

## RESOLUTION OF THE MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

### Updating the Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB or Board) has the authority to convene a subcommittee under Minnesota Statutes § 116C.04 and Minnesota Rules, chapter 4405. The Board also has the authority and responsibility to promulgate rules that establish procedures for the environmental review program (Minn. Stat. 116D.04, subd. 5a) and monitor the effectiveness of those rules (Minn. R. 4410.0400)

As specified in Minn. R. 4405.0800, the Board shall specify the charge, duration, size, membership, meeting notice requirements, and other procedures to be followed for any task force, subcommittee, or similar group.

A subcommittee of the Board known as the Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee (ERIS) was established on September 18, 2019, for the purpose of providing a forum for transparent deliberation and public input on important issues related to the state's environmental review program and making recommendations for improving effectiveness.

This resolution updates and clarifies the charge, membership, and appointment procedures for the ERIS.

#### **ERIS Charge**

The role of ERIS is to support the Board and the Chair in implementing their responsibilities under the statutes and rules related to Minnesota's environmental review program.

The ERIS charge includes, but is not limited to:

- Advising the Board and Chair on items related to environmental review;
- Assessing the effectiveness of the environmental review program and recommending appropriate measure to improve that effectiveness;
- Recommending environmental review program improvement initiatives;
- Advising the Board on environmental review-related issues brought forward by the public; and
- Providing a forum for responsible government units (RGUs), the public, project proposers, and others to address issues of concern related to the environmental review program.

#### **ERIS Membership and Procedures**

ERIS membership shall consist of no more than eight (8) members of the Board, including:

- Commissioners, or their delegates, of the following four agency members of the Board:
  - Department of Commerce
  - Pollution Control Agency
  - Department of Natural Resources
  - Department of Transportation
- Four (4) other members of the Board, drawn from EQB's public members and the Board of Water and Soil Resources chair, as long as said chair is not a state agency staff person.

Non-agency members shall be appointed by the Chair. All members should have an understanding of Environmental Review Program procedures.

The ERIS will meet at least two times per year; and may meet additionally as determined necessary or directed by the Board.

All meetings of ERIS are open to the public. Notice of the time, place, and matters to be considered will be posted as required in Minn. R., part 4405.0600, subpart 2, and as specified in subpart 1.

Recommendations from ERIS shall be submitted in writing to the Board or the Chair, as required by Minn. Rules 4405.0600, Subd. 6.

ERIS shall elect a subcommittee chair from amongst its members at its first meeting of each calendar year.

**The board resolves to** adopt the above revisions related to the Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee.

**The board further resolves** that the ERIS remain in effect until rescinded by the Environmental Quality Board or other proper authority.

The board approved and adopted this resolution on February 21, 2024.



Nancy Daubenberger, Chair  
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

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