

NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

In-Person/Microsoft Teams Meeting
 Kean University STEM Lab
 1075 Morris Avenue
 Union, NJ 07083

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

CALL TO ORDER	Richard Opiekun opened the meeting.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	Council had quorum.
ABSENT	
EXCUSED	Sharon Brown
REPRESENTED	NOT APPLICABLE
GENERAL PUBLIC ATTENDEES	NOT APPLICABLE
NJ DEP Staff	Francis Steitz and Peg Hanna

Meeting Summary

- Richard Opiekun called the meeting to order at 9:36 am, and the roll was taken.
- Frank Steitz provided the DEP Administrative Report overview
- Old Business/New Business
 - ❖ Old Business
 - ❖ Update on Re-Appointments for Council Letters
 - No update currently.
 - Approval of meeting summaries from January
 - Leonard Bielory first and John Valeri seconded the motion to approve, respectively
 - Unanimous Council approval
 - ❖ New Business
 - ❖ N/A
- Leonard Bielory discussed the Pollen Grant that he will be submitting for.
- Dr. David Joiner presented the efforts with identifying pollen and moving it forward.
 - ❖ Students working to move forward with computer vision models with pollen counting.
 - ❖ Kean University is the only certified counting station.
- 2026 Hearing Material
 - ❖ Potential guest speakers for February and March
- Council updated the CAC hearing speaker spreadsheet with any updates and target deadlines.
 - ❖ Updates for pending speakers on their status update
 - ❖ Follow up with Helaine with Department of Treasury and Corrections.
 - ❖ Order of the Hearing Presentation Speakers
 - ❖ Will be working on that next month's meeting.
- Motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. made by Leonard Bielory, Toby Hanna seconded and no abstentions.