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## **APPROVED MINUTES**

Summary of Board of Directors  
Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Access, and Inclusion Meeting  
Wednesday, March 25, 2020

**This meeting was conducted under procedures authorized by executive order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom. Members of the committee participated by teleconference.**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) on Equity and Environmental Justice (at the time, this was still the name of the Committee) Chairperson, Davina Hurt, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Davina Hurt; and Directors John Bauters, John Gioia, Tyrone Jue, Nate Miley, Katie Rice, Mark Ross, Shamann Walton, Lori Wilson, and Shirlee Zane.

Absent: Director Carole Groom.

Also Present: Board Chairperson Rod Sinks.

### **2. ESTABLISHMENT OF ROLE AND CHARTER OF COMMITTEE**

Jack P. Broadbent, Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer, introduced Mary Ann Okpalaugo, Manager of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, who gave the staff presentation *Establishment of Role and Charter of Committee*. The Committee was presented with proposed language for its charter and suggested various revisions to the language.

#### Public Comments

Public comments, received via electronic mail, and read aloud by Vanessa Johnson, Manager of Executive Operations, were submitted by: Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; and Y'Anad Burrell, Glass House Communications.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Miley was noted present at 3:13 p.m., and Director Zane was noted present at 3:20 p.m.

#### Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the suggestion of including geographic location and age at the end of the first sentence; the suggestion of changing “residents” to “individuals” or “all people”;

how to define “overburdened communities”, and the suggestion of changing the final sentence to “applying an equity lens to Air District policies and practices in all communities, including overburdened communities”; the suggestion of putting a period after “practices” at the end of the second paragraph; the suggestion of inserting the word “serving” before the words “overburdened communities”; the suggestion of putting emphasis on the Air District programs that are being offered; the suggestion of removing “air pollution” in the final sentence; the suggestion that the presence of high levels of air pollution in overburdened community be acknowledged in the charter language; the difference between the terms “highly impacted” and “disadvantaged”; working versus living in the Bay Area; the suggestion of adding “the AD will prioritize traditionally disinvested or disadvantaged communities for investment opportunities, as well as ensure highly-impacted communities receive policy and program prioritization” in the second paragraph; the suggestion of including health impacts from air pollution in the charter language; the suggestion of adding “inclusive” after “equitable” in the first sentence; the suggestion of adding “ equitable inclusion, treatment, and outcome” to the first sentence; and the suggestion of somehow emphasizing dignity, regardless of a person’s economic status, in the charter language.

Chair Hurt said that she and Air District staff would continue developing this language and bring a second version back to the Committee for consideration.

#### Committee Action

None; receive and file.

### **3. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Mr. Broadbent introduced Greg Nudd, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of policy, who gave the staff presentation *Consideration of Committee Responsibilities*, including: committee responsibilities; internal programs; external programs; and Community Hand Public Health Committee responsibilities.

#### Public Comments

No requests received.

#### Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed how “community” is defined by the Air District; the development of community plans under Assembly Bill 617; the intentional relationship between this community and the Air District’s Community and Public Health Committee, and how their work can overlap; and whether “measuring impact” (tracking health outcomes) should be a responsibility of the Committee.

#### Committee Action

None; receive and file.

#### **4. CONSIDERATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE TITLE**

Ms. Okpalaugo and Mr. Nudd led the Committee in a discussion of the title of the Ad Hoc Committee. Suggested revisions were made by the Committee members.

##### Public Comments

Public comments, received via electronic mail, and read aloud by Vanessa Johnson, Manager of Executive Operations, were submitted by: J. Michelle Pierce, Strategy, Sustainability, Community; Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; Jill Ratner, Rose Foundation; and Steve Nadel, Sunflower Alliance.

##### Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the suggestion of replacing “environmental justice” with “equity and inclusion”; and the suggestion of adding “inclusion” and “access” to the title.

##### Committee Action

Director Wilson made a motion, seconded by Director Bauters, to recommend that the Board **approve** the revised title of “Ad Hoc Committee of Equity, Access, and Inclusion”; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES:	Bauters, Gioia, Hurt, Jue, Miley, Rice, Ross, Sinks, Wilson, Zane.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	Groom and Walton.

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

No requests received.

#### **6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Director Bauters thanked Air District staff and Board Chair Sinks for creating the Committee and recommended that agenda topics be based upon the desires of overburdened communities.

Director Gioia said that the Committee should listen to overburdened communities’ needs and build relationships with them.

Director Rice thanked Air District staff and Board Chair Sinks for creating the Committee and added that she would like to see internal practices at the Air District reflect the policies created by the Committee.

Board Chair Sinks said that the responsibilities of the Committee are essential, even during the COVID19 pandemic, and suggested that meetings be held in overburdened communities.

Director Zane remarked on the improved ethnic and gender diversity of Board members since she was first appointed.

Chair Hurt said that she hopes that the Committee can set good examples for other agencies.

**7. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Chair Hurt said that Air District staff recommends that the Committee meets every other month. Director Bauters recommended that the Committee meetings be held in locations that are easily accessible to public transit. After the meeting adjourned, the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures authorized by Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

*/s/ Marcy Hiratzka*  
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Clerk of the Boards