

Summary of Advocacy Committee Meeting
June 1, 2023 1 pm Eastern

1. Call to Order

Steve Arms called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm Eastern, Thursday, June 1, 2023. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1.

The Advocacy Committee did not meet in May, due to unavailability of both the Chair and Vice Chair. Those present discussed possibly rescheduling the July 6 meeting since that is a holiday week, but did not do so. The August meeting will be on Friday of the week after conference, which is August 11.

PTPEC prepared and approved comments on the proposed PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Rulemaking (published 03/29/2023), and requested Advocacy Committee approval of those comments prior to submission. The comments were approved by a majority vote after a motion to approve by William, seconded by Marlene; the vote was finalized on May 22. Stacie submitted a copy of the final document and it has been sent to the webmaster for posting as an Advocacy Document.

2. Approval of Minutes

In the absence of a quorum, Steve asked for comments on the April 6 minutes (none were offered) and postponed their approval until the July 6 meeting.

3. New Member Election

In the absence of a quorum, a vote on Mike Delaney's application for membership is postponed until the July meeting.

4. Update on the Spring Newsletter

Jerry anticipates that the newsletter will be published on June 6 or possibly June 7; other priorities have delayed its finalization but all articles were received satisfactorily.

5. Bad Data White Paper

As promised, Jerry finalized this white paper after the TCEQ meeting in May, and seeks its approval prior to conference as he intends to include it as part of a presentation. The final version was distributed with the meeting agenda. Several options for the document title were proposed, and participants agreed on "Ways That a Strong Quality Management System Prevents Faulty Results". Again, due to lack of a quorum, the final version will be circulated for comments with approval postponed until the July meeting.

6. Updating the State of National Accreditation Report

Lynn distributed a draft of this document with the meeting agenda. While there is no hard deadline for it, we hope to have it finalized for delivery to John Griggs at EPA, in his role as Chair of the Environmental Methods Forum, with copies to other Agency program managers as well. This draft and a draft cover letter are being distributed with these minutes, with a request for comments before the July 6 meeting so that any proposed revisions can be agreed upon.

7. New Business

Steve thanked everyone for their attendance, and adjourned the meeting.

8. Next Meeting

The next Advocacy Committee meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 1 pm Eastern.** An agenda and any needed documents will be provided prior to the meeting.

Attachment 1

	Name	Stakeholder Group	Present/Absent
1.	Steve Arms, Chair	Other	Present
2.	Stacie Crandall	Lab	Absent
3.	Zonetta English	Lab	Absent
4	Marlene Moore	Other and NEFAP	Absent
5.	Janice Willey	Federal	Absent
6.	Trinity O'Neal	Lab	Absent
7.	Robin Cook	Lab	Present
8.	Sharon Mertens, Vice Chair	Lab	Present
9.	Teresa Coins	Lab	Absent
10.	Josh Wyeth	PT provider	Absent
11.	William Lipps	Other	Present
	Associate Members		
	Kirstin Daigle	Lab	Absent
	Judy Morgan	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	JoAnn Boyd	Lab and FAC	Absent
	Keith Chapman	Other	Absent
	Erin Consuegra	Lab	Absent
	Celeste Crowley	Other	Absent
	Mike Delaney	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Stephanie Drier	AB	Absent
	Paul Junio	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Silky Labie	Other	Absent
	Ian McBride	Lab	Absent
	Devon Morgan	TNI Ambassador	Present
	Lara Phelps	EPA (Other)	Absent
	Bob Pullano	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Lily Sanchez	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Aurora Shields	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Elizabeth Turner	Lab	Absent
	Lee Wolf	TNI Ambassador	Absent
	Staff		
	Jerry Parr	TNI ED	Present
	Lynn Bradley	TNI PA	Present