

NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

<p><u>Clean Air Council Members</u> Richard Opiekun, Ph.D., Chair Kimberly Scarborough, Vice-Chair Leonard Bielory, M.D. Sharon Brown Michael Egenton Kelly Steimle</p>	<p><u>Clean Air Council Members</u> Toby Hanna, P.E. Robert Laumbach, M.D. Stephen Milgrom Adam Neuman John Valeri Jr., Esq. Allen Weston</p>
<p><u>Clean Air Council Liaison</u> George Berdomas, 609-940-5654 George.Berdomas@dep.nj.gov</p>	<p><u>NJ Clean Air Council Website:</u> http://www.state.nj.us/dep/cleanair</p>

New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record
 Microsoft Teams Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

CALL TO ORDER	Richard Opiekun opened the meeting.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	Council had quorum.
ABSENT	Sharon Brown
EXCUSED	Kelly Steimle
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 9:33 am, and the roll was taken.
- Frank Steitz provided the DEP Administrative Report overview
 - ❖ Richard Opiekun - Read the report on the Clean Buildings Hub. Document folds nicely to our hearing topic. This will help our report and complete the circle for our hearing topic this year.
 - ❖ John Valeri – Is there an expectation the other states that may be disadvantaged become our own area that they may oppose it?
 - ❖ Do not expect Connecticut to oppose it but it is not confirmed. Looking at this as an opportunity to use this data to make certain arguments with EPA. NJDEP data would overcome any objections with the data NJDEP provides.
- Old Business/New Business
 - ❖ Old Business
 - ❖ Update on Re-Appointments for Council Letters
 - ❖ Not sure if there will be a new Chief of Staff appointment for the direct contact regarding the updates for appointment letters.
 - Approval of meeting summaries from December
 - Michael Egenton first and Stephen Milgrom seconded the motion to approve, respectively
 - Unanimous Council approval
 - ❖ New Business
 - ❖ N/A
- 2026 Hearing Material
 - ❖ Potential guest speakers for February and March
- Council updated the CAC hearing speaker spreadsheet with any updates and target deadlines.
 - ❖ Update the speaker commitment date from Council – 2/6.
 - ❖ Official invitation sent out to the speakers – 2/13.
 - ❖ Information to be supplied by speakers – 3/31.
- Guidance Document and letter for the 2026 Annual Public Hearing Meeting were finalized/edited.
- Motion to adjourn at 10:48 a.m. made by Leonard Bielory, John Valeri seconded and no abstentions.