

# Environmental Advisory Board

## Minutes of June 25, 2025

### Members Present:

- **In person:** Dave Schmitt; Douglas Walton; Kylie Johnson; Rico Blackman
- **Virtual:** Andrew Musgrave; Ashlee Young; Emmy Schroder; Ericka Copeland; Julie Shifman; Nathan Alley; Monica Perdomo; Susan Sprigg; Van Sullivan

### Members Absent: Nayana Shah

**Staff Present:** Oliver Kroner; Amanda Testerman; Erin Kabel; Ben Russ; EllieAnna Shanklin; Jake Grimmer; Jamiya Barnett; Max McGill; Renata Dashevsky

**Meeting:** A meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was held on May 25, 2025 at 3:00 PM at Centennial II HR Conference Room B, 805 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

### Meeting Agenda:

- I. **Public Comment**
- II. **Call to Order at 3:05 PM**
- III. **Administrative Action\***
  - Approval of May 28, 2025 – Meeting minutes
- IV. **Office of Environment and Sustainability Comments**
  - OES welcomes Sustainability Fellows
  - FY26 Budget has passed
  - Federal Budget
  - Seeds of Change Awardees named.
    - 2025 Youth Climate Action: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/oes/green-cincinnati-plan/seeds-of-change-grant-program/april-youth-grant-awardees-2025/>
    - 2025 Spring Open Call: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/sites/oes/assets/June-2025-Awardees.pdf>
- V. **Information/Updates**
  - Meeting with Councilmember Meeka Owens – Kylie Johnson
    - Discussion included Plan Cincinnati, Futures Commission, Connected Communities, Green Workforce, and Building Performance Standards
- VI. **Items for Vote\***
  - None
- VII. **Presentations**
  - None
- VIII. **Open Discussion**
  - How does EAB support GCP Action CA.3: Support codification of climate justice and racial equity in City decision-making mechanisms?
  - The Board discussed feedback from the prior presentations from Fair Shake in April and from OES on how the GCP includes Equity in May and how it relates to codifying environmental justice. The Board discussed generally: heat islands, air quality, housing, gardens/food, EAB role in sharing best practices, infrastructure and the prior EJ ordinance regarding land use, defining 'codify' as more than just law/ordinances/rules and also as programming, suggestion to join Welcoming America coalition, Bridge Forward, reliance hubs and overlap between programs, green workforce, connecting with Hispanic community, 5 types of equity.
- I. **Next Meeting**
  - Wednesday July 23, 2025 at 3:00 PM
- II. **Adjournment at 4:25 PM**