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**City of Cape May
Environmental Commission Minutes
May 26th, 2026**

ROLL CALL

Michael Jones	Present
Councilmember Steve Bodnar	Present
Gretchen Whitman	Present
Kim Gronendahl	Absent
Barbara Meimbresse	Present
Sarah Stevenson	Present
Randell Nuschke	Absent
Jennifer Flamini Keuler	Present
Dr. Rose Traficante	Present
John Boecker	Present
Charlotte Todd	Present
Justine Gaver-Magariel	Present
David Scheffler Secretary	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES:

The minutes from April 28th, 2026 – Sarah Stevenson made the motion, Dr. Rose Traficante seconded, all approved with no changes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Jones-Planning Board

- No updates from last meeting

Councilmember Bodnar- City Council

- City Council passes a bond ordinance for the sea wall project.
- City received FEMA award toward the sea wall project.
- Spoke about the water sustainability presentation by The University of Columbia and how well it was received.
- Resolution was passed for the USS Jacob Jones project and can move forward with approval.

Paul Dietrich- City Manager

- Discussed the landscaping plans for the USS Jacob Jones project and how it was part of the DEP permit.
- Harbor View Park update.

Justine Gaver-Magariel

- Climate School update.
- Public Art campaign update and grants.
- Water conservation community engagement update.
- Climate School phase 2 of historic preservation cost line resilience update.
- The Environmental Commission will help in smaller groups with Climate School projects.
- Compost project and would like to proceed.

David Scheffler

- Monarch Fest donation request.

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN TO PUBLIC

- No Comments.

DISCUSSION:

Charlotte Todd

- History of Earth Day.
- Suggest a monarch butterfly protection ordinance.
- Pesticides free campaign.

Gretchen Whitman

- Star and Wave article update.
- Programming for 2026 brainstorming request.
- Park signage project request.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, at 11 a.m. in Cape May City Hall auditorium.

David Scheffler

Environmental Commission Secretary

June 15th, 2026