

CJWG Meeting Notes

WebEx - 8.29.23

Meeting Commence 1:04pm

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Agenda:

1. Roll Call
2. Vote on minutes 6/21/23
3. Vote on Bylaws
4. Discussion of review of criteria
5. Future meetings
6. Next steps

CJWG Members in Attendance:

- Alanah Keddell-Tuckey, EJ Director, Office of Environmental Justice, DEC
- Jill Henck, Clean Energy Program Director, (ANCA) Adirondack North Country Association
- Rahwa Ghirmatzion, Executive Director, PUSH Buffalo
- Elizabeth Furth, Empire Fellow, Department of Labor, DOL
- Michael DiRamio, Assistant director, Energy and Climate Change, NYSERDA (stepping in for Chris Coll)
- Sameer Ranade, Climate Justice Advisor with Climate Action Council
- Joe Henriquez-McNearney, Director of Stakeholder Engagement, DOL
- Elizabeth Yeampierre, Executive Director, UPROSE
- Eddie Bautista, Executive Director, NYC Environmental Justice Alliance
- Abigail McHugh-Grifa, Executive Director, Climate Solutions Accelerator of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region
- Neil Muscatiello, Director of the Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology, Center for Environmental Health, DOH

Attendees Board Rooms :

Albany, NYC, Raybrook, Avon Region 8, Region 9

Vote on Minutes:

- No quorum reached.
- No vote today

Update & Changes to Drafted Bylaws: Alanah

- We are moving forward with meetings, appointments, and terms. This discussion surrounds the first draft of the bylaws.
- An updated draft of the bylaws was distributed to CJWG members
- Proposed bylaws include:
 - 3 year term with option of a subsequent term. Representatives may resign at any time.

- Revisions of the resolution now include virtual representation in meetings
- Open meetings law was recently amended to include members with disabilities given they provide proof of disability
- Confidentiality language was added to the bylaws
- Switch from using 'Chair' to using/calling upon Director of EJ instead
- We cannot further discuss because we do not have a quorum for this meeting.
- Next meeting will be around September, October 2023.

Annual Review of DAC criteria

We will:

- assess data availability
- look for updates to census data
- We will review indicators and methodology
- track DAC criteria with an eye to assessing outcomes and implementation
- make recommendations to working group
- accept any suggestions from CJWG members on soliciting data?

Eddie: Have we kept track of data sets throughout this process? eg) Which data sets were missing the first go around?

Albany Board Room: Yes, Illume has been keeping track.

Abigail: What is the plan for sharing information with CJWG before the actual public meetings?

Michael: We are working with Illume and will follow up with a technical packet to orient everyone.

Adriana: How much time do CJWG members want to sit with that packet before the state makes its changes?

Elizabeth: It depends on the timing. eg) Christmas, Thanksgiving time makes it more difficult. Can the information be given to us in different phases?

Eddie: Time, a month is what he suggests. Are we addressing how state and federal agencies are meeting the 35-40 percent?

Alanah: It will depend on what other agencies report.

Abigail: Please avoid Earth Day and Climate week.

Future Meetings

- CJWG has a number of consultation roles under CLCPA.
 - Upcoming role requires participation in September-October.
 - Upcoming role involves DEC and regulations

- Upcoming role on air toxics emissions and reduction strategy by June 2024.
- Upcoming role on clean energy and energy efficient investments.
- Additional mandated role to consult with DEC on impacts of heat islands on DACs.

Eddie: DEC and NYSERDA are members of the CJWG. If CJWG is supposed to apply on regulations these agencies are putting forward. Is it weird that DEC and NYSERDA are also voting?

Alanah: It would be more advisory for CJWG members. We would be providing feedback, no voting. Would you like NYSERDA and DEC to step back?

Adriana: We could bring in the technical teams working on the regulations and have them present. Then Alanah(DEC) and Michael(NYSERDA) could step back essentially not taking an active role in the discussion. Thoughts?

Rahwa: Piggybacking off Eddie; before the meeting can we view that documentation or data in advance? Then we can come in having background.

Lisa: We can give it some thought as in what kind of process we should have.

Elizabeth: The trouble with these advisory groups is the amount of people who do environmental work or climate justice work is very limited. There needs to be a way to have weighted voting. Those doing the work should have a heavier weighted say.

Question, comments concerns

No further comments/concerns from working group

Next Steps

- Voting on bylaws at later date, likely October
- Looking to finalize the bylaws
- CJWG members please send out your blackout dates

Adjourned: 1:39pm