

GreenNY - Executive Order 22

Leading By Example: Directing State Agencies to Adopt a Sustainability and Decarbonization Program

Meeting of the GreenNY Council

September 20, 2023, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza
Meeting Room 7

A G E N D A

2:00 – 2:05 – Welcome and introductions (Emily Rubenstein, OGS)

Council members or their designees participating:

- Emily Rubenstein, **OGS**, co-chair
- Joseph Miner, **DOB**, co-chair
- Brendan Woodruff, **DEC**, co-chair
- Frank Ciampa, **NYSERDA**, co-chair
- Eric Mazzone, **NYPA**, co-chair
- Michael Wojnar, **MTA**
- Brian Hahn, **EFC**
- Rebecca Miller, **ESD**
- Carolyn Ryan, **DOT**
- Matthew Davidson, **PARKS**
- Jessica DiPrima, **DOH**
- Eric Mcquide, **DASNY**

Emily Rubenstein, OGS, opened the meeting at 2:05pm.

2:05 – 2:10 – Approval of minutes for the June 2023 GreenNY Council meeting
Motion to approve by Matthew Davidson, Parks, and seconded by Brendan Woodruff, DEC. Motion was approved unanimously.

2:10 – 2:20 – Public comment opportunity
No public comment.

2:20 – 2:40 – Working group and guidance updates
Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA, provided an update on the Reporting Working Group: The 11th Annual Greening New York State Progress Report for FY 21-22 was prepared for

release in the afternoon on Wednesday September 20, 2023. The GreenNY survey for FY 22-23 is in final stages of development. Tools and instructions will be sent out to Sustainability Coordinators in early October. An informational webinar will follow to provide details about what's new for this next cycle. The deadline to submit survey responses is January 19, 2024.

Brendan Woodruff, DEC, provided an update on the Procurement Working Group: The Center for Materials Management (SUNY ESF) is reformatting and updating GreenNY specs to make them easier to use and implement. Revised Procurement Guidelines were released.

Linda Murray, DOL, provided an update on the Operations and Engagement Working Group: SustainableU training has begun. Linda provided an overview of the scope of the course curriculum.

Bill Calabrese, OGS, provided an update on the ZEV Conversion Working Group: Conversion plan templates were provided to Affected Entities, and preliminary results and tips for completing the templates are being shared among fleet managers. Plans are due December 31, 2023.

Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA, provided an update on the 100% Renewable Electricity by 2030 Working Group: The group is identifying policy definitions on what compliance looks like, as well as identifying technical and economic barriers.

Nasibah Elmi, DEC, provided an update on the Waste Working Group: This is a new working group that will convene in early October. Prep work includes development and release of a waste template. A webinar was hosted on August 2, 2023. P21 is available for support through three focus groups.

Mariane Jang, OGS, provided an update on the Embodied Carbon Working Group: Trainings will be provided on low carbon concrete in early October, as well as in November and December this year. The group's first meeting will take place on Tuesday September 26, 2023 at 3-4pm. Low Carbon Concrete Guidelines were released on September 19, 2023.

2:40 – 2:55 – Review of procurement specification(s) for approval

- Review for final approval: Carpet Cleaning (Alyssa Bonitatibus, DEC)
- Review for tentative approval: Solar PV (Cris Schrader, NYSERDA)

Alyssa Bonitatibus, DEC, provided a review of the Carpet Cleaning procurement specification. Alyssa discussed the three comments that were received regarding this specification. Alyssa made clear that a product only must meet one third-party certification, and not all three. Motion for final approval of the Carpet Cleaning procurement specification made by Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA, and seconded by Brian Hahn, EFC. Motion was approved unanimously.

Cris Schrader, NYSERDA, provided a review of the draft updated Solar PV procurement specification. The old specification has been updated with higher solar panel efficiency

rating reflective of devices currently available in the market. Motion for tentative approval of the draft updated Solar PV procurement specification was made by Michael Wojnar, MTA, and seconded by Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA. Motion was approved unanimously. The tentatively approved specification will be posted for public comment.

2:55 – 3:35 – GreenNY in action presentation

- GreenNY Report highlight reel (Brendan Woodruff, DEC)

Brendan Woodruff, DEC, discussed the highlights from the 11th annual GreenNY Progress Report. Brendan mentioned the progress of the BuildSmart 2025 Program, as well as the Green Purchasing Program. Key successes include: a 50% increase in composting year over year; 1 trillion BTUs of additional energy saving projects; 37 new GreenNY purchasing specifications; and \$286 million spent on green products and services.

3:35 – 3:45 – Final comments and adjournment (Emily Rubenstein, OGS)

Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA, made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rebecca Miller, ESD. Motion approved unanimously.