

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

February 20, 2026, 9:30-11:30AM (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 Caggiano, Alternate Member Welch, Member Arnst, Member Thomas, Member Murphy Salomone, Member AJ Ryan, Alternate Member Smith, Member Newton, Member Stafford, Member Breikreuz, Member Morrisette, and Schoolboard Member Bulman.

Not Present: Member Glassman, Member Drosky, Member Borgelin, Member Curran, Member Strauss, Member Ravanese, Member Tomlinson, Member Nyhuis.

The meeting continued with public comment.

Meeting Minutes – Motion: A motion was made by Member Mead and seconded by Member Murphy Salomone to approve the minutes of January 16, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

With consent of the body, Chair Ryan adjusted the agenda order to include updates from the Executive Committee Construction and Demolition (C&D) and Commercial Recycling Subcommittee and the Executive Committee Education and Outreach Subcommittee prior to discussion of the Master Plan.

C&D and Commercial Recycling Subcommittee Update – Subcommittee Chair Mead reported that the subcommittee met the previous week and had draft ordinances prepared for both construction and demolition debris and commercial recycling. Questions on the drafts have been sent out for clarification, and additional updates were expected within the next few weeks. Input was actively being sought from TAC members, contractors, haulers, and other stakeholders so the ordinances would be practical and workable. Discussion clarified that the ordinances are still in draft form and that implementation details are still being evaluated. It was noted that the C&D ordinance may require adoption by both the county and ILA member municipalities, while certain provisions related to landfill disposal may be handled primarily at the county level.

Members discussed compliance thresholds, contamination in C&D materials, and the cost impacts of recycling requirements. It was noted that some C&D materials are not recyclable and still require disposal, which affects cost. Chair Ryan emphasized that diverting C&D remains critical because it is the heaviest part of the waste stream and reducing landfill disposal helps preserve future capacity. The subcommittee was reviewing successful models from other Florida jurisdictions and adapting them to Broward County's public-private framework, with a more complete presentation expected within 30 to 45 days.

Education and Outreach Subcommittee Update - Subcommittee Chair Dunn provided the Education and Outreach Subcommittee update, reporting progress on the "Put Waste in Its Place" campaign and development

of a new communications toolkit expected in March 2026. Social media outreach would expand to include TikTok alongside current social media efforts on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube. Members were asked to encourage their TAC representatives to complete a recycling rate survey to help guide targeted direct mail outreach. Chair Ryan requested per the suggestion of board members that TAC members be invited to all PIO meetings.

Conceptual Communications updated the Governing Board on the recycling curriculum partnership with Broward County Public Schools. Of the previously approved \$50,000, \$5,000 supported the Youth Climate Summit and the remaining \$45,000 would fund development and implementation of a K-12 recycling curriculum expected to launch around Earth Day in April. School Board Member Bulman expressed support and described efforts to engage students in outreach and advocacy. Members discussed implementation details, funding accountability, and success metrics, and suggested reviewing existing student-developed environmental curriculum created through prior grant programs to determine whether those materials could supplement or reduce the need for additional curriculum development.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Dunn and seconded by Member Shuham for the Executive Committee to approve the \$45,000 for curriculum funding, understanding that the Education and Outreach Subcommittee will determine if up to \$9,000 would not need to be used [in curriculum development costs that may be saved through use of student-developed environmental curriculum]. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Master Plan - SCS Engineers provided an update on the Master Plan timeline, noting that additional time was requested to finalize the financial plan, but the project remains on schedule. Financial information was expected before the March 20 Executive Committee and Governing Board meeting, when the Governing Board will consider adoption of the Master Plan and recommendation of the Facilities Amendment. If approved, materials would be transmitted to member cities on March 23, beginning the municipal approval period with a projected deadline of July 21 and a final deadline of August 14.

Mercury Public Affairs reported on engagement meetings with Governing Board members to identify concerns and scheduling needs. Key themes included cost, requests for workshops or briefings with commissions and staff, governance and operational questions, and political considerations. Mercury reported that cities are beginning to schedule meetings and identify local champions to support the process.

Chair Ryan strongly encouraged Governing Board members to begin scheduling commission briefings and workshops as soon as possible due to the compressed timeline and summer meeting constraints. Members were asked to communicate meeting dates and requests for presentations so the BSWA, consultants, and board members can assist in providing background briefings and answering questions.

Legal - Facilities Amendment Draft and Summary Review - Chair Ryan introduced the draft Facilities Amendment, noting that it had been reviewed by the Executive Committee following months of negotiations with the county and multiple revisions. The Governing Board was advised that no vote was being requested at the meeting, and that the next 30 days would be used for further review and comments from members and their staff.

SWA Counsel, Mr. Cole, provided an overview of the amendment, explaining that it limits the Authority to owning or operating transfer stations, drop-off centers, and recycling facilities, while prohibiting ownership of solid waste disposal facilities such as waste-to-energy plants without a future amendment requiring supermajority approval. He also outlined wind down provisions at the end of the 40-year term, options for a

successor entity or county takeover, inspection and audit rights, and limits on exceeding maximum service charges established in the Master Plan.

Members discussed the amendment's evolution from a potential infrastructure plan to a framework focused on flow control and use of existing facilities. Additional discussion addressed the threshold required for a successor entity at the end of the term and whether limits on maximum service charges should apply to charges to municipalities, residents, or both. Members indicated they would continue reviewing the language and provide comments before final action.

SCS - Financial Modeling Draft Revision Review - SCS Engineers presented a phased financial implementation model to address uncertainty around future costs until the Authority can issue RFPs and secure long-term contracts. The model outlined three phases: maintaining current member funding while continuing administration and outreach, issuing RFPs and implementing a tipping fee surcharge once contracts were secured, and later developing infrastructure such as drop off centers, yard waste processing, and potential special assessments.

SCS explained that exact costs cannot yet be determined because pricing depends on guaranteed waste flow, contract term, and market conditions, which require approval of the Master Plan and Facilities Amendment before the Authority can go to market. While municipal recycling contracts currently vary widely, SCS indicated that a long-term countywide contract with guaranteed volume is expected to reduce processing costs overall. For the next fiscal year, SCS recommended maintaining current assessments while moving forward with solicitations and planning.

Members discussed cost allocation, contamination costs, and the need for separate curbside collection of yard waste in addition to municipal solid waste and recycling. Concerns were raised about the political challenge of explaining potential near-term cost increases, though members emphasized that failing to expand diversion would lead to significantly higher long-term costs as landfill and waste-to-energy capacity decline. Member Breitzkreuz reported that Southwest Ranches' analysis showed recycling increased total waste costs by approximately 3 to 4 percent in recent years.

Although a quorum was no longer present, members generally supported continuing development of the phased financial model and requested a memorandum from SCS explaining the assumptions and implementation approach. No formal action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.

New/Old Business & Informational Material – None reviewed.

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