



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
 3:00pm - 5:00pm  
 PHS Town Hall, 100 N. 20<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Philadelphia, PA

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chairs Amy Laura Cahn and Sarah Wu called the general meeting of the Philadelphia Food Policy Advisory Council (FPAC) to order. Meeting attendees introduced themselves and their affiliations. Co-Chairs noted that Mayor Kenney would be joining FPAC at its May executive session.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated a quorum was present to conduct official business.

Members Present

Allison Blansfield	Kathy Fisher	Jiana Murdic
Rickie Brawer	Alison Hastings	Herman Nyamunga
Amy Laura Cahn	Esteban Kelly	Calvin Okunoye
Katrice Cheaton	Linda Knapp	Nicky Uy
Noelle Dames	Nancy Kohn	Dwayne Wharton
Stephanie Dorenbosch	George Matysik	Julie Zaebst
Bryan Fenstermaker	Jessica McAtamney	
Jill Fink	Greg McKinley	

Ex-Officio Members Present

Jennifer Aquilante	Elisa Esposito	Amanda Wagner
Catherine Bartoli	Molly Riordan	Sarah Wu

Members Absent

Kirtrina Baxter	Diane Cornman-Levy	Julianne Schrader Ortega
Glenn Bergman	Kelly Courts	Carolina Torres
Patricia Blakely	Donkey Dover	Suzanne Weltman
Saleem Chapman	Tommy McCann	

Others Present

Liz Anderson	Liz Ferro	Tamela Luce
Kait Bowdler	Erica Feldman	Jordan Muse
Vanessa Caracoza	Michelle Gross	Lindsey Ricker
Rebecca Cook	Ashley Kemembin	Sarah Risley
Joel Fath	Marjorie Lau	

FPAC Staff Present

Hannah Chatterjee, FPAC Manager  
Madeline Smith-Gibbs, FPAC Coordinator



### C. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Attendees participated in “subcommittee speed dating”: over the course of three rounds, attendees met with subcommittee chairs for small group discussion of subcommittee updates.

#### 1. Anti-Hunger

FPAC manager Hannah Chatterjee gave the subcommittee update.

Anti-Hunger hosted two Hunger Advocacy 101 trainings this spring: one for the subcommittee and one after business hours for the public. The public training on February 28 attracted 48 people, many of whom were new to FPAC. Kathy Fisher of the Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger and Emma Kornetsky of Philabundance led the training, covering how federal programs address hunger, best approaches for getting in touch with your representatives, and what representatives care most about. The training empowered attendees to understand that anyone can be an advocate, and that we all have a responsibility to advocate for the programs that protect our most vulnerable residents. [Slides from the training](#) are available on FPAC’s website.

Anti-Hunger’s next meeting is on Monday, April 10. The subcommittee will review the briefing document that FPAC leadership is developing in preparation for a meeting with the Mayor on May 3 to educate him on how the new federal administration might affect the food system in Philadelphia.

For more information or to attend a meeting, please contact Co-Chair [Steveanna Wynn](#).

#### 2. Food & Health

Food & Health Co-Chair Dwayne Wharton led the subcommittee update.

Lead testing and installation of hydration stations continues in Philadelphia schools. The water at West Philadelphia High School has been turned off since November, when it came out of the outlets brown. Testing revealed that galvanized pipes caused the change in color, and the pipes were replaced with copper pipes. The School District is currently waiting on the latest test results while the community continues to express concern for students’ health.

The Philadelphia Department of Public Health and Philadelphia Parks and Recreation received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to conduct a randomized control trial at 28 recreation centers to measure water consumption.

Penn Environment published a report on lead in water which gave Pennsylvania an “F” for lead in schools. Philadelphia is leading the state for testing and addressing lead issues.

Philadelphia’s Sweetened Beverage Tax went into effect in January 2017. Since then, 1,500 pre-k slots have been created with the initial revenue. There are no current Rebuild projects in 2017 due to uncertainty surrounding funding as litigation against the tax reaches the state supreme court. Peach Labs, which



translates research into policy, is focusing on the Philadelphia Sweetened Beverage Tax. They will be a guest speaker at an upcoming Food & Health meeting.

In November 2016, FPAC [submitted testimony](#) in support of banning the use of restrictive covenants in areas underserved by grocery stores. The property that inspired the legislation, which previously had a restrictive covenant in place, opened in March 2017 as a Save-A-Lot. 35 part-time and 5 full time positions are tied to the new store.

The Food Trust is leading an advocacy campaign to recapitalize the Pennsylvania Fresh Food Finance Initiative, which incentivizes and supports supermarket development in underserved areas. The subcommittee is following this issue and looking for ways to be involved.

Subcommittee speed daters also discussed the FreshEBT app, which allows food stamp recipients to view their balance and see which retailers near them accept EBT.

Food & Health meets on the second Thursday of the month from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. For more information or to attend a meeting, contact Co-Chairs [Kelly Courts](#) and [Dwayne Wharton](#).

### 3. Good Food Procurement

Good Food Procurement Subcommittee Co-Chairs Catherine Bartoli and Molly Riordan gave the subcommittee update.

This summer will see a new iteration of the Good Food Caterer Guide, including a new call for participating caterers, a revised and streamlined caterer verification process, and an outreach campaign to encourage its use by more businesses and organizations.

We will be holding a brainstorming session on the subcommittee's next phase of work at our next meeting, Tuesday April 25 at 2pm on the 9th fl. of 1101 Market St. All are encouraged to attend and provide input!

If you are interested in participating in Good Food Procurement, please contact Co-Chairs [Catherine Bartoli](#) and [Molly Riordan](#).

### 4. Urban Agriculture

FPAC Co-Chair and Urban Agriculture member Amy Laura Cahn gave the subcommittee update.

Good news for community gardens: as of January 2017, community gardens can apply for discounted monthly storm water fees. Eligible community gardens can now apply to get up to 100% off their monthly storm water fees. For more information about the storm water fee discount and how to apply, see this [presentation created by Philadelphia Water Department and Pennsylvania Horticultural Society](#).



The Urban Agriculture Strategic Planning process will proceed in three stages. The first step will be developing the scope of work, during which stakeholders can advise on the process of creating the strategic plan. The next step will be fundraising and hiring a consultant. Finally, a steering committee will be convened to advise on the content of the plan.

Urban Agriculture is starting to research property tax exemptions or incentives, drawing on models from other states. The subcommittee is also considering inviting a representative from Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) to speak about the possible of including open space and urban agriculture into PHA's developments.

Philadelphia City Planning Commission (PCPC) is in the process of developing its plan for the North District and is interested in incorporating food hubs and urban agriculture projects into the plan.

The subcommittee meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Co-Chairs [Nancy Kohn](#) and [Ash Richards](#).

#### 5. Workforce & Economic Development

Workforce & Economic Development Co-Chairs Stephanie Dorenbosch and Calvin Okunoye gave the subcommittee update.

Workforce & Economic Development is looking to bring more people to its table. The subcommittee is in the process of identifying key groups to reach out to and invite. Anyone interested in joining the subcommittee should get in touch with its co-chairs (contact information below).

Over the last month, Workforce & Economic Development has been researching available types of employer trainings. The subcommittee is interested in creating a database for people who are interested in learning more about workplace health, safety, equality, equity, and career ladders. One of the trainings to be featured is the Co-Chairs' immigration presentation (see section G), which focuses on immigrants within the US food industry.

Workforce & Economic Development meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. contact Co-Chairs [Stephanie Dorenbosch](#), [Calvin Okunoye](#), and [Kamaryn Norris](#) if you are interested in participating.

#### 6. Zero Waste

Zero Waste Subcommittee Chair Linda Knapp gave the subcommittee update.

Linda reviewed the history of the subcommittee for people who were new to FPAC. The small group also discussed updates to FPAC's Community Compost Design Competition: judging has concluded and the subcommittee is preparing for the testing stage of the competition.



Zero Waste meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. If you are interested in participating in the Zero Waste Subcommittee, please contact Chair [Linda Knapp](#).

#### **D. VOTING ITEMS**

##### 1. February 2017 Minutes

Motion by Bryan Fenstermaker, seconded by Alison Hastings, to approve the February 2017 minutes. Motion passed with none opposing and Esteban Kelly abstaining.

#### **E. ZERO WASTE POLICY RECOMMENDATION UPDATES**

Zero Waste Subcommittee Chair Linda Knapp presented on updates to the subcommittee's *Zero Waste Policy Recommendations*, which FPAC members voted to approve in October 2015. FPAC applauds Mayor Kenney's commitment to achieving zero waste by 2035 and the recent creation of the Zero Waste and Litter Cabinet. Linda's full update is [available on our website](#).

#### **F. MISSION & VISION STATEMENT FEEDBACK**

The review of the proposed mission and vision statements was tabled due to time constraints.

#### **G. IMMIGRANT WORKERS RIGHTS TRAINING**

Workforce & Economic Development Co-Chairs presented on immigrant workers' rights in the food system. Stephanie Dorenbosch drew from her experience in legal representation for migrant and immigrant workers, while Calvin Okunoye shared from his community organizing work to improve restaurant workers' wages and working conditions.

The presentation included a brief history of US farm labor, distinctions between various immigration statuses, an overview of the conditions immigrant workers face, and a review of current advocacy opportunities. Review the [slides from the presentation](#) for more information.

#### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

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