

AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE

**Virtual Public Meeting on
Cisco's WebEx Teleconferencing Service**

March 10, 2021

11:15 A.M. - 12:15 A.M.

Shannon M. Arata, Chair, Presiding

In the event the previously scheduled Committee meeting adjourns prior to the estimated adjournment time, the other Committee meeting may be called to order, by the Chairman, fifteen minutes after the previous meeting adjourned.

Meeting audio and presentations will be broadcast via the state web conferencing link posted on the Environmental Management Commission website at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-commissions/environmental-management-commission>.

Items marked with an asterisk () will be presented orally at the meeting only upon a request by a Committee member and can be approved where required as a group. Also, items marked with a less-than sign (<) have no agenda item pages in the package.*

I. Preliminary Matters:

1. Call to Order and Notice of NCGS § 138A-15Chairman Shannon M. Arata

General Statute § 138A-15 mandates that the Chair inquire as to whether any member knows of any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to matters before the Commission. If any member knows of a conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict, please so state at this time.

2. [Approval of minutes from the Air Quality Committee meeting on November 18, 2020.](#)

II. Concepts:

1. None

III. Action Items:

1. None

IV. March EMC Agenda Items:

- 1. No agenda items for the March EMC Meeting

V. Informational Items:

- 1. Power Sector Carbon Reduction Policies for North Carolina

Presenters:

Kate Konschnik, Climate and Energy Program Director, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Duke University

Jonas Monast, C. Boyden Gray Distinguished Fellow and Director of the Center on Climate, Energy, Environment and Economics (CE3), UNC School of Law

Description: The presentation will summarize a report on carbon reduction policies for the North Carolina power sector conducted by Duke University’s Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions and the University of North Carolina’s Center for Climate, Energy, Environment, and Economics. The analysis focuses on policies identified in Recommendation A-1 of the North Carolina Clean Energy Plan (CEP). The report reflects extensive modeling, policy and economic analysis, and a year of work with stakeholders representing diverse constituencies in North Carolina. The report evaluates design options and the associated tradeoffs for policymakers but does not make specific recommendations on the path forward.

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- 2. < Director’s Remarks (Mike Abraczinskas, DAQ)

3.* [1995-2020 Air Quality Committee and Environmental Management Commission Calendar](#)

4.* [Status of Rulemaking Hearings and Rule Development](#)

VI.< Closing RemarksChair Shannon M. Arata

Adjournment: The next Air Quality Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2021. Due to COVID-19, foreseeable AQC meetings will be held virtually until further notice. The time will be determined as the date approaches.