
MINUTES – March 12, 2025

This Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board (“Board”) meeting was conducted in a hybrid format with remote participation via Zoom video conference.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Richards called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Board Liaison Anita SdeArmijo called roll and the Vice Chair determined a quorum was present. Member Cudney-Black attended virtually.

Present: 4 – Dennis Armijo, Jane Cudney-Black, Thomas De Pree, Kitty Richards

Absent: 3 - Joseph Galewsky, Josephine Lopez, Nancy Montaña

2. CONSENT AGENDA *(Items may be removed at the request of any Board Member)*

A. Approval of the March 12, 2025 Meeting Agenda

B. Approval of the February 12, 2025

Vice Chair Richards stated that she would like to move the public comment opportunity to after the HEEI update, and asked for any objections. Hearing none, Member Armijo moved to approve the consent agenda with the proposed change in item order. Member De Pree seconded. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 4 – Armijo, Cudney-Black, De Pree, Richards

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 3 - Galewsky, Lopez, Montaña

3. UPDATE

20.11.72 NMAC-HEEI Status Presentation

Deputy Director Terrance Smith gave a quick presentation on steps EHD has taken to create the overburdened area (OBA) map required by 20.11.72 NMAC. He then introduced John Wilhelmi of the Eastern Research Group (ERG), who gave a presentation about OBA map methodology. Dr. Smith, Mr. Wilhelmi, and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Matthew Whelan stood for questions.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tybur Casuse-Driovinto (timestamp 53:25, in person), Lauro Silva of Mountain View Community (timestamp 58:33, zoom), Marla Painter of Mountain View Community (timestamp 1:05, zoom), Maslyn Locke of NMELC (timestamp 1:09, zoom), Xavier Barraza of the Los Jardines Institute (timestamp 1:12, zoom) and Genevieve Mitchell (timestamp 1:17, zoom) all gave comment regarding the OBA map.

5. AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

Spotlight: Vehicle Pollution Management Division (VPMD)

Environmental Health Manager Travis Miller gave a presentation about the Vehicle Pollution Management Division, including some history and information about the emissions program. He then stood for questions.

6. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Nomination for Chair and Vice Chair for 2025-2026

Vice Chair Richards nominated Member Armijo for the position of chair and he accepted. Member Armijo nominated Vice Chair Richards for the position of vice chair and she accepted. Board members will have another opportunity to make any additional nominations at the April board meeting.

B. The Board will consider whether or not to go into closed session with the Board Attorney to discuss i) pending litigation: AQCB and BCC of Bernalillo County vs. CoA (202-CV-2-23-09295) and GCC Rio Grande et al vs AQCB and CoA (D-202-CV-2023-09435), and ii) appeals of Clean Cars II regulations and the HEEI regulation.

- The board will discuss, make a motion with reasonable specificity, and vote whether or not to go into closed session, following procedures outlined in Section 10-15-1 (I) of the OMA. Exceptions to open meetings are outlined in Section 10-15-1 (H).

Member Armijo moved to go into closed session to discuss litigation. Member De Pree seconded. The result of the motion was the following vote:

For: 3 – Armijo, De Pree, Richards

Against: 0 Abstain: 1- Cudney-Black Absent: 3- Galewsky, Lopez, Montaña

- If there is a closed session, the Board will announce what was discussed and will make any motions based on the closed session discussion. *Topics discussed during a closed session are limited to those expressly excepted from the open meeting requirements.*

Vice Chair Richards stated that they did not have a quorum for a closed session and board attorney Jane Yee agreed. The Board did not go into closed session.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Possible Future Agenda Items

- Spotlight- Air Quality Program (AQP) overview
- 2023 Regional Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Emissions and Milestone Report (the SO₂ Milestone Report)
- Nominations and election of Chair and Vice Chair
- Interactive OBA map presentation

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Richards adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: April 9, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

READ AND APPROVED:

Paul J. Rogers, Director
Environmental Health Department

Dr. Joseph Galewsky, Chair
Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board