

Environmental Advisory Board

Minutes of December 18, 2024

Members Present:

- **In person:** Andrew Musgrave; Dave Schmitt; Kylie Johnson; Susan Sprigg; Van Sullivan
- **Virtual:** Ashlee Young; Ericka Copeland; Nathan Alley; Rico Blackman

Members Absent: Chad Day; Diana Hodge; Julie Shifman; Tanner Yess

Staff Present: Oliver Kroner; Amanda Testerman; Erin Kabel

Meeting: A meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was held on December 18, 2024 at 3:00 PM at Centennial II HR Conference Room A, 805 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. **Public Comment**
- II. **Call to Order at 3:08 PM**
- III. **Administrative Action***
 - Approval of November 20, 2024 – Meeting minutes
- IV. **Office of Environment and Sustainability Comments**
 - Seeds of Change Showcase – celebration event on 12/12/24 for the 28 awardees of Seeds of Change grants to share their projects and progress
 - Federal Funding Shifts
 - GreenSpot EV Curbside Charging Contract – executed, installation expected in 2025
 - OES Employee of the Year – Amanda Testerman
 - Rob McCracken – Ohio Clean Energy Champion Award
 - City awarded Ohio EPA – Encouraging Environmental Excellence in Communities Gold Award
 - Cincy AirWatch Dashboard - <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/oes/natural-environment/air-quality/cincy-air-watch/>
- V. **Information/Updates**
 - 2025 Schedule, Board Members, Elections
 - 2025 Meetings scheduled for January & February. Schedule for the remainder of the year can be voted on when new members join in 2025
 - New or renewed board members will be appointed by City Manager with terms beginning January 1st. Chair & Vice Chair Terms begin in March. Elections will take place in 2025.
 - Update on EAB presentation to CEI Committee & meeting with Councilmember Owens
 - Van Sullivan presented at the CEI Committee on 12/3/24. See recording here: <https://archive.org/details/16241203-cei>
 - Van Sullivan and Kylie Johnson meet with CM Owen’s and discussed EJ Ordinance and how to further codify, Performance Based Budgeting, lack of a unified definition of greenspace, and Plan Cincinnati update
- VI. **Items for Vote***
- VII. **Presentations**
- VIII. **Open Discussion**
 - Comments on Actions with Policy Focus:
 - i. Building Performance
 - ii. Codifying Environmental Justice
 - iii. Green Infrastructure – to be discussed at next meeting
- I. **Next Meeting**
 - Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 3:00 PM
- II. **Adjournment at 4:30 PM**