDOH	Mike Levy, OSHA	Dave Weightman, PMA Ins.
Georgette Bunch, Treasury	Jessica McKinnon, OSHA	Lisa Weitz, Treasury
Wanda Caudle, UHNJ	Elayne McMullen, NJDOL	Mark Worthington, TM Assoc.
Ken Child, PMA Insurance	Darcea Messier, NJDOL	
Salvatore Fama, NJMVC	William Ruch, SIFNJ	

**Meeting Motions:**

- Motion to approve October 27, 2022 meeting minutes. Richard Hogan motioned; Paul Malarcher seconded. Motion approved.
  - Motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Hogan motioned; Luis Alamo seconded. Motion approved.
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Chief James Revak called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. After the flag salute, Cristina Coelho called roll and determined there was a quorum. After providing brief opening remarks, Chief Revak moved to approve the October 27, 2023, meeting minutes. Richard Hogan motioned; Paul Malarcher seconded. Motion approved.

Chief Revak announced that former Chief Thomas Lipski retired from the Division of Public Safety and Occupational Safety and Health in December 2022. Mr. Revak mentioned that former Chief Lipski was very conscientious about the PEOSH Enforcement program as well as the safety of New Jersey's public employees.

Chief Revak noted that the grant funding for the fiscal year 2023 is now complete. PEOSH submitted the 2022 state OSHA annual report which is currently under review. The winter OSHSPA meeting will be held on February 7-8, 2023, in Vancouver, Washington. Assistant Chiefs Wilson and Garton will be attending on our behalf and New Jersey is slated to host the Spring 2024 OSHSPA conference. Lastly, PEOSH is in the last year of its five-year strategic plan which consists of public works, fire service, wastewater treatment facilities, and State transportation.

**Report of the NJ Department of Health's (NJDOH) PEOSH Enforcement Update – Keith Bobrowski**

Keith Bobrowski reported the following:

- NJDOH's PEOSH enforcement activity report was distributed and covered the period of October 1 – December 31, 2022. During that period, 20 IAQ/Sanitation complaints/referrals and 11 five-day complaints were received. Twenty (20) initial on-site and one (1) follow-up inspection were conducted. Fifteen (15) cases were closed. Eight (8) programmed inspections were also conducted at Local Fire Protections (7), Transportation. Eight (8) Orders to Comply (OTC) were issued containing 20 citations.

**Report of the NJDOH's PEOSH Consultation Program Update – Glenn Pulliam:**

Glenn Pulliam reported the following:

- NJDOH's PEOSH consultation activity report was distributed and covered the period of October 1 – December 31, 2022. During that period, eight (8) initial consultation requests were received, six (6) initial onsite consultations, and one (1) follow-up visits were conducted. Two (2) consultation reports were issued.
- Three (3) educational seminars were conducted for an estimated 90 participants representing 15 public employers.

**Report of the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOL) – Chief James Revak:**

Chief Revak noted he consolidated the NJDOL report into his opening remarks. He added that during the presentation each program area will present the top five hazards for Calendar Year 2022.

## **Report of the NJDOL's PEOSH Enforcement – Assistant Chief Thomas Wilson:**

Assistant Chief Wilson reported the following:

- NJDOL's PEOSH enforcement activity report was distributed and covered the period of October 1 – December 31, 2022. During that period, 31 general inspections, 6 complaint investigations, and 5 accident investigations were conducted during that period.
- There was zero (0) non-OSH-related fatality reported. One (1) fatality investigation was completed, two (2) are in progress, and one (1) order to comply was issued.
- There were two (2) new discrimination cases received and one (1) open case.
- There were five (5) open penalties during this time. Three (3) open penalty judgments were docketed, and one (1) penalty was collected for this quarter. The total penalties collected during that period were \$3,000.
- The most frequently cited standard was 29 CFR 1904 – Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illness.

## **Report of the NJDOL's Public Employees Occupational Safety Consultation and Training – Assistant Chief Krishna Jagannathan:**

Assistant Chief Krishna Jagannathan reported the following:

- NJDOL's Public Employees Occupational Safety Consultation and Training activity report was distributed and covered the period of October 1 – December 31, 2022. During that period, 52 safety consultation visits (26 initial; 12 follow-ups), and 14 training/education were conducted. The most frequently cited standard was 1910.157, portable fire extinguisher.
- PEOSH conducted 14 training and education sessions during this period covering topics including Forklift Training and Occupational Injury/Illness Reporting Requirements (NJ OSH Forms 300 and 300A).
- Under PEOSH Outreach, from November 15 – 17, 2022 the PEOSH Safety Consultation Assistant Chief and two Occupational Safety Consultants participated in the annual League of Municipalities conference in Atlantic City to promote the services of the PEOSH Consultation and Training program.
- On November 16<sup>th</sup>, the Association of Environmental Authorities (AEA) Conference was held in Atlantic City where the PEOSH Safety Consultation Assistant Chief and Occupational Safety consultant was invited to speak at the annual AEA conference.
- Staff training received for this quarter included: OSHA 503 – Update for General Industry Outreach Trainers, National Safety Council (INS) Lift Truck Operator Instructor Course.
- PEOSH Consultation exceeded its projected on-site visit goals for FY2022. Complete details will be provided in the 2022 State OSHA Annual Report (SOAR).

**Presentation:** The Top Five Identified Hazards in PEOSH was presented by NJDOL and NJDOH staff.

**New Business:** No new business.

**Old Business:** No new business.

### **Open Discussion:**

- John Garton mentioned that there is a November 19, 2014, letter that referenced the automotive lift and how OSHA reviews ALI standards. After a brief discussion, Chief Revak noted that we offer consultation services and compliance assistance and can be contacted at any time for those services.

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Chief Revak moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m. Richard Hogan motioned; Luis Alamo seconded. Motion approved.

***The next PEOSH Advisory Board meeting is scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023, via Teams.***