

Public Education Committee
MINUTES
April 1, 2025

Committee Members Present: Innes Kasanof, Tina Molé, Thomas Snow, Allen Hinkley, Shilo Williams.

Present: Aaron Bennett (NYCDEP), Mike Myers (NYCDEP), Gerson Tavaréz (NYCDEP), Patrick Palmer (NYSDOH), Mike Maloney (NYSDOH), Nick Sadler (NYCDEP), Matt Gianetta (NYCDEP), John Schwartz (NYCDEP), Dymitry Ostapyshyn (NYCDEP), Nick Carbone (Watershed Affairs Coordinator), Dave Warne (NYCDEP), Alyssa Bement (NYSDOH)

Staff present: Timothy Cox, Jason Merwin, Jim Martin, Donald Brown, Barbara Puglisi, Lynn Kavanagh, Lindsay Ballard, Gemma Young, Jessica Fiedler, Eric Lane, David Lane, Kyle Faraci

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m.

1. Minutes from the October 2024 meeting were accepted without change.
2. Tina Molé was elected chairperson by Innes Kasanof and seconded by James Sofranko.
3. Samantha went over the spreadsheet of the Public Education Advisory Group's Round 28 grant recommendations resulting from an all-day evaluation session March 10th. A total of 32 applications with a total of \$178,570 were recommended. Student-Teacher grants: 23 applications totaling \$150,175 and Public Audience Grants: 9 applications totaling \$28,395.
4. Round 26 update: Staff have received all Round 26 final reports except from Morton Memorial Library in Pine Hill who received an extension on their project which has been extended until June 1, 2025. They wanted to get the most out of their project without jeopardizing any funding. Since they did not have another application for Round 27, we granted them a 6 month extension.
5. Round 27 update: Staff has been in contact with all of the Round 27 recipients and many are planning their trips for this time of year.
6. Joseph Cetta moved, and Innes Kasanof seconded a motion to send the group of Student/Teacher and Public Audience recommended grants to the full CWC Board for consideration on May 6th. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next meeting: TBD