

Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward County, Florida
SWABC Governing Board Meeting

January 16, 2026, 9:15-11:30AM (or as soon thereafter as the Executive Committee Meeting adjourns)
Broward County Government Center West

1st Floor Board Room – Surtax Plaza

1 North University Drive

Plantation, FL 33324

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order, roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Present: Chair Ryan, Vice Chair Furr, Member Shuham, Member Colbourne, Member Metayer Bowen, Member Luis, Member Horland, Member Dunn, Member Patterson, Member Mead, Member Rydell, Member Arnst, Member AJ Ryan, Member Newton, Member Stafford, Member Breitzkreuz, and Member Morrisette.

Present Online: Member Caggiano, Alternate Member Welch, Schoolboard Member Bulman.

Not Present: Member Drosky, Member Borgelin, Member Thomas, Member Curran, Member Eveillard, Member Strauss, Member Ravanese, Member Tomlinson.

Opening Remarks - Chair Ryan reported with regret that the SWABC Executive Director, Mr. Storti, will step down due to a serious family medical situation, with his resignation effective February 9. It was emphasized that Mr. Storti has shown deep commitment to the members and the County and that his decision reflects the priority of family. Transition planning was underway to ensure continuity, with interim remote support from Mr. Storti, and consultants, including SCS, are prepared to provide additional support as needed.

The meeting continued with public comment.

Meeting Minutes – Motion: A motion was made by Member Horland and seconded by Member Newton to approve the minutes of November 21, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Outreach and Education Update - Laurie Menekou of Conceptual Communications reported that the Master Plan toolkit was posted to the website shortly after approval and is already being used and shared by member cities. A separate toolkit was also distributed to city public information officers (PIOs) in early January, with evidence of use across social media and newsletters, and Conceptual offered assistance to any PIOs needing support.

Ms. Menekou announced an upcoming presentation to the Broward County City Managers Association on February 19, and a PIO meeting scheduled for February 18 at Southwest Ranches Town Hall, with both in-person and virtual options. Quarterly toolkits will continue to be issued to support a consistent public information campaign.

Chair Ryan discussed the need for stronger coordination with PIOs and encouraged them to organize, designate a liaison, and participate regularly to improve communication and efficiency. Member Breitzkreuz shared a successful example of conducting a local toolkit training and volunteered to assist other cities, with discussion noting that future sessions could be noticed and recorded in compliance with Sunshine Law requirements.

C&D & Commercial Recycling Subcommittee Update - Chair Ryan noted that the C&D Commercial Recycling Subcommittee update had been covered earlier and emphasized the need for all Governing Board members to ensure their city submit comments on the proposed C&D ordinances as soon as possible. While only four cities had provided comments to date, city staff members were encouraged to share concerns now rather than wait for a final plan, with enforcement, cost, and implementation already identified as key issues through the TAC process.

Members stressed that input should extend beyond city staff to include construction, demolition, and recycling industry stakeholders. Existing models, including Lee County's ordinance, were cited as a starting point for identifying potential concerns and improvements. The importance of collecting broad and timely feedback to avoid missing critical issues was reiterated.

SCS - Master Plan - SCS Engineers confirmed the Master Plan Executive Summary was finalized, distributed, and posted online, and reported that key milestones remain on track. SCS and Mercury continued scheduling 30- to 45-minute one-on-one engagement meetings with members, and Chair Ryan encouraged prioritizing outreach to members and cities not regularly attending meetings to ensure full participation before the next meeting.

SCS - Financial Modeling Draft Review - SCS presented the draft financial framework and cost recovery approach for sustaining the Authority over the long term. The model assumed flow control and a per ton surcharge applied countywide, intended to shift funding away from municipal checks and onto the waste stream. The minimum projected funding need was presented as \$3.75 per ton, translated to roughly \$5 per household per year based on average waste generation, with clarification that this figure was a baseline for the next fiscal year and would be updated annually. Costs were projected to increase over time as programs and infrastructure were implemented, including education and outreach, recycling processing, land acquisition, eight drop off sites, and building capital reserves.

Governing Board members discussed the importance of clearly communicating assumptions and avoiding misleading messaging around the household estimate, noting that municipal billing structures vary and some cities subsidize services through general funds. SCS clarified that the surcharge was not tied to ad valorem taxes, would be collected at disposal and processing facilities on a per ton basis, and would be reflected through hauling and collection rates. Members stressed that city contracts must preserve the ability to direct waste to designated facilities to protect revenue and system control. SCS requested that members submit questions so assumptions and calculations could be refined and packaged transparently, and committed to producing a memorandum detailing the model inputs, what was included and excluded, and the required legal and administrative mechanisms.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Rydell and seconded by Member Horland to extend the meeting by an additional 15 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Legal - Facilities Amendment Draft Review - Chair Ryan noted that the Facilities Amendment draft had been distributed to Governing Board members and that several legal issues remained under review. Members were asked to submit comments to Mr. Cole, the Authority's legal counsel, and Mr. Cole was directed to continue working with the County to resolve and narrow remaining policy issues for discussion at the February 9 meeting, with the goal of finalizing the document at that time.

New/Old Business & Informational Material - Chair Ryan provided an update on transition planning following Mr. Storti's anticipated departure and noted that Mr. Storti had outlined the Executive Director's

responsibilities to support continuity. Chair Ryan distinguished between administrative and financial functions, confirming that financial controls and check signing authority were already in place, while interim support would be needed to manage administrative coordination, communications, and meeting logistics through February 9.

Chair Ryan proposed using interim administrative assistance, potentially through SCS, to support these functions, with clear boundaries and oversight to avoid conflicts of interest. Members expressed consensus support for this short-term approach, with costs to be tracked separately and further details to be addressed at the February 9 meeting. Vice Chair Furr volunteered to work with Mr. Cole and Mr. Storti to resolve remaining contract and transition matters and prepare an agreement for consideration at the next meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Newton and seconded by Vice Chair Furr to waive the contractual 90-day notice requirement for Mr. Storti, allowing his resignation to be effective February 9. The motion passed unanimously.

Governing Board members and SCS expressed their appreciation for Mr. Storti's service and extended support to him and his family.

New/Old Business & Informational Material – None reviewed.

Adjournment - Motion: A motion was made by Member Newton and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.