GreenNY - Executive Order 22
Leading By Example: Directing State Agencies to Adopt a Sustainability and Decarbonization Program

Meeting of the GreenNY Council

March 20th, 2025, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza
Meeting Room 7

A G E N D A

1:00 – 1:05 – Welcome and introductions
Kerry-Jane King, NYPA
Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA
Mariane Jang, OGS
Peter Hoffman, DASNY
Mike Flynn, DOT
Bill Kennan, MTA
Brian Hahn, EFC
Ron Raush, OPRHP
Tim Kirchgraber, ESD
Joe Miner, DOB

1:05 – 1:10 – Approval of minutes for the December 2024 GreenNY Council meeting

No comments or edits made to the minutes. Kerry-Jane King, NYPA motioned to approve the minutes. Mariane Jang, OGS seconded the motion. All were in favor to approve the minutes.

1:10 – 1:20 – Public comment opportunity
Harvey Epstein, Assemblymember, requested information on projects and progress of goals that have been set.

1:20 – 2:05 – GreenNY procurement specification updates

- Proposed for Final Approval:
  - Facial Tissues, Toilet Paper and Toilet Seat Covers, Paper Towels and Wipers, Paper Napkins, Plastic Trash Bags, Prepackaged Deicers, Cream Cleansers, Vacuum Cleaners, Floor Polishing Equipment
- Proposed for Tentative Approval:
  - Floor Scrubbing Equipment, Carpet Extractors, Compostable Bioplastic Organic Waste Bags, Batteries and Battery Chargers, Toner and Ink Cartridges

Alexandra Leader, NYPA, introduced the specification update project and the approach to reviewing and approving the specifications.

Delaney Demro, Center for Sustainable Materials Management (CSMM) went through the specifications that were updated. Each specification gets a benchmark and market assessment, sales data and certification review, policy review and stakeholder engagement.

(1) Cream cleansers received no comments.

- Kerry-Jane King, NYPA motioned to approve this specification. Peter Hoffman, DASNY seconded the motion. The final specification is approved.

(2) Janitorial and food service paper products, such as paper towels, tissues, napkins, etc, must have at least Green Seal, UL ECOLOGO, FSC or SFI certification.

- Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA, commented about the importance of making these changes to reduce the impacts from our operations related to consumable goods.
- Timothy Kirchgraber, ESD, motioned to approve these specifications. Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA, seconded the motion. The final specifications were approved unanimously.

(3) Waste bags must not be labeled degradable, no intentionally added fragrances, must have a maximum thickness of 10 microns or less. The Compostable bioplastic organic waste bags must be accepted and processed by purchaser's contracted organic waste service provider, certificated compostable by BPI, CMA or another certification.

- Timothy Kirchgraber, ESD, asked why there were two separate specifications for bags and biodegradable bags. The Responsible Purchasing Network (RPN) responded that the main reason is to allow the proper separation between bags that go to landfills and bags that contain compostable materials, which can be transported to a compost facility. Also, compostable bags will not typically biodegrade in a landfill environment.
- Ron Rausch, OPRHP, motioned to approve these specifications and Brian Hahn, EFC, seconded the motion. All were in favor and the final specifications are approved. Note that the compostable bioplastic organic waste bags specification was a draft and should have been considered for tentative approval. It was however, presented for final approval at the meeting and was unanimously approved. To ensure the opportunity is provided for review, the specification will be posted for public comment along with the other tentatively approved specifications and considered for final approval at the next meeting of the Council.

(4) The floor maintenance and cleaning equipment section highlighted vacuum cleaners and floor polishing equipment. The vacuum cleaners must be certified by Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI) seal of approval, electric or removable rechargeable battery powered, less than 70 dBA sound.

- Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA asked if the removable battery requirements would be

added to this specification. RPN responded that this is already included in the model contracting language, but they would consider adding it to the specification as well.

- Kerry-Jane King, NYPA motioned to approve these specifications. Bill Keenan, MTA, seconded the motion. All were in favor to approve the final specifications.

(5) The floor scrubbing equipment and carpet extractors section explained that both types of equipment must be certified by UL or ETL, electric or rechargeable battery. The floor scrubbing equipment specification must have controls or other devices to collect and capture particulates and be equipped with a control method for variable rate dispensing to optimize the use of cleaning fluids.

- Ron Raush, OPRHP, asked if it is common for floor scrubbing equipment to have particulate collection as the picture shown in the PowerPoint did not seem to have one. RPN responded they will verify that is the case.
- Kerry-Jane King, NYPA motioned to approve these specifications. Mike Flynn, DOT, seconded the motion. All were in favor to tentatively approve the these draft specifications.

(6) The next specification discussed was for prepackaged deicers, which must have a Safer Choice or Clear Roads Qualified Products List (QPL) certification.

- Kerry-Jane King, NYPA, motioned to approve the specification. Mariane Jang, OGS, seconded the motion. All were in favor to approve the final specification.

(7) The Battery and Battery chargers specification requirements must include rechargeability, labeled with power rating in mAh or mWh, must have acceptable chemistries.

- Kerry-Jane King, NYPA motioned to tentatively approve the specification. Bill Keenan, MTA, seconded to tentatively approve this specification. The draft specification was tentatively approved unanimously.

(8) The last specification discussed included toner and ink cartridges. The specification called for a minimum requirement of at least a remanufactured or labeled high yield and must be made by original equipment manufacturer (OEM).

- Kerry-Jane King, NYPA motioned to tentatively approve the specification. Timothy Kirchgraber, ESD, seconded the motion to tentatively approve the specification. The draft specification was tentatively approved unanimously.

2:05 – 2:50 – Working group and guidance updates

- Operations and Engagement (Linda Murray, DOL)
  Linda Murray, DOL noted that the sustainability coordinator orientation is published and posted to the GreenNY SharePoint. There are additional trainings in development related to procurement and other EO22-related topics.
  Bill Keenan, MTA, asked about working group meeting dates. Linda directed interested parties to the calendar on the GreenNY SharePoint.
- Embodied Carbon Guidance Working Group (Mariane Jang, OGS)

Mariane Jang, OGS highlighted the Embodied carbon working group's discussions related to construction materials and reducing embodied carbon in construction projects.

- ZEV Fleet Conversion Working Group (Julie Takakjian, OGS)
  Julie Takakjian, OGS highlighted that the working group released the Medium and Heavy-Duty vehicle conversion plan guidance, and a webinar was recorded. OGS and NYPA will be hosting their 3rd annual fleet EVent at ESP May 21st.
- Procurement Working Group (Pam Hadad-Hurst, DEC)
  Pam Hadad-Hurst, DEC, discussed opportunities for engagement regarding specification updates.
- 100% Renewable Electricity Working Group (Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA)
  Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA, highlighted the working group's latest data collection efforts and how they have shared it with affected entities for collaboration. NYPA and OGS's Power for Public Authorities initiative was also mentioned, an effort which aims to build out 500MW of renewable energy for state entities.
- Reporting Working Group (Heather Ipsen, NYSERDA)
  Heather Ipsen, NYSERDA, stated that the GreenNY reporting form data has been received and the annual report is undergoing drafting. The working group meetings have been expanded, and discussions on improvements to the reporting process are ongoing.
- Waste Working Group (Nasibah Elmi, DEC)
  Nasibah Elmi, DEC, highlighted the next scheduled meeting with focus on implementation for affected entities in relation to the Waste Diversion Plan. Preliminary Plan analysis identified additional needs for guidance on waste data tracking & reporting and working with waste management service providers.
- Sustainable and Resilient Design Network (Mariane Jang, OGS)
  Mariane Jang, OGS, discussed a new working group, which was launched in January. SRDN will act as a forum for state agencies to share knowledge and best practices related to sustainable design and construction. The group is meeting on a monthly basis and each meeting focused on a different topic of discussion related to the recently released Decarbonization and Climate Resiliency Design Guide.

2:50 – 2:55 – Upcoming events and programs

The Third Annual EV Fleet Show is taking place May 21st from 10am to 2pm at the Empire State Plaza. The event will feature EVs, chargers, panels, and roundtables.

The Tree Power program calls for all Affected Entities to participate, as they will be matching 1:1 for native trees purchased through the program. Trees planted in a disadvantaged community are eligible for a 2:1 tree match. This program will help to support the energy efficiency, decarbonization, climate resilience and biodiversity goals.

2:55 – 3:00 – Final comments and adjournment (Kerry-Jane King, NYPA)

Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA, commented about the timing of Earth Day next month, and that many EO22 Affected Entities are getting involved through some type of event or

educational activity. Sustainability Coordinators are asked to share any events with the broader group.

Kerry-Jane King, NYPA made a motion to adjourn. Frank Ciampa, NYSERDA seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting concluded.