

Packaging EPR Advisory Board

Meeting summary

Virtual via Microsoft Teams or in-person at the MPCA St. Paul office | 2 hours

Friday, February 21, 2025 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm CT

Recording available at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/events-and-meetings/packaging-extended-producer-responsibility-advisory-board-meeting-2025-02-21>

Attendance

Board member attendance

Present (9 members required for quorum)			Absent
Townsend Brown	Sara Bixby	Gabbie Batzko-Conley	
Kris Coperine	Megan Daum	Kate Davenport	
Mike Griffin	Sydney Harris	Miriam Holsinger (Vice Chair)	
Bill Keegan	Kirk Koudelka	Gregory Melkonian	
Shoshana Micon	Victoria Reinhardt (Chair)	Maggie Schuppert	
Mac Sellars	Jon Steiner	Steve Vrchota	

Guest presenters: None

Agency staff: Kim Behrens, Dave Benke, Annika Bergen, Andrew Elbert, John Gilkeson, Mara Jade, Shaina Keseley, Hugh Kirsch, Tina Patton

Members of the public were also welcome to attend in-person or virtually.

Meeting notes

Call to order

Congratulations and welcome by Kirk Koudelka, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Agenda and introductions

Presented by Kim Behrens, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency staff

Board members introduced themselves and identified what drew them to participate on the Board.

Meeting norms

Presented by Kim Behrens, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency staff

Kim outlined meeting norms and asked for feedback if any additional norms were requested.

Overview of Packaging Waste and Cost Reduction Act

Presented by Annika Bergen and John Gilkeson

Agency program staff provided a high-level summary of the law and how the board will be engaged. Future meetings will go into more depth on each section of the law.

Participatory conversation on role of Advisory Board

Facilitated by Kim Behrens, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency staff

The board engaged in a discussion after, providing feedback on what they heard about the statute and their role. They also asked questions and made recommendations for topics to discuss at future meetings.

Chair and vice-chair selection

Facilitated by Kim Behrens and Shaina Keseley, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency staff

Victoria Reinhardt self-nominated for the position of Board Chair and spoke about her interest and expertise. Kim asked for nominations twice on the call and then asked for a motion.

Miriam Holsinger motioned; Jon Steiner seconded. Shaina conducted a roll call vote.

Aye: Batzko, Bixby, Brown, Coperine, Daum, Davenport, Griffin, Harris, Herman, Holsinger, Melkonian, Micon, Reinhardt, Schuppert, Sellars, Steiner, Vrchota

Nay: None

Miriam Holsinger self-nominated for the position of Board Vice Chair and spoke about her interest and expertise. Kim asked for nominations twice on the call and then asked for a motion.

Mac Sellars motioned; Matt Herman seconded. Shaina conducted a roll call vote.

Aye: Batzko, Bixby, Brown, Coperine, Daum, Davenport, Griffin, Harris, Herman, Holsinger, Melkonian, Micon, Reinhardt, Schuppert, Sellars, Steiner, Vrchota

Nay: None

Vote requires majority vote, which was secured and unanimously passed for both.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Notes compiled by: Annika Bergen

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