

## **TURA Administrative Council Meeting**

December 20, 2023

12:00pm – 2:00pm

The TURA Administrative Council convened remotely on December 20, 2023, over Zoom.

### **Council Members Attending (attendance taken by roll call):**

Stephanie Cooper, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)

Greg Cooper, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Michael Flanagan, Department of Labor Standards (DLS)

Jacob Nunnemacher, Department of Fire Services (DFS)

Kris Callahan, Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH)

Layla D’Emilia, Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation

### **Meeting Attendees (recorded by participant list):**

EEA: Read Porter

DEP: Veronica O’Donnell, Lynn Cain, Rebecca Dolan

OTA: Caredwen Foley, Kari Sasportas, Tiffany Skogstrom (TURA Administrative Council Executive Director), Elisheva Thoreen

TURI: Liz Harriman, Heather Tenney

Other attendees:

- Christina Bramante, Nano-C
- Chuck Latvis
- Carol Holahan, Foley Hoag on behalf of ACC
- Emilee McCubbins, Ignite
- Erin DeSantis, ACC
- Heather Alker
- Karen Blood (TURA Advisory Committee Member)
- Katherine Robertson, MCTA
- Matthew Dam, MWRA
- Michelle
- Nicholas Georges
- Rachel LoBianco
- Raza Ali
- Shannon

### **1. Welcome and Introductions:**

Council members were identified by roll call.

The Executive Director described the format for questions and discussion.

### **2. Approval of August 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes vote**

The Chair opened the meeting by asking if there were any changes to the August 10, 2023 meeting minutes. The Chair clarified that members who were not present for the past meeting are still permitted to move, second, and vote in the affirmative, negative or abstain on the minutes.

There were no changes brought forth and the motion to accept the minutes as written was seconded and approved unanimously.

### **3. Commitment to Quarterly Meetings**

The Executive Director noted that it is important for the governing bodies to meet regularly, so the program staff will be sending out a When2Meet to collect input from Admin Council members on the best times for recurring meetings. The Executive Director also encouraged all members of TURA program governing and advisory bodies to attend the other bodies' meetings.

### **4. TURA Program Orientation**

The Executive Director outlined the goals of the TURA program, the roles of the implementing agencies and advisory bodies, the duties of the TURA Administrative Council under the statute, and the pathways for amending the TURA list. TURI staff described a recent example (the recommendation, deliberation, and decision-making process among the TURA advisory bodies with respect to adding a category of certain quaternary ammonium compounds) to demonstrate how the amendment process works in practice.

### **5. Regulations Package Status**

The Chair provided an update on the recently-filed updates to the TURA list to match the TRI additions, and about the pending regulation amendment for the vote to add a category of certain QACs. The program is working on developing the related regulatory package and anticipates a robust public participation process, and commits to staying in touch with any updates.

### **6. TURA Program Update**

Program staff provided an overview of TURA program activities, including:

- Steps the program is taking in light of the removal of the de minimis exemption for PFAS subject to TRI reporting
- Recent activities of the Science Advisory Board
- Leadership and staffing changes
- Recent activities at the three implementing agencies
- The 2021 TURA data release, including preliminary information from 2022 PFAS reporting

Hearing no questions from Council members, the Chair invited questions from attendees.

An attendee asked a question about the role of the Administrative Council with respect to the TURA and flame retardant statutes. The Chair summarized the flame retardant statute, which is separate from TURA, although it requires DEP to consult with TURI and the SAB about the evaluation of additional flame retardants. The Council could consider listing additional flame retardants under TURA, but is not required to under the statute. Program staff noted that the SAB is currently reviewing these flame retardants only for DEP, but it could separately consider taking up a potential recommendation to the Council as well, and clarified that any addition of flame retardants to the TURA list would go through the normal public participation process.

Program staff reminded all attendees that OTA and TURI are active on LinkedIn and both deliver newsletters that Council members and others can sign up to receive for program updates.

## **7. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.