



**SLR Northeastern Regional Meeting
January 27, 2025
1:00 PM ET**

Zoom Meeting

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MINUTES

Members in Attendance:

Brian Jordan, Co-Chair, RI
Kim Hoffman, Co-Chair, DE
Andrew Barbero, RI
Warren Coleman, VT
Stuart Lederman, NJ
Matt O'Connor, NY
Tim Shea, CT

Hannah Webster, SLR

I. Call to Order

Brian Jordan called the meeting to order 1:02 pm ET.

II. Review of Minutes from September 27, 2024 **Attachment A**

The Minutes from September 27, 2024 were approved and adopted as written.

III. Spring 2025 Meeting Client Suggestions

Brian looked into the inviting the Chemistry Council, but they were unavailable for the spring dates. They hope to come to the fall meeting.

Matt O'Connor was interested in inviting Huntsman Corp. to the Spring Meeting, but lost his old contact. They are in Texas, and he offered to see about a new speaker.

IV. Discussion of 2026 In-Person Regional Meeting

The group agreed to push the discussion of a 2026 regional meeting to later in the year. They agreed that the Fall Meeting in Portland would be a great opportunity to be together and connect to plan the next in-person meeting.

V. Discussion of Regional Issues and Interests

Brian reported that the RI assembly began a few weeks ago, and new bills are still coming in. Artificial intelligence and health insurance are top issues this year. Another issue in RI was addressing homelessness and building pallet shelters. Tim Shea echoed this as an issue in CT.

Andrew Barbero added that property and casualty insurance was another big topic in RI, with a bill introduced to prohibit the use of credit ratings and zip codes to determine insurance rates.

Stuart Lederman reported on NJ. The recent focus has been on the Governor's race, and the Attorney General. An insurance council client is proposing rules requiring carriers to prove legitimate business for disparate impact, and they are about to file litigation.

Warren Coleman discussed the top issues in VT. PFAs is big again, and water treatment could be affected. Housing and property tax issues are also a priority this year. The state is looking at NY cap-and-invest program. Warren may reach out to Matt O'Connor to discuss. Warren reported that there was a large shift of state demographics in the election in 2024, and it will be interesting to track how that changes the state legislature.

Matt reported that NY was highly focused on new environmental greenhouse gas reduction mandates, and difficulty meeting those mandates without damaging grid reliability. The energy space is interesting to watch right now.

Tim reported on CT, where the recent focus has been on the budget. On the energy side, they are looking to lower nuclear costs and evaluating what other states have done. It is still early in the sessions, but there have already been about 1,200 bills introduced. Over the course of the year, they usually have over 1,800 total.

VI. Other Business

Stuart asked if there was particular legislation that members would like to track and offered to set up a tracking system with alerts if similar legislation shows up in NJ. Brian asked for anything related to AI and healthcare and would send a note as follow-up.

VII. Date of Next Meeting

The group can meet ahead of the SLR Spring meeting if needed but would otherwise plan to meet in May in Fort Worth.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 pm ET.