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Lead-Based Paint Remediation Certification Committee

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

DSHA Middletown Office

400 N. Broad Street, Middletown, DE 19709

[Meeting Recording](#)

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**Meeting Attendance****Committee Members Present**

Dir. Matthew Heckles, Chair
Crystal Mintzer, DelTech
Sandi Spiegel, DHSS
Richard Stachura, DHSS
Christopher Vanderslice
Andre Green
Diedre' Shepard
Franchon Dickinson, New Castle
County

DSHA Staff Present

Caitlin Del Collo
Bryce Gates

Attendees

Brandon Hamilton
Alexa Sciglietti, DHSS
Jesse Silverman
Sarah Bucic
Matt Denn
Charles Kistler
James Berryhill, DHSS
Amy Roe
Harold Stafford
Joe Walls
George X

Committee Members Absent

Rep. Kerri Evelyn Harris
Sen. Marie Pinkney

Meeting Agenda

I. Welcome & Attendance

Dir. Heckles welcomed the committee. Staff took roll call attendance. Eight out of 10 members were present.

II. Review & Approve Meeting Minutes

Dir. Heckles asked for changes to the minutes. None were offered. Sandi Spiegel motioned to approve the minutes; Deidre Shepard seconded the motion. All committee members present voted to approve the minutes.

III. Continuation of Homework Report-Outs

Dir. Heckles indicated that the committee would continue its discussion regarding the questions required to be answered in the initial report. The discussion included:

- A review of the difference between a lead inspector and lead risk assessor;
- Whether the committee should be concerned with the capacity of lead inspectors or lead risk assessors;
- The cost of equipment utilized to screen for lead, including XRF scanners;
- Insurance costs for contractors performing abatement work;
- Best practices from the City of Philadelphia and other states; and
- Insurance coverage related to lead hazards.

During various parts of the discussion, DSHA staff screen shared information compiled by the committee, including a [working document](#) that lists the questions the committee is required to answer in its first report.

IV. Public Comment

DSHA staff invited in-person and virtual attendees to provide public comment. Staff explained that each person would be given two minutes to speak, and that a timer would be shared on the screen to facilitate timekeeping.

Mr. Joe Walls provided in-person public comment.

Mr. George X utilized public comment to ask questions. He was encouraged by committee members to send his questions via email.

Ms. Amy Roe provided virtual public comment. During Ms. Roe's comment, the anchor location for the committee experienced technical difficulties believed to be linked to a power outage in the Town of Middletown. While the committee eventually lost signal and the webinar was ended, Ms. Roe's comments were captured in full in the recording. The committee adjourned the meeting after it was apparent that the webinar could not be resumed.