

Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety
Meeting Minutes
Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, WA 98503
March 16, 2022

Present members:

Jerome Delvin, Chair
Aaron Losik, Vice-Chair
Donna Albert
Leanne Guier
Andreas Kammereck
Albert Chang
Phillip Lemley
Bill Caram
Greg Baruso

Absent members:

Karen Cash

Other attendees:

Sean Mayo, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Debbie Becker, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Rell Koizumi, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Scott Zimmerman, Dept. of Ecology

Agenda Items:

1) **Welcome, Meeting Protocols, Introduction and Adoption of September 1, December 12, 2021, and February 2, 2022 Minutes**

The meeting was brought to order by Jerome Delvin who welcomed all attendees. In a unanimous vote, the Committee adopted the September 1, December 12, 2021, and February 2, 2022 meeting minutes as written.

2) **New Member Introduction**

The Committee welcomed Albert Chang, Donna Albert, and Bill Caram. Albert, Donna, and Bill will be serving General Public positions on the Committee.

3) **Committee Workplan and Best Practices**

The Committee discussed the CCOPS trifold and outreach efforts. After visiting the By-Laws, members decided to form a workgroup that can meet monthly. The goal of the workgroup is to identify stakeholders, create presentation material, and seek out conferences, meetings, etc. to deliver these presentations.

Action Item: Rell Koizumi will add the new members to the CCOPS trifold.

4) **Election of Officers for the Committee**

Leanne Guier was nominated as Vice-Chair in a unanimous vote.

5) **Dept. of Ecology Update**

The document is posted on the CCOPS website and can be found [here](#).

6) **UTC Update**

Sean Mayo briefed the Committee on the following:

Agency Level:

- UTC remains closed to the public. More reopening news to come.

Program Level:

- Scott Rukke is the new Chief Pipeline Safety Inspector.
- Since the last meeting, the Staff has completed 5 scheduled inspections, 86 unannounced inspections, and 142 facility inspections.
- Responded to 25 incident calls.

PHMSA Level:

- In 2022, PHMSA and State Inspectors began reviewing Operator plans to address the elimination of leaks and the minimization of releases of natural gas.

7) **Damage Prevention Update**

Debbie Becker briefed the Committee on the following:

- Reviewed the Call Before You Dig website and the Spanish and Russian “Guide to Safe Digging”.
- Reviewed UTC Damage Prevention investigations by year and penalty totals.
- Reviewed the online training for NUCA Dig Safe.

Action Items:

- Jerome Delvin will email the members of the workgroup to set meeting dates.
- The next Meeting should have a session to discuss the work plan for the new Chair starting after July. Top three priorities for the Committee.
- Rell Koizumi will update the member's list on the CCOPS Trifold.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.