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Government Services Center Room 351E/Zoom

February 25, 2026
Hybrid meeting

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Paul Spiegel, Chair, Seung Ah Byun, Matthew Edmond, Richard Moseley, Steve Krug.

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: David Stauffer, Chinaza Akobi, Jeff Byers, Sarah Sharp, Mark Connolly, Rachel Roberts, Gene Johnston (for George Martynick), Kevin Warren

OTHERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Richard Drake; Lydia Franks; Rachael Griffith; Kate Hutelmyer; Carol Stauffer; Sally Warren.

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Peter Buck; Carolyn Conwell; Ryan Mawhinney; Shawn Paul Reagan; Karin de Vries; Sean Walsh

CALL TO ORDER:

The Environmental and Energy Advisory Board meeting, held in the Government Services Center in Room 171 and via Zoom video/audio on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, was called to order at 2:08 P.M. by Chair, Paul Spiegel. Mr. Spiegel noted a quorum was not present, so approval of the January 28th meeting minutes would be skipped until later in the meeting when enough board members join.

Presentation: Climate Action Progress

Ms. Griffith shared greenhouse gas emissions trends since 2005, noting an overall decrease of nearly 40% since 2005. She also shared results of several metrics the county tracks related to key climate solutions, and discussed the major accomplishments of county government since the Plan's adoption in 2021. Carrie Conwell, Senior Environmental Planner at the Planning Commission, shared CCPC's plans for community and stakeholder engagement for the Plan update.

Discussion: Updating Climate Action Plan's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goal:

Ms. Griffith facilitated a discussion on whether the Plan should retain the same greenhouse gas reduction goal. Ms. Byun suggested keeping the goal the same and expressed that setting interim targets could be difficult given changes in policy. Mr. Spiegel noted that he has seen organizations with long-term goals not act on them, suggesting interim goals can be helpful. Mr. Krug noted that the county is behind on achieving the long-term goal, and that it will be harder to reduce the remaining emissions. Ms. Roberts suggested adopting criteria to periodically assess whether to adjust goals. Discussion ensued on net zero emissions. Mr. Edmond suggested the group should determine the

ultimate greenhouse gas reduction goal, and then interim targets can be determined. Peter Buck clarified that the state's greenhouse gas reduction goal aligns with the Paris Agreement. Discussion ensued on the meaning of 'net zero'. Mr. Johnston suggested a goal is set based on what we think is possible today and can be revisited each time the plan is updated.

Presentation: Prioritization Matrix for Climate Actions

Shawn Reagan and Karin de Vries, students from Penn State's Local Climate Action Planning (LCAP) program working with CCPC, presented a prioritization matrix they created to evaluate and compare potential actions for including in the plan update. Mr. Connolly asked how the students came up with their rankings. Mr. Buck noted the board should provide input on the criteria and ranking within the matrix. Mr. Moseley commended the tool, and suggested the outputs would likely not change much unless there were significant changes to the weighting.

Discussion: Climate Action Priorities

The board split up into groups to identify priority actions that the LCAP students will analyze with their prioritization matrix.

Approval of January 28, 2026, Minutes:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 28, 2026 MEETING WAS MADE BY MS. BYUN, SECONDED BY MS. AKOBI, AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.

Updates from the Board:

Mr. Connolly suggested governments should be transparent about their use of AI.

Public Comments: Mr. Sean Walsh, supervisor in West Goshen Township, expressed his support for the Board's work on the climate action plan, shared greenhouse gas reduction strategies the Township has recently undertaken.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AT 4:07 P.M. BY MR. KRUG, SECONDED BY MR. MOSELEY, AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew J. Edmond, Secretary

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