

*Governor's Gulf Coast Advisory Committee's
Workforce/Research and Education Subcommittee Meeting
August 24, 2021, Official Minutes*

The Workforce/Research and Education Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) meeting was held virtually/telephonically on August 24, 2021, beginning at 2 p.m. Notice was provided on MDEQ and DFA website. The public had the opportunity to attend the meeting telephonically. Access to meeting materials were provided via a link in the Subcommittee meeting’s notice available at https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Meeting-Notice-8_24_2021_2.pdf.

I. Meeting Attendees

Subcommittee Members who participated: Alan Sudduth (Co-Chair), Angie Kothman, Adam Breerwood, Jeanne Luckey, Allison Beasley Hawkins, Senator Mike Seymour, Edmond Hughes, and Representative Richard Bennett

Subcommittee Members not in attendance: Dr. Mary Graham (Co-Chair), Representative Carolyn Crawford, and Senator Brice Wiggins

Others present were: Chris Wells, Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”), Valerie Alley, staff to MDEQ, and support contractors.

II. Subcommittee Meeting Discussion

- Executive Director Wells, MDEQ, welcomed the Subcommittee members and attendees to the meeting and briefly detailed the Subcommittee’s role and purpose of the meeting.
- Co-Chair Alan Sudduth welcomed the attendees and described how the meeting would proceed.
- The Subcommittee discussed project recommendations that individual members had to date from their review of the meeting materials.
- The Subcommittee discussed what priority criteria considerations were needed to assist in its review of projects and in its recommendation of projects for funding.
- The Subcommittee supported the following priority criteria to narrow down projects for recommendation: supports workforce development and job creation, and higher education sectors.
- A revised project portal list will be provided by MDEQ to Subcommittee members prior to the next Subcommittee meeting on September 1st, 2021.
- The Subcommittee members agreed to email their top recommended projects pertaining to the agreed-to priority criteria to MDEQ by close of business Tuesday August 31, 2021, for discussion on September 1, 2021.

III. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by the Sub-committee members at 2:58 p.m.