

Environmental Justice Council
Meeting #3
Tuesday, September 27, 2022
12:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Meeting location: Zoom webinar

Meeting documents: [Agenda, slides, meeting minutes \(9/15/2022\)](#)

Council Members present:

- Kalila Barnett
- Madeline Fraser Cook
- Melissa Harding-Ferretti
- Cheryll Holley
- Caroline Hon
- Lydia Lowe
- Marcos Luna
- Peter Maathey
- Rishi Reddi
- Ari Zorn

EOEAA Staff present: Rishi Reddi, Vallery Cardoso

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Overview of Meeting Logistics
2. Approval of prior meeting minutes & Announcements
3. Presentation by Environmental Justice Task Force
 - Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Office – Tori Kim
 - Department of Agriculture – Rebecca Davidson
 - Department of Environmental Protection – Deneen Simpson
 - Department of Public Utilities – Scott Seigal, Carline Lemoine
 - Massachusetts Clean Energy Center – Beverly Craig and Jade Lu
 - Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program – CarrieAnne Petrik
4. Further discussion of EJC work product, process, and operation regarding Comprehensive Analysis of Definition of “EJ Population”
5. Questions / comments from the public
6. Next Steps and Adjourn

Meeting began at 12:11pm.

Welcome and Overview of Meeting Logistics:

Rishi welcomed attendees and provided information on language interpretation channels and availability of translated slides. Rishi informed attendees that the meeting will be recorded and posted online, and

provided an overview of meeting logistics, and meeting agenda. Meeting attendees were informed that we may not get through the whole agenda during this meeting. Rishi took attendance of EJC members.

Approval of prior meeting minutes & Announcements:

Rishi asked for feedback and/or amendments to the meeting minutes from the September 27th meeting. No comments from the council members were provided. Rishi asked for a motion to adopt these minutes with a second for the motion. Melissa motioned to adopt the motion. Cheryll seconded the motion. Rishi then went to roll call for the vote to approve minutes. All present council members voted “yes” in approval of the meeting minutes.

Rishi provided the following announcements:

- Introduction of EEA’s EJ Office new staff member, Carline Lemoine, Deputy Director for External Stakeholder Coordinator. Carline provided information on her background, and the work she did during her time at the Department of Public Utilities (DPU).
- Update on EEA’s EJ Strategy and upcoming release for public comment
- Cancellation of October 12th EJ Council meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for October 27th from 6-8pm.

Presentation by Environmental Justice Task Force:

EEA’s EJ Task Force (EJTF) introduced themselves.

- Rebecca Davidson, MDAR
- Jorge Ayub, DCR
- Deneen Simpson, MassDEP
- James “Jimmy” Rossignol, DFG
- Danilo Morales, DOER
- Scott Seigal, DPU
- Wayne Wang, EFSB
- Tyler Soleau, CZM (not in attendance)
- Major Kevin Clayton, MEP (not in attendance)
- Dominique Pahlavan, GIS
- Tori Kim, MEPA
- Kari Sasportas, OTA
- Carrieanne Petrik, MVP Program

The following EJ Task Force members presented an overview of their office or agency’s top 5 current EJ initiatives and some ways the EJ population definition impacts their office or agency’s work:

- Tori Kim, MEPA
- Rebecca Davidson, MDAR
- Deneen Simpson, MassDEP
- Scott Seigal and Carline Lemoine, DPU
- MassCEC, Beverly Craig and Jade Lu
- Carrieanne Petrik, MVP Program

Rishi asked for any questions from the EJ Council. Marcos thanked the EJTF for presenting. Stated that he appreciated MassCEC mentioning metrics on grants and is curious about how other agencies track metrics on what resources are being devoted/channeled to EJ neighborhoods. Jade responded that they have an internal grant management software where they include a field in each award record about

whether that project is happening in an EJ neighborhood and whether there are goals around diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Rishi asked for any other questions from the EJ Council.

EJ Task Force member emails are available on EEA's EJ webpage: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/environmental-justice-contacts>. If there is interest, the EJTF can attend future meetings to have more discussion.

Vallery asked for a motion to adjourn meeting. Marcos motioned. Madeleine seconded. Vallery called for a roll call vote. All present members voted to adjourn meeting.

Further discussion of EJC work product, process, and operation regarding Comprehensive Analysis of Definition of "EJ Population":

We did not discuss this agenda item during this meeting.

Questions/comments from the public:

No other questions were asked from the EJ Council. Rishi apologized, but due to technical difficulties, and the presentations, there was no time to take questions from the public. We will take questions at our next meeting.

Next Steps and Adjourn:

Next meeting is on October 27th from 6-8pm. Proposed agenda items are to decide on the work report and the process by which we will reach that work product, and discussion on what is missing from the definition of EJ population. Proposed agenda items can be emailed to Vallery at vallery.b.cardoso@mass.gov.

Meeting adjourned at 1:14.