

**NEW JERSEY
NOISE CONTROL COUNCIL (COUNCIL)
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDEES

Council Voting Members: Steve Szulecki (Chair, Public Member, Ecologist), Jack Zybura (Vice Chair, Public Member), Sal Fama (Motor Vehicle Commission), Philip Makrelis (Public Member, Local Governing), David Triggs (Public Member), Joseph DiFillippo (Public Member), Chris Bergacs (Public Member), and Syed Rashid (Department of Labor).

Rutgers and NJDEP Representatives: Eric Zwerling (Director of the Rutgers Noise Technical Assistance Center), Michelle Feasel (NJDEP Liaison to the Council), and Christy Choo (NJDEP Co-Liaison to the Council).

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August 2025: Daniel Lefkowitz, Jack Zybura, and Chairman Szulecki emailed edits to the minutes ahead of the September meeting. David Triggs suggested the phrasing “if a facility comes into compliance” instead of “if a place fixes the noise issue.” Chairman Szulecki stated that he added the word “issue” to resolve the same phrasing issue earlier when he submitted his edits. Mr. Triggs added the sentence “David Triggs stated there is no clear distinction with regard to what is considered minor and non-minor in regard to noise.” Mr. Triggs suggested replacing “cops” with “law enforcement” because the enforcement officer may not necessarily be a cop. Chairman Szulecki agreed. Sal Fama stated that it should say “has a nuisance provision” in one of his statements in the Sea Bright Noise Ordinance section. Mr. Zybura added “likely” to sentence where he stated, “that the Council is likely not in danger of losing decibel limits by preemption.” Mr. Zybura stated that “herein” is one word, while in the minutes it is written as two. Mr. Triggs stated that it is “appended” not “upended,” and Mr. Zybura stated that he already corrected it in his edits to the minutes. Mr. Zybura suggested removing “A” from “IXA,” as well as adding the word “Section” before it in the Tables in the Model Ordinance section. *Jack Zybura motioned to approve the minutes as amended, with David Triggs seconding. A vote was taken, and all were in favor except Joseph DiFillippo and Chris Bergacs who abstained due to being absent at the August meeting. Syed Rashid also abstained. The motion carried.*

CHAIR REPORT

7:29 Amendments: Chairman Szulecki stated that the public comment period ended and that the DEP received the comments. Chairman Szulecki stated that the Council’s role is limited, and they will help Michelle Feasel respond to the comments.

Modified Muffler Bill S507: Chairman Szulecki stated that there are no updates on the Modified Muffler Bill.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was no one present from the public to comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The DEP stated that the Council must be in Executive Session to discuss the public comments. *Philip Makrelis motioned to go into Executive Session, with Joseph DiFillippo seconding. All were in favor, so the motion carried.* This meeting was closed to the public and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Meeting minutes were recorded separately from the regular meeting minutes. *David Triggs motioned to leave Executive Session, with Joseph DiFillippo seconding. All were in favor, so the motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

Model Ordinance: Chairman Szulecki stated that the Council will discuss the model, specifically the motor vehicle portion of the model, during the next meeting.

Appointments: Syed Rashid's appointment letter was not received by the Department, and Mr. Rashid stated that he will remind the Department of Labor to send it. Chairman Szulecki stated that the letter should be retroactive to when Randolph Hauser retired.

Model Ordinance and Grace Period Law: Eric Zwerling stated that the Council should add the word "knowing" to make it consistent with the Grace Period Law. The Council agreed that this will be discussed during the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

Joseph DiFillippo motioned to end the meeting, with Philip Makrelis seconding. All were in favor, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14th at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Feasel and Christy Choo, NJDEP Liaisons to the Council.