



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

# Climate Justice Working Group Meeting

April 4, 2023

# Meeting Procedures

- Meeting rooms will be muted to reduce noise
- Working Group members should raise their hand to indicate they would like to speak
- Please state your name before speaking for transcript purposes
- Remote participants should be on video with name visible per Open Meetings Law

# Agenda



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1. Roll Call
2. Vote on minutes from 3/27/23
3. Status of Benefits Reporting
4. Annual review of criteria
5. Bylaws and other Duties
6. Future Meetings
7. Next Steps





# Roll Call



# Approval of Minutes



## Status of Benefits Reporting



# Annual Review



# Annual Review of DAC Criteria

NYS and technical team will:

- Monitoring developments in other regions
- Review indicators & methodology
- Assessing availability of new data
- Track DAC criteria with an eye to assessing outcomes and implementation
- Make recommendations to the working group

*“The group will meet no less than annually to review the criteria and methods used to identify disadvantaged communities and may modify such methods to incorporate new data and scientific findings. The climate justice working group shall review identities of disadvantaged communities and modify such identities as needed.”  
(ECL § 75-0111(3))*





# Bylaws and Other Duties

# Bylaws

CJWG staff is currently developing bylaws for the CJWG that will address:

- The duties of the CJWG
- The meeting format
- Resignation and appointment of members
- Annual DAC review

# Current Statutory Duties

## CLCPA

- Consultation on a air toxics emissions reduction strategy by June 2024 On or before June first, two thousand twenty-four
- Consultation on updates to the Scoping Plan

Article 58, Title 7 of the ECL - Consultation with DEC on a study on the impacts of the Urban Heat Island Effect on DACs e impacts of the urban heat island effect on disadvantaged communities



# Potential Legislation

- A964/S1292 - amend the environmental conservation law to require the development of a clean fuel standard in New York State and would require the consultation of the CJWG and CAC with regards to the investment of funds.
- S5260 – establishes an office of energy for equity to support local and communally developed climate projects to support disadvantaged communities, including by establishing and administering the community solutions fund and the solutions grants program. This legislation also and requires consultation with and reporting to the CJWG on the use of funds.



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## How Often Would You Like To Meet?

Quarterly **90-minutes**

- Easier to stay engaged

Triannual **90-minutes**

- Easier to schedule

Biannually **2-hours**

- Fewer meetings, more emails

Annually - **Full day**

- Not ideal 😞



**Next Steps**





**Questions?**