



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 1, 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**

FPAC Manager Hannah Chatterjee called the general meeting of the Philadelphia Food Policy Advisory Council (FPAC) to order. Meeting attendees introduced themselves and their affiliations.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Members Present

Patricia Blakely	Jill Fink	Tommy McCann
Allison Blansfield	Kathy Fisher	Calvin Okunoye
Amy Laura Cahn	Alison Hastings	Julianne Schrader Ortega
Katrice Cheaton	Linda Knapp	Nicky Uy
Stephanie Dorenbosch	Nancy Kohn	Julie Zaebst
Bryan Fenstermaker	George Matysik	

Ex-Officio Members Present

Jen Aquilante	Catherine Bartoli	Annie Preston
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Members Absent

Glenn Bergman	Donkey Dover	Greg McKinley
Saleem Chapman	Esteban Kelly	Herman Nyamunga
Diane Cornman-Levy	Jessica McAtamney	Dwayne Wharton

Others Present

Liz Anderson	LeAnne Harvey	Molly Riordan
Kirtrina Baxter	Charles Isaacs	Sarah Risley
Talia Berday-Sacks	Jasper Jones	Justin Royer
Zoe Braunstein	Kim Jordan	Hannah Schlesinger
Rickie Brawer	Paul Keppy	Linda Shanahan
Beth Broady	Tamela Luce	Daniel Shea
Kelly Courts	Kate Morrow	Carolina Torres
Maya Curtis	Jiana Murdic	Rachel Weisberg
Noelle Dames	Jordan Muse	Ben Weiss
Eugénie Elie	Kamaryn Norris	Suzanne Weltman
Liz Ferro	Bridget Palombo	
Amy Goldstein	Lauren Peiffer	

FPAC Staff Present

Hannah Chatterjee, FPAC Manager

Madeline Smith-Gibbs, FPAC Coordinator



### C. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

In lieu of presentation-style 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.

At Anti-Hunger’s last meeting, subcommittee participants discussed the state and federal programs fighting hunger in Philadelphia that may be at risk due to the new federal administration and potential budget cuts. Kathy Fisher and Emma Kornetsky will be hosting two hunger policy trainings for FPAC and stakeholders, one in the evening and one during work hours, elaborating on these programs and what individuals can do to protect them.

Kathy briefed everyone about the leak of a draft executive order from the White House. If signed, the order would severely limit immigrant access to public benefits, including SNAP and school meals.

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

#### 2. Food & Health

Food & Health Co-Chair Kelly Courts led the subcommittee update. The subcommittee has been juggling multiple projects concerning water testing, restrictive covenants, Philadelphia’s sweetened beverage tax, and the School Breakfast Challenge.

The School District of Philadelphia will install three hydration stations in every school by June 2017. They will test schools every five years and are currently on schedule for testing this year. The threshold for testing will be 10 parts per billion, reduced from 15 parts per billion.

Food & Health has been gathering information about restrictive covenants, a legal mechanism by which grocery stores can limit the development of potential competitors by restricting the use of properties they are selling or leasing. The subcommittee [testified before City Council](#) on restrictive covenants and continues to work with policymakers and track potential restrictive covenants in Philadelphia.

As it tracks implementation of Philadelphia’s sweetened beverage tax, the subcommittee has noted a lot of misinformation and potential for confusion regarding beverages sold at coffee shops. Food & Health is considering what messaging or response to store owners and consumers would ease the confusion.

Food & Health is supporting a joint initiative among the Coalition Against Hunger, The Food Trust, and Councilwoman Gym’s office to host a School Breakfast Challenge to improve school participation in the free



school breakfast program. Philadelphia School District schools can serve all students free breakfast, but about half serve fewer than a third of students. The challenge would compare participation rates to the previous year and award prizes to the most improved schools, thus encouraging administrators to bolster participation.

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 Chair Catherine Bartoli gave the subcommittee update.

Good Food Procurement has been disseminating its [Good Food Caterer Guide](#), which helps consumers find catering options that are healthy, sustainable, locally-owned, and fair. Know a business that's interested in being featured in the guide? Good Food Procurement is gearing up for a second round of accepting applications, verifying, and certifying. Details to come.

If you are interested in joining Good Food Procurement, please contact Chair [Catherine Bartoli](#).

### 4. Urban Agriculture

Urban Agriculture Co-Chair Nancy Kohn gave the subcommittee update.

Urban Agriculture is working with City government and nonprofit partners to identify resources and avenues to develop a strategic plan for urban agriculture in Philadelphia. The plan would help coordinate the urban agriculture work that is already happening in city government, and set new goals and priorities with input from the urban agriculture community.

The Urban Agriculture Subcommittee was instrumental in ensuring that there were listening sessions for Philadelphia's urban agriculture and community gardening groups to provide feedback on the Philadelphia Land Bank's strategic plan, disposition policies, and acquisition policies.

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 Subcommittee (WEDS) member Stephanie Dorenbosch gave the subcommittee update.

The subcommittee has been collaborating with the Good Food Procurement Subcommittee on the Good Food Caterers Guide. WEDS is currently revising and adding new questions for the survey – through which



caterers can nominate themselves for the guide – under the “fair” rubric, and is clarifying and making transparent its scoring method. WEDS will follow up with survey respondents who indicated that they would like to learn more about how to earn the “fair” sticker, providing them with information about meeting the criteria.

WEDS is also creating informational posters, targeted for the restaurant industry, about employers’ responsibilities and employees’ rights under Philadelphia’s earned sick leave ordinance. The subcommittee is in the final design and wordsmithing phase for both versions.

During subcommittee speed dating, WEDS shared information about a [bill that has been introduced in the PA Senate](#) to preempt (i.e., invalidate) local laws requiring businesses to offer sick leave, including Philadelphia’s law.

Workforce & Economic Development meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Contact Chair [Calvin Okunoye](#) if you are interested in participating.

#### 6. Zero Waste

Zero Waste Subcommittee Chair Linda Knapp and FPAC Coordinator Madeline Smith-Gibbs gave the subcommittee update.

Zero Waste’s [Compost Design Competition](#) is accepting entries until March 15, and FPAC is pleased to offer a \$500 prize to the winner. Zero Waste encourages FPAC members and supporters to share the competition widely.

At upcoming meetings, the subcommittee will be reviewing and updating the recommendations from the Zero Waste Report internal document.

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. December 2016 Minutes

Motion by Patricia Blakely, seconded by Bryan Fenstermaker, to approve the December 2016 minutes. Motion passed with none opposing and Alison Hastings abstaining.

#### 2. Ex-Officio Term Extension

Motion by Patricia Blakely, seconded by Kathy Fisher, to extend Sarah Wu’s term as ex-officio co-chair. Motion passed with none opposing and none abstaining.



### **E. FPAC 2017 Road Map Update**

FPAC Manager Hannah Chatterjee gave an update on conversations from FPAC's December general meeting and January executive session regarding changes accompanying the new presidential administration.

FPAC will be hosting two public trainings in response to requests from earlier meetings. In late February, FPAC member Kathy Fisher and Anti-Hunger Subcommittee participant Emma Kornetsky will host a Hunger Advocacy 101 training. The training will teach participants how to influence policy and decision makers by presenting data on the problem of hunger, sharing stories of those experiencing hunger, and promoting effective solutions that need support. Kathy and Emma will also be giving the training to FPAC's Anti-Hunger Subcommittee for those who cannot attend events after business hours.

The second training will be part of FPAC's April general meeting. Calvin Okunoye and Stephanie Dorenbosch, both active in FPAC's Workforce & Economic Development Subcommittee, will train attendees on immigrant rights.

FPAC's executive board, which consists of FPAC co-chairs, subcommittee chairs, and FPAC staff, have met a few times in recent weeks to follow up on suggestions made at full body meetings. The executive board will organize a briefing of the Mayor on FPAC's behalf, focusing on political changes on the state and federal level related to the food system that might affect Philadelphia.

### **F. REVISITING FPAC'S MISSION STATEMENT**

FPAC staff proposed revisiting FPAC's mission statement at the February Communications & Outreach Subcommittee meeting, in order to align it with FPAC's current activities and make it more succinct. Anyone may participate in the Communications & Outreach drafting of a new mission, but in order to gather broader input FPAC staff facilitated an activity in which those in attendance could write down words and phrases they thought should be part of FPAC's new mission and vision statements.

Among the most commonly suggested words were: access, advise, educate, equitable, healthy, policy, sustainable, and voice. We look forward to bringing a draft mission and vision before the full body in March!

### **G. LEADERSHIP TRANSITION**

FPAC appointed member Co-Chair Amy Laura Cahn announced that she would be departing the Council and Philadelphia this summer, and that FPAC ex-officio Co-Chair Sarah Wu's term was ending in February. FPAC members voted to extend Sarah's term until June to ease the transition (see voting log above).

Amy Laura and Sarah are now accepting nominations for both appointed member and ex-officio co-chairs. Co-chair duties include strategic planning, participating in the shared metrics project, fundraising, coordinating across subcommittees, facilitating full body meetings, and working with FPAC staff.



Anyone may submit a nomination, and self-nominations are accepted. Nominations will also be accepted on the floor at FPAC's June general meeting, but we encourage you to submit nominations beforehand by emailing Sarah Wu ([sarah.wu@phila.gov](mailto:sarah.wu@phila.gov)) and Amy Laura Cahn ([acahn@pubintl.org](mailto:acahn@pubintl.org)).

## **H. PUBLIC COMMENT**

FPAC approved nominee Noelle Dames announced that the quarterly summer meals coalition meeting would take place at 10am on Tuesday, February 14, in the City Hall Conversation Room.

Approved nominee Kirtrina Baxter inquired about subcommittee meeting times. Anyone interested in joining a subcommittee may contact the [subcommittee's chair](#) or reach out to FPAC staff.

Workforce & Economic Development Subcommittee Co-Chair Kamaryn Norris shared information about a preemptive bill that was recently introduced to Pennsylvania's Senate. The bill would prevent cities such as Philadelphia from having paid sick leave ordinances. Kamaryn encouraged those in attendance to make sure that their state senator understands what the bill is and how it may effect Philadelphians.

Kamaryn also announced that The Food Trust is working on recapitalizing the Fresh Food Financing Initiative (FFFI). The Food Trust is working with a coalition of groups in the state, many of them from rural areas. Kamaryn suggested that FPAC might write a letter in support of FFFI, possibly in coordination with other food policy councils in the state.

Workforce & Economic Development Subcommittee Co-Chair Calvin Okunoye announced that he has a few seats available for the hearing of Andrew Puzer, nominee for Secretary of Labor.

FPAC member Kathy Fisher shared information about the leaked draft executive orders, one of which expands the definition of "public charge" in a way that may limit food and public benefit access for Philadelphians.

The Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger and its partners are circulating a letter against any cuts to nutrition programs.

On February 25, Vacant Land 215 is hosting a [skill share and seed swap event](#).

## **I. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:51pm.

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