

NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER	Richard Opiekun opened the meeting.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	Council had quorum.
ABSENT	
EXCUSED	Adam Neuman, Sharon Brown
REPRESENTED	
GENERAL PUBLIC ATTENDEES	Andrew Arnold (PSEG)
NJ DEP Staff	Francis Steitz, Helaine Barr and Peg Hanna

Meeting Summary

- Richard Opiekun called the meeting to order at 9:32 am, and the roll was taken.
- Old Business/New Business
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 - N/A
 - Approval of meeting summaries – N/A
 - New Business – N/A
- Frank Steitz provided the DEP Administrative Report overview
 - ❖ Team will be completing an ozone report for the past few days
- **Hearing Acknowledgments:** Richard Opiekun extended his thanks to the council and all attendees for their participation in the public hearing.
- **Draft Report Challenges**
 - ❖ It was noted that compiling the draft report has been significantly more challenging this year.
 - ❖ The process is heavily reliant on pulling data, transcripts, and specific recommendations directly from the slideshow presentations provided during the hearing.
- **Public Hearing Recommendations:**
 - ❖ A primary recommendation is to invite all future speakers and council members to attend the public hearing meetings in person.
- **Initial Draft Review & Edits:**
 - ❖ The council is reviewing and editing the initial draft of the hearing report.
 - ❖ A request was made to develop and provide a comparative table illustrating the positive and negative impacts (\$+/-) of energy utilization scaled across the board.
- Motion to adjourn at 11:33 a.m. made by John Valeri, Kim Scarborough seconded and no abstentions.