



Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee | Meeting Minutes

Agency/Program	Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Specialty Crops Program (SCP)
Meeting Purpose	To discuss general Federal Advisory Committee operations for newly appointed representatives, hold elections, receive updates from USDA offices, and perform a series of administrative actions.
Date/Time	Wednesday, January 25, 2023 10:00 AM Eastern Time
Meeting Location	Virtual Webinar
Meeting Facilitator	FVIAC Designated Federal Officer (DFO) Darrell Hughes
Attendees	See attendance/registration report (page 2)

Next Steps (Task, Assigned To)	Owner	Due Date
Schedule subcommittee (workgroup) meetings.	CHAIR and DFO	Within 15 days
Begin processing federal register notice for next public meeting.	DFO	Within 30 days

Decisions Made (What, Why, Impacts)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FVIAC Representatives amended the policies and procedures manual to include new operations in response to virtual work environments and corrected errors. • The FVIAC elected a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kay Swartz Rentzel, FVIAC Representative (Elected as Chair) ○ Reginald Marshall, FVIAC Representative (Elected as Vice Chair) ○ Angel Santiago, FVIAC Representative (Elected as Secretary) • In advance of the public meeting, FVIAC representatives selected their preferred subcommittees. During the meeting, FVIAC representatives on each subcommittee volunteered to serve as workgroup leads. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christopher Ciruli, FVIAC Representative Lead for Consumption & Nutrition Subcommittee ○ Julie Masser Ballay, FVIAC Representative Lead for Data Reporting & Analysis Subcommittee ○ Darwin Inman, FVIAC Representative Lead for Food Safety Subcommittee ○ Michael Briano, FVIAC Representative Lead for Infrastructure & Sustainability Subcommittee ○ Bruce Frasier, FVIAC Representative Lead for Labor & Production Subcommittee

Discussion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FVIAC representatives determined April 2023 as the best month for the next full committee meeting. FVIAC subcommittees (also referred to as workgroups) determined it would be best to share schedules after the January 25th meeting to schedule each subcommittee's first working meeting.

Miscellaneous Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FVIAC representatives and public participants received a series of presentations from various USDA subject matter experts. The presentations will be made available via the Resources section of the following link: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://www.ams.usda.gov/event/usda-fruit-and-vegetable-industry-advisory-committee-virtual-meeting-0



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Panelist (Speaker) Details	Registration (Public) Details
<p>Alyssa Melendez, FVIAC Representative Amy Baker, FVIAC Representative Andrew Garcia, FVIAC Representative Angel Santiago, FVIAC Representative (Elected as Secretary) Anthony Mirisciotta, FVIAC Representative Bruce Frasier, FVIAC Representative Christopher Ciruli, FVIAC Representative Darwin Inman, FVIAC Representative David Van Eeckhout, FVIAC Representative David Einsteadig, FVIAC Representative (Not Present) Donna Garren, FVIAC Representative Haven Baker, FVIAC Representative Isabel Freeland, FVIAC Representative James Benson, FVIAC Representative Jenifer DeAtley, FVIAC Representative Jorge Vazquez, FVIAC Representative Julie Masser Ballay, FVIAC Representative Karla Stockli, FVIAC Representative Kay Swartz Rentzel, FVIAC Representative (Elected as Chair) Michael Briano, FVIAC Representative Morris Hodges, FVIAC Representative Nathan Pumplin, FVIAC Representative Rebecca Serratos, FVIAC Representative Reginald Marshall, FVIAC Representative (Elected as Vice Chair) Susan Sutphin, FVIAC Representative Oscar Gonzales, Assistant Secretary for Administration Erin Morris, AMS Associate Administrator Ken Petersen, SCP Associate Deputy Administrator Heather Pichelman, SCP Associate Deputy Administrator Travis Hubbs, FTTP PACA Acting Director Tara Ponds, RMA Specialty Crops Liaison Lane Webb, RMA Risk Management Specialist Margaret Applebaum, FNS Child Nutrition Program Audrey Draper, USDA FDA Liaison Kimberly Mercer, SCP Market News Advisor Lesley Ett, AMS National Organics Program Carrie Sayasithsena, SCP Inspection Division Betsy Rakola, T&M Associate Deputy Administrator Bethany Slater, ASL Interpreter Melissa Hardison, ASL Interpreter Shellie Jackson, SCP Office Manager</p>	<p>David L. Durkin, OFW Law Jamie Clover Adams, MI Asparagus Advisory Board Uriel Lopez, Wholesale/farmer Allison Moore, FPAA Karey McKinnon, Southern Press and Packing Inc. Lawrence Madden, AGRIPRO Marketing Services Scott Carter, Conduit Government Relations John Baillie, JACK T BAILLIE COINC Nano Tafolla, Cargil Farms Produce Tonya Harris, RMA-USDA Kinsey Porter, North Bay Produce, Inc. Merirut Cohenour, Oklahoma Dept. of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Richard VanVranken, Rutgers Cooperative Extension - Atlantic County Lyle Allen, The Reva and David Logan Foundation Joel Tenney, ICA Alyssa Houtby, California Citrus Mutual Tim Short, United Vegetables Growers Cooperative Olga Osthus, Perricone Juice Company Barbara Ruhs, Avocados From Mexico Roy Holliday, Manulife Ag Services Steve Brazeel, SunTerra Produce Elevated Foods James Rothenberger, Meridian Capital LLC Brandon Leyert, Meridian Capital Andrea Cutler, Michael Cutler Company Dr Dana Nettles, Owner (Entity Name Not Provided) Vanessa Davis, ISK Biosciences Corp. Regina Milkovich, Hazel Technologies Catharine Weber, USDA ERS Mason Weeda, OFW Law Kimberly Flores, Pro Citrus Network Radheshyam, CCSHAU Michael Gardinier, Farm Fresh First LLC Sarah Wise, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Tracey Chow, Western Growers Jae Kindle, Los Angeles Regional Food Bank Tony Freytag, Crunch Pak Brenda Trujillo, Snake River Produce Company, LLC Benjamin Filippo, Bare Root Consulting Vetie Veah, City Seed John Dyrek, NutriFoods Yetunde Ogunyewo, Nil Natasha Nelson USDA-FNS Troy Brownrigg, Brownrigg LLC Tim Gluch, Willowcreek Produce, LLC Enamul Haque, BISHAL AGRO Elizabeth Silvia-Chandley, Congress</p>

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Kay

On Tue, Feb 7, 2023 at 10:36 AM AMS - SCP FVIAC <SCPFVIAC@usda.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Reggie.

Kay and Angel: Please use reply-all when you respond.

Thanks!

Darrell

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Good morning Kay, Reggie and Angel:

I've attached the January meeting minutes for review and approval. Please respond to this email approving the minutes. A simple "I approve" will suffice.

Thank you,
Darrell

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