

Environmental Advisory Board

Minutes of September 24, 2025

Members Present:

- **In person:** Dave Schmitt; Douglas Walton; Kylie Johnson; Susan Sprigg
- **Virtual:** Andrew Musgrave; Ashlee Young; Emmy Schroder; Ericka Copeland; Nathan Alley; Nayana Shah; Rico Blackman;

Members Absent: Julie Shifman; Monica Perdomo; Van Sullivan

Staff Present: Ollie Kroner; Amanda Testerman; Erin Kabel;

Meeting: A meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was held on September 24, 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 3:06 PM**
- III. **Administrative Action***
 - Approval of August 27, 2025 – Meeting minutes
- IV. **Office of Environment and Sustainability Comments**
 - Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC) Process Update
 1. Two public hearings are taking place regarding SOPEC: 9/24/25 at 1:30pm and 10/6/25 at 1pm. Both meetings in Council Chambers. The meetings are to permit questions and comments regarding SOPEC. These are required before the City can join SOPEC as a member.
 2. More information can be found: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/oes/buildings-and-energy/aggregation-program/>
- V. **Information/Updates**
 - Meeting with Council Member Owens Updates – Kylie Johnson
 - Meeting on 9/2/25 with Kylie Johnson, Dave Schmitt, and Van Sullivan to discuss council priorities, focuses of the EAB, and next steps. Continued interest in building performance standards and codification of environmental justice.
- VI. **Items for Vote***
 - SOPEC Recommendation Comment
 - Review of the draft comment recommending pursuit of membership into SOPEC
 - Motion to recommend submitting draft recommendation letter to Council
 1. Yes – 11 votes; No – 0 votes [MOTION PASSES]
- VII. **Presentations**
 - Community Engagement Overview – Eunice Avery, Dariah Williams and Stacey Hoffman, Department of City Planning and Engagement
 - Codifying Environmental Justice in Decision-Making; Examples to Spark Ideas – Meagan Niebler, Fair Shake
- VIII. **Open Discussion**
 - None
- I. **Next Meeting**
 - Wednesday October 22, 2025 at 3:00 PM
- II. **Adjournment at 4:35 PM**