

**MINUTES OF THE
AIR QUALITY POLICY ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, February 1, 2018 – 5:00 p.m. – Centennial Room – Capitol Building**

Members Present:

Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Angela Romero

Mr. Todd R. Bingham
Ms. Kerry E. Kelly
Ms. Ashley Miller
Mr. Bryce Bird

Staff Present:

Mr. Mark Berger, Div. of Air Quality
Ms. Melissa Yazhe, Div. of Air Quality

Mr. Glade Sowards, Div. of Air Quality.

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html

1. Welcome

Dr. Kelly called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes for the January 9, 2018, meeting.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler motioned to approve the minutes. The motion carries unanimously.

3. Metrics

The Board discussed ideas of how its recommendation for items brought for their consideration will be reported back to the Legislature. A red, yellow, green system was suggested as it is straightforward and familiar, and with that an explanation should also be included as to why a bill or appropriation was given a certain color recommendation. The criteria would also need to be decided upon the Board's recommendation. Criteria might include cost in dollars per ton, potential emission reductions, effectiveness and/or ease of implementation, data collection impact, and others, if needed.

4. Communication

The Board discussed ways to get the message out to Legislators that bringing their ideas concerning air quality before this Board could actually help get their ideas vetted and help get language drafted. Overall, the long-term goal would be to educate Legislators of the process of the Air Quality Policy Advisory Board and to use this Board as a way to improve legislation.

Rep. Romero wanted it noted that she recommends that any recommendations made by this Board also be communicated to the Clean Air Caucus as a courtesy.

5. Review Bills and Budget Requests

Mr. Bird gave a brief summary on H.B. 5 for the Department of Environmental Quality base budget.

Mr. Bird introduced H.B. 101, Air Quality Emissions Testing Amendments, followed with Board discussion.

Rep. Hawkes introduced H.B. 140, Air Quality Technical Amendments. He explained that the recommended changes only affect two sections of code for the numbering and expiration date of this board.

Rep. Romero introduced H.B. 171, Motor Vehicle Emissions Amendments, followed with board discussion.

Sen. Escamilla introduced an ongoing appropriations request for \$100,000 from the state to monitor air quality using the TRAX trains. A presentation was made to the board by Dr. Mendoza of the University of Utah and discussion followed.

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes approved: May 15, 2018