



Environmental Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda

October 30, 2024 3:00 P.M.

Centennial II HR Conference Room A

805 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Virtual Attendance through Microsoft Teams

Order of Business

- I. Public Comment**
- II. Call to Order**
- III. Administrative Action***
 - Approval of September 25, 2024 – Meeting minutes

- IV. Office of Environment and Sustainability Comments**

- V. Information/Updates**
 - Presentation on State Level Decision Making – Pete Bucher, OEC Chief of Staff
 - NRDC meeting update – Kylie Johnson
 - Update on EAB Comment on Futures Commission Recommendations – Nathan Alley

- VI. Open Discussion**
 - Environment & Sustainability Committee break-out groups
 - Request for future agenda items

- VII. Items for Vote***

- VIII. Next Meeting**
 - The next EAB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 3:00 PM.
- IX. Adjournment**

**Board Action Requested*

Agenda Packet Materials:

- Draft meeting minutes from 9/25/24
- Environment & Sustainability Sub-committee priority actions

Environmental Advisory Board

Minutes of September 25, 2024

Members Present:

- **In person:** Andrew Musgrave; Dave Schmitt, Kylie Johnson; Susan Sprigg; Ashlee Young;
- **Virtual:** Ericka Copeland; Nathan Alley; Rico Blackman

Members Absent: Chad Day; Diana Hodge; Julie Shifman; Savannah Sullivan; Tanner Yess

Staff Present: Amanda Testerman

Meeting: A meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was held on September 25, 2024 at 3:00 PM at City Hall Room 115, 801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. **Public Comment**
- II. **Call to Order at 3:06 PM**
- III. **Administrative Action***
 - Approval of August 28, 2024
- IV. **Office of Environment and Sustainability Comments**
 - Bloomberg Youth Climate Action Fund Grant – closed 7/15/24, awards announced in September: 9 applications funded between \$1000-\$5000 for youth-led or youth serving climate projects. Awards details here: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/oes/green-cincinnati-plan/seeds-of-change-grant-program/soc-august-2024-grant-awardees/>
 - OES was awarded a \$30,000 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) to develop a resilience hub in partnership with the Urban League and Groundwork Ohio River Valley. Tasks in the grant include community engagement and an energy audit.
 - OES has 3 new fellows/Public Allies: Nolan Brown, Lauren Clark, and Anna Bowers
 - Locations for the EV charging grant were shared. Agenda packet includes image and list.
- V. **Information/Updates**
 - Energy Benchmarking & RECI grant presentation – Amanda Webb & Rob McCracken
 - Nathan Alley provided an update on the EAB comment on futures commission recommendations. This is in progress and expected to have an update for the October meeting.
 - Environment & Sustainability sub-committees report out – priority actions with GCP aspects. Agenda packet includes high priority actions for each group.
- VI. **Open Discussion**
 - Sub-committee break-out groups were waived during this meeting due to time constraints.
- VII. **Items for Vote***
 - I. **Next Meeting**
 - Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 3:00 PM
 - II. **Adjournment at 4:31 PM**

Sub-Committee Priory Actions

Environment Subcommittee:

- **Zero Waste (ZW.8):** “Incentivize recycling and diversion innovation by increasing the cost of waste generation and disposal”
 - Short Term Action: Drafting comment for Futures Commission
 - Medium Term Action: how to build off of Futures Commission comment to address zero waste
- **Natural Environment (NE.4/NE.13/NE.15):** “Implement policies that protect existing trees during development efforts”; “Implement policies which promote and protect public greenspaces in new developments” ; “Implement policies that restrict development in forested and/or biodiverse areas”
 - Short Term Action: engage non-traditional groups, Greenspace Alliance
 - Medium Term Action: draft comment with policy recommendations and co-benefits

Sustainability Subcommittee

- **Buildings and Energy (BE.1):** “Improve building performance by implementing policies like benchmarking, building performance standards, or other relevant energy standards”
 - Short Term Action: RECI grant presentation (explain BPS and benchmarking)
 - Medium/Long Term Action: draft policy recommendations related to BPS, benchmarking, electrification, etc.
- **Community Activation (CA.3):** “Support codification of climate justice and racial equity in City decision-making mechanisms”
 - Short Term Action: identify what steps are needed to codify climate equity, bring NAACP and other frontline communities into conversation (resource: nrdc.org/sites/default/files/local-policies-environmental-justice-national-scan-tishman-201902.pdf)
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6. Open Discussion

- Environment and Sustainability Committee discussion and break-out groups

7. Items for Vote

8. Adjournment



Public Comment

- Members of the public may provide comments to the Board or its committees in writing to OES staff or in person at a public meeting.
- Written comments shall be submitted to OES no later than 4:00p.m. on the business day before the meeting, and shall be distributed by OES to all Board or committee members.
- Comments made during a public meeting are referred to as “Public Comment”. A person providing Public Comment is limited to **two minutes**.
- Public Comment shall be limited to items of interest before the Board, and shall only be permitted prior to the commencement of the business portion of the meeting.

Public Comment Open:

- In-person Attendees
- Online Attendees



Administrative Action

- Approval of September 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes



Administrative Action

- \$1M OKI Carbon Reduction Program Grant Awarded to install EV charging in 3 neighborhood business districts (Hartwell, Madisonville, East Price Hill)
- \$1.5 M allocated for Green Bank
- City Applied for \$5M ODOD Grant to demolish and remediate West Fork Incinerator, awaiting award notification



OES Updates



Ohio Environmental Council
[Action Fund]

Advocacy 101: State Level Decision Making

Pete Bucher
OEC Chief of Staff

About Me



My role at the OEC Action Fund:

- Oversees local, state, and federal advocacy strategies

Experience:

- B.S. in Environmental Policy from the Ohio State University with a focus on water quality
- Staff role at the Ohio House of Representatives
- Consultant for various agricultural associations, labor coalitions and political campaigns
- Currently on City Council in Worthington, OH
- Currently on the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) Board



About the OEC Action Fund



OEC Collective Vision

A clean, healthy Ohio where our democracy empowers all communities to thrive in harmony with the environment.

OEC Action Fund Mission

To protect the environment and health of all Ohio communities by electing climate champions, holding public officials accountable, and advancing environmental justice policies.

Values

Science-based: Data-driven, Accurate, Dependable

Equitable: Inclusive, Just, Community-focused

Strategic: Outcome-oriented, Innovative, Persistent

Collaborative: Trustworthy, Networked, Accountable

Pragmatic: Principled, Effective, Bi-partisan

Our Work



At All Levels of Government



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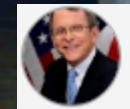
Do Your Homework



- Track the bill
- What Does it say?
- What are the implications?
- Where is it at in the process?
- What have other states done?
- Gather helpful resources

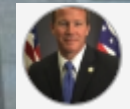


Ohio Executive Offices



Richard Michael DeWine (R)

Governor



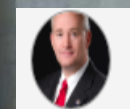
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Lt. Governor



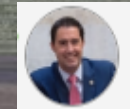
Dave Yost (R)

Attorney General



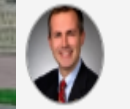
Keith Faber (R)

Auditor



Frank LaRose (R)

Secretary of State



Robert Sprague (R)

Treasurer

Ohio House of Representatives

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Democratic Party	32
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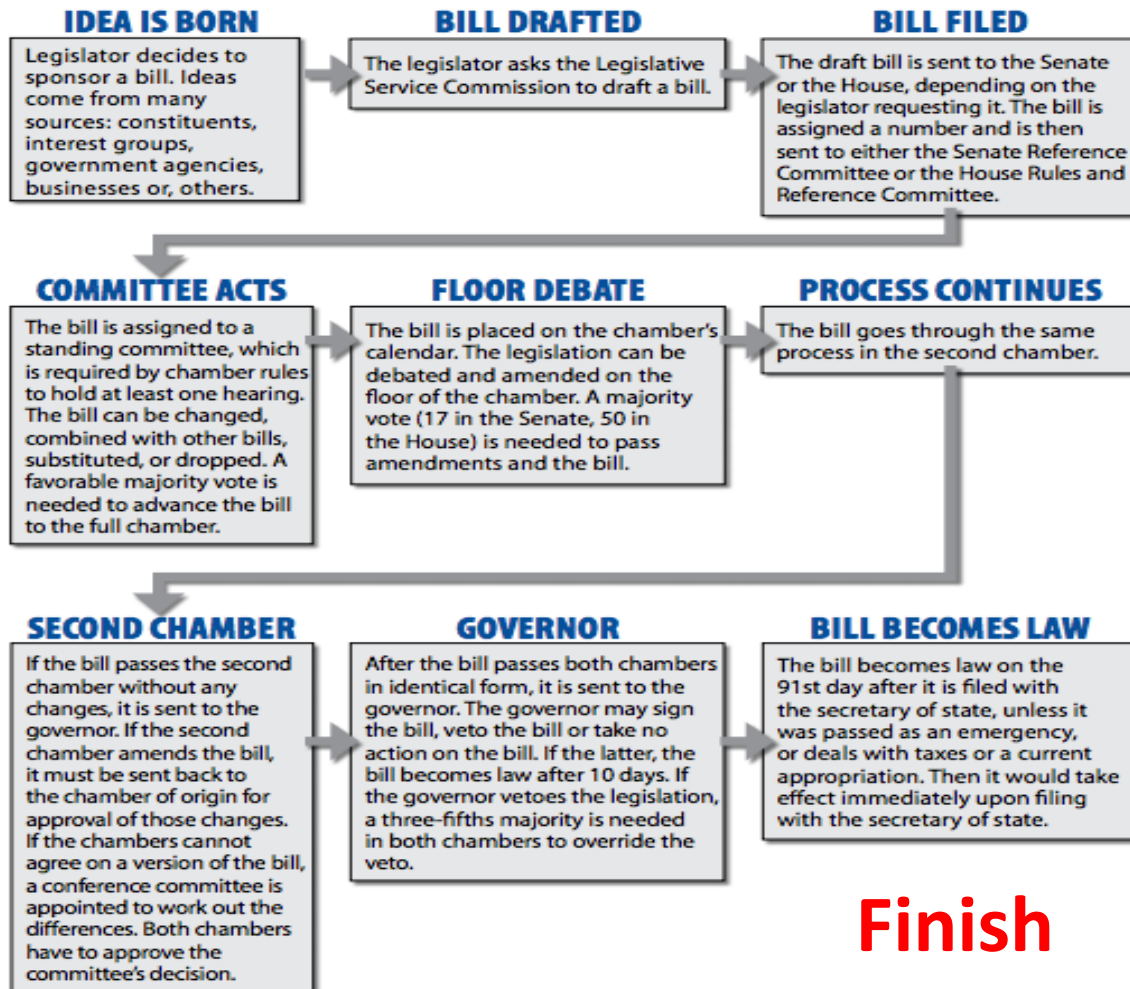
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I'm Just a Bill

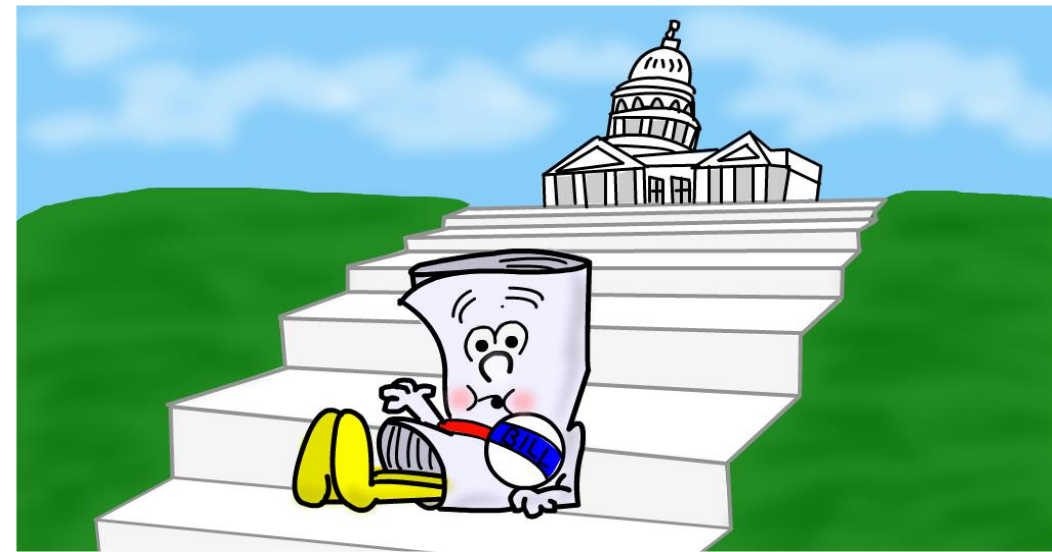


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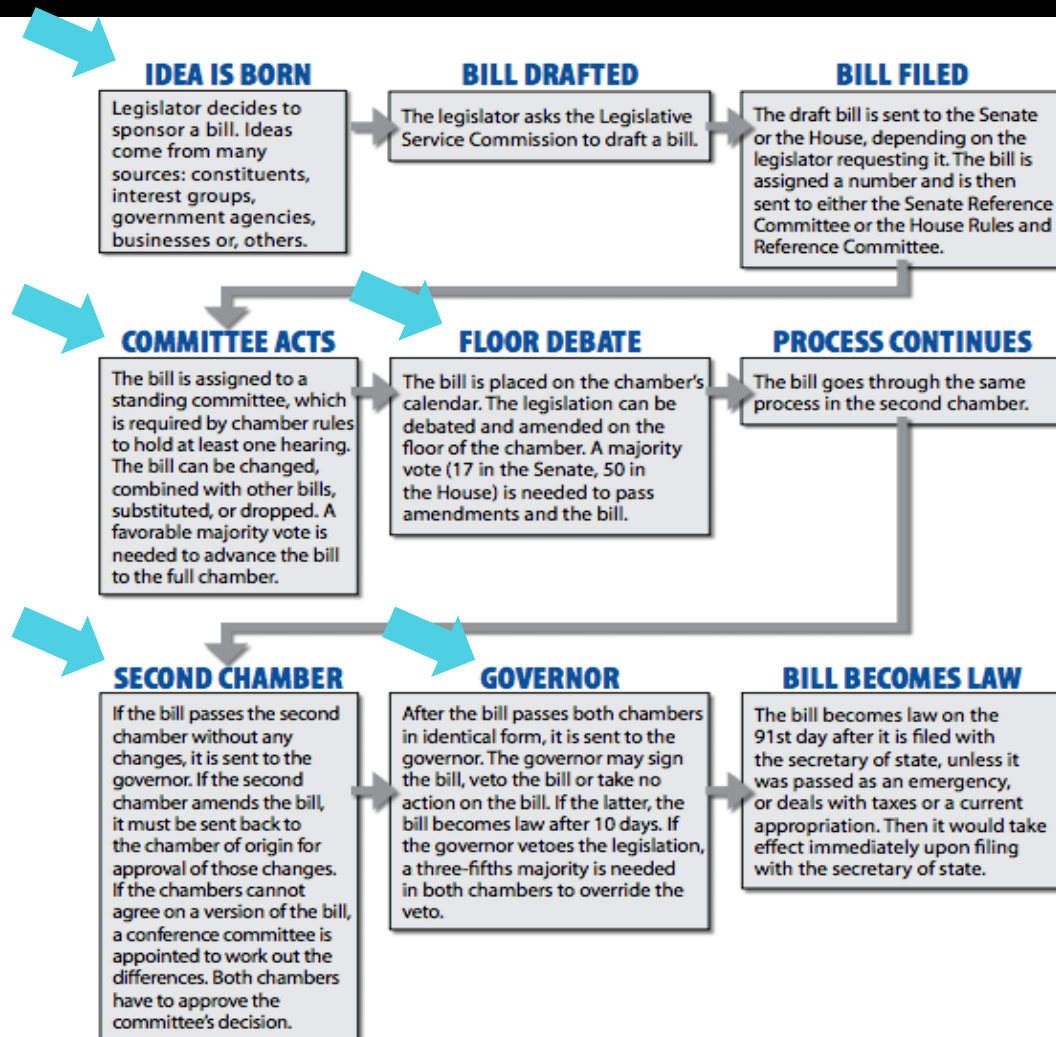


Finish

- Agriculture and Conservation Committee
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Finance Committee
- Public Utilities Committee
- Health Committee



When to Engage and How



- Direct meeting with Officials or staff
- Press engagement: LTE or OpED
- Letters phone calls and emails
- Social Media
- Committee Testimony
- Advocate for a Governor's veto/line-item veto

Finding Your Way



QUICK LINKS

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<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/>

Legislative Scorecards & Tracker



135th Ohio General Assembly Scorecard & Legislative Tracker

theoecactionfund.org/135ga

League of Conservation Voters Scorecard

scorecard.lcv.org/



Lame Duck Session



What is a Lame Duck?

A period of meetings that takes place in one or both chambers of the Ohio Legislature after November's general election but before the newly elected members take office. The label "lame duck" typically applies to outgoing legislators, who may not be returning due to election results, retirement or term-limits, still holding their positions and can participate in legislative activities.

Timeframe: November 11th - December 31st

136th General Assembly (2025-2026)



Looking Ahead

Ohio's next two year General Assembly begins on January 1, 2025. Here are some keys to look out for that will determine the political landscape of the next session.

Keys To Watch

1. Ohio House of Representatives Speaker Battle
2. Ohio House Democratic election pickups (Need 2 or more to be able to block veto overrides)

Resources



OEC Action Fund Alerts

Sign up at: theoecactionfund.org

League of Conservation Voters

scorecard.lcv.org





Ohio Environmental Council

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Help secure healthy air, land, and water for all Ohioans



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EAB Committees

Environment

- Natural Environment
- Resilience & Climate Adaptation
- Zero Waste

Sustainability

- Buildings & Energy
- City Operations
- Community Activation
- Mobility
- Food



Next Meeting

- 3PM November 20, 2024
 - **In person:** Centennial II Training Room A
 - 805 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45202
 - **Virtually:** Microsoft Teams