

**NATIONAL COAL COUNCIL  
2020 FALL MEETING  
SUMMARY OF MEETING**

October 23, 2020

The National Coal Council convened for its fall meeting virtually via WebEx, commencing on October 23, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. ET.

**ATTENDEES**

For a complete breakdown of attendance, see Appendix A.

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS**

The Honorable Steve Winberg, Assistant Secretary of Fossil Energy and the Designated Federal Official for the National Coal Council, called the meeting to order. (Deputy Designated Federal Officials Tom Sarkus and Joe Giove were also present throughout the WebEx meeting.)

He noted that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), and the Regulations that govern that Act. He mentioned that the meeting is being recorded, and the recording will be made available after the meeting.

He provided the Welcome Address to the group, and thanked attendees, keynote speakers, and the Honorable Mark Menezes, the Deputy Secretary of Energy.

**MOTION**

To Adopt Agenda

The Honorable Steve Winberg asked for a motion to adopt the Agenda. A motion was provided and seconded. All members were in favor. No members opposed.

**ANTITRUST ADVISORY**

Janet Gellici provided the Antitrust Advisory on behalf of Eric Hutchins, the Legal Counsel for NCC Inc. He affirmed that the NCC is a Federal Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Energy and membership confers no immunity from federal or state antitrust laws. A copy of the general understanding could be sent to members, the NCC would be abiding by the antitrust guidelines, and if a member felt uncomfortable with the conversation, they could indicate so by using the "Raise Hand" function.

**INTRODUCTION**

Danny Gray gave a brief biography of the Honorable Mark Menezes' responsibilities and accomplishments, along with an introduction.

#### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

The Honorable Mark Menezes provided the keynote presentation. He recognized the Honorable Steve Winberg and the NCC members' service to the Department of Energy (DOE). He then proceeded by explaining the importance and benefits of coal to the industry. He talked about some of the projects at the DOE related to coal.

Deputy Secretary Mark Menezes then stopped comments to take questions.

#### **ELECTION OF NCC CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

The Honorable Steve Winberg reminded attendees that official NCC members are eligible to vote and non-members are not. The proposed candidate for the NCC Chair was Randall Atkins, and for NCC Vice-Chair was John Ward. The poll remained open for 15 minutes for members to vote. Ballots were to be counted and winners announced later on during the program.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Randall Atkins gave a brief biography of Dr. Jefferey Grossman, the Department Head for the Department of Materials Science & Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Note: Dr. Grossman dialed in late.

#### **BREAK**

Attendees were released for a 10-minute break, and an Oak Ridge National Laboratory video was played. The group took a break at approximately 1:35 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 1:45 p.m.

#### **INDUSTRY KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

Dr. Jeffrey Grossman presented the industry keynote presentation. He discussed "Coal to Products Developments."

Dr. Grossman then stopped comments to take questions.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NCC CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

The Honorable Steve Winberg announced the election results, that the 2021 NCC Chair is Randall Atkins and Vice-Chair is John Ward.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Janet Gellici gave a brief biography of Shannon Banaga, Esq., the Managing Director of Strategic Communications and Ken Ditzel, the Managing Director of Economic Consulting at FTI Consulting.

## **INDUSTRY PRESENTATION**

Shanon Banaga, Esq. and Ken Ditzel presented the joint industry presentation. They discussed on topic titled "The Future of the Energy Sector: Political and Economic Outlook Post-COVID/Post-Election."

Shannon Banaga, Esq. presented the first part of the presentation, and Ken Ditzel presented the last part of the presentation. They then stopped comments to take questions.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No comments from the public were received.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

The Honorable Steve Winberg thanked participants, sponsors, and attendees.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete. The minutes were completed after-the-fact based on transcription of the National Coal Council Fall Meeting, October 23, 2020.



Thomas Sarkus

Deputy Designated Federal Officer #1

National Coal Council

February 20, 2021

*Joseph Giove III*

Joseph Giove III

Deputy Designated Federal Officer #2

National Coal Council

*Randall W. Atkins*

Randall W. Atkins  
Chairman  
National Coal Council



## **APPENDIX A – ATTENDEES**

### **Attendees**

Thomas Adams  
Brian Albin  
Barbara Altizer  
Brian J. Anderson  
Donna Anderson  
Ato Andoh  
Rodney Andrews  
Shannon Angielski  
Michael Antkowski  
Randall Atkins  
Rich Axelbaum  
Peter Balash  
Shannon Banaga  
John Bauer  
Wendy Beach  
Jason Begger  
Steven Benson  
Jacqueline Bird  
Michelle Bloodworth  
Rick Boyd  
Lisa Bradley  
Charlie Bullinger  
Wanda Burget  
Randy Christmann  
Donnie Colston  
Dan Connell  
Steve Conway  
Donald Cotchen  
Stacey Dahl  
Kenneth Ditzel  
Rich Duafala  
John Duddy  
Fred Eames  
Bill Easter  
Rod Eggert  
Todd Eisenbud  
Ron Eller  
Richard Esposito  
Maohong Fan  
José Figueroa  
David Flannery

Luke Fritz  
Don Gaston  
Janet Gellici  
Joe Giove  
Danny Gray  
Kim Gray  
Sallie Greenberg  
Jeff Grossman  
Neeraj Gupta  
Tyler Hamman  
John Harju  
Clark Harrison  
Robert Hershey  
Charles Hill  
Bill Hoback  
Robert Hoenes  
Mike Holmes  
Louis Hrkman  
Eric Hutchins  
Dennis James  
Kim Johnson  
Mike Jones  
Prakash Joshi  
Casey Kaptur  
Michael Karmis  
Angelos Kokkinos  
Mike Korb  
Holly Krutka  
Vello Kuuskraa  
Taylor Kuykendall  
Douglas Lempke  
Carol Loman  
Len Marsico  
Howard Mcclintic  
Charles Mcconnell  
Charles Mcneil  
Emily Medine  
Mark Menezes  
Greg Merle  
Lee Meyer  
Nancy Mohn  
Nadia Mokhtar  
Betsy Monseu  
Andre Moreira  
Ram Narula  
Karen Obenshain  
Jerry Oliver  
Rudy Olson

Athena Panagos  
Sean Plasynski  
Blair Priest  
Robert Purgert  
Heather Quedenfeld  
Emily Regis  
Angila Retherford  
Tom Sarkus  
Todd Savage  
John Schultes  
Constance Senior  
Travis Shultz  
Ana Smiths  
Charles Snavelly  
Hiranthie Stanford  
Bruce Stevens  
Cj Stewart  
Jeremy Sussman  
Judd Swift  
Shane Teramana  
Beth (Hardy) Valiaho  
John Ward  
Sharla Wells  
Ben Wernette  
Briggs White  
Steve Winberg  
James Wood  
Greg Workman  
Brad Yeatts