



## AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 23 2023  
5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

### DRAFT TELECONFERENCE MEETING SUMMARY

**ACPAC ATTENDEES:** Claire August, Stacey Garfinkle, Julie Kimmel, Peter Mecca, Jacqueline Norris, Audrey-Joy Nwaze, Era Pandya, Deborah Shprentz, Elizabeth Spike, James Wang, William Washburn,

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:** George Aburn, Leni Berliner, Kamita Gray, Brock Manville, William Marsh, Jon Ward

**COG STAFF:** Kelsey Boatwright, Leah Boggs, Jeff King

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Vice Chair, Era Pandya*

The meeting was called to order, introductions were made by members, committee applicants, guests, and COG staff. There were no amendments to the agenda and the November 28, 2022, meeting summary was approved with no amendments.

Tad Aburn inquired about ACPAC's response regarding the District of Columbia's plans to install a bus depot in Cheverly, MD. Mr. offered to bring Cheverly, MD community members and a representative from the University of Maryland environmental justice center to discuss the potential environmental justice issues associated with the project. Leah Boggs responded that the COG Board advised Mr. Aburn to direct his efforts to the District and Prince George's County. ACPAC is addressing environmental justice through updating the 2017 Environmental Justice Toolkit. Member Elizabeth Spike pointed out that Dr. Sacoby Wilson from the University of MD previously presented to the committee.

#### Announcements

Elizabeth Spike announced that as chair of the K12 education committee for the Air and Waste Management Association, \$15,000 was secured to work with 15 teachers from area schools. The teachers will learn how to set up the AIR Now purple air sensors at high sc. Possibly 6 schools will be part of the program and one Prince George's County applicant has applied. The teachers will have 10 hours of training.

Deborah Shprentz announced that EPA has published for public comment their proposal to strengthen the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for particulate matter (PM) which hasn't been revised since 2012. They are looking at tightening the range for the average annual standard. The health community has concerns regarding EPA's omission to propose an update of the 24-hour standard for PM 2.5. There is strong support from the health community to strengthen the 24-hour standard.

Peter Mecca expressed appreciation for being able to attend CEEPC's electric vehicle (EV) meeting at the Washington Auto Show. Mr. Mecca is excited about the future of EV deployment in the region.

## **2. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TOOLKIT PROPOSAL UPDATE AND TOOLKIT OUTLINE**

*Era Pandya, Vice Chair  
ACPAC Members*

COG ACPAC will identify potential topics for the year in the context with other COG committee priorities including the Climate, Energy & Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC), Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) and the Built Environment and Energy Advisory Committee (BEEAC).

Vice Chair Pandya noted that ACPAC's priorities should complement both CEEPC's and MWAQC's, as well as remain in scope with the Committee's bylaws. COG staff reviewed the priorities:

### CEEPC/Climate Priorities

- Integrated multi-sector planning and support TPB climate work
- Support for local implementation of 2030 Climate and Energy Plan
- Race to Zero
- Federal funding and cooperative opportunities
- Energy efficiency, electrification, net zero
- EV infrastructure deployment planning
- Equity/EJ

### MWAQC/Air

- Clean ozone season
- New local controls
- New updated motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs)
- State Implementation Plan (SIP) Planning
- Redesignation Request/Maintenance Plan for 2015 Standard

### BEEAC/Energy Preliminary Priorities

- Energy and Climate Equity Planning (Mitigation and Resilience Measure)
- Public/community outreach and engagement<sup>2</sup>
- Operationalizing equity and energy justice planning and programs (ex. funding, capital improvement planning)
- Electric Vehicle Planning and Deployment (Mitigation Measure)
- Expand light-duty electric vehicle deployment in the community
- Coordination (ex. joint application for federal funding, EV corridor planning)
- Operationalizing large scale solar projects

### ACPAC 2023 Proposed Priorities

- EJ Toolkit Update
- 2023 Climate and Energy Awards
- 2030 Action Plan implementation and equity interface
  - Support public outreach of local climate and energy plans
- Ozone planning – RR/MP for 2015 Standard

- Provide committee input (as needed)

There were no comments or revisions to ACPAC's priorities.

### **3. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TOOLKIT PROPOSAL UPDATE AND TOOLKIT OUTLINE**

*Era Pandya, Vice Chair*

*ACPAC Members*

Members reviewed and provided comments on the draft proposal to update the EJ Toolkit. A request to approval the proposal will be presented to MWAQC on February 22.

### **4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

*Nominating Subcommittee*

*ACPAC Members*

ACPAC's New Officers Nominating Subcommittee James Wang, Elizabeth Spike, and Claire August, presented the slate of nominees for the 2023 Chair and Vice Chair positions. Members will hold a vote to elect the officers from the slate of nominees.

- Chair nominees: Jacqueline Norris (MD) and Era Pandya (MD)
- Vice Chair nominees: Julia Kimmel (VA) and Deborah Shprentz (VA)

There were no self-nominations made on the floor. The newly elected officers were Era Pandya as Chair and Julie Kimmel as Vice Chair.

### **5. NEXT ACPAC MEETING AND ADJOURN**

The next meeting is March 20, 2023.

All meeting materials including speaker presentations can be found on the committee page [here](#).