

Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward County, Florida

SWABC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

February 13, 2026, 9:00 – 10:30 AM
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. A quorum was established.

Present: Chair Lubelski (Sunrise), Member Conde (Broward), Alternate Member Heimbach (Coconut Creek), Member Chad Maraj and Alternate Member Alzate (Coral Springs), Eleonel Lorenzo (Deerfield Beach), Member Desbrunes (Lauderdale Lakes), Member Yapp (Margate), Member Trapani (Miramar), Member Leonard (Oakland Park), Member Wehmeyer (Parkland), Member Morris (Plantation), Member Muniz (Southwest Ranches), Alternate Member Charry (Tamarac), Member Thompson (Weston).

Not Present: Cooper City, Dania Beach, Davie, Fort Lauderdale (no member to be assigned), Hillsboro Beach, Hollywood, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Lauderhill, Lazy Lake, Lighthouse Point, North Lauderdale, Pembroke Park, Sea Ranch Lakes, West Park, Wilton Manors.

There was no public comment.

Master Plan Update

Master Plan Adoption - Timeline and Engagement Meetings - Mr. Dietch of SCS Engineers reported that the Master Plan was submitted to the Executive Committee in August and that recent work has focused on the financial component. The full package, including the Master Plan, financial plan, and Facilities Amendment, was scheduled for Executive Committee review on February 20, with the expectation of a recommendation to the Governing Board for adoption on March 20.

Draft Facilities Amendment & Draft Financial Modeling – SWA Legal Counsel, Mr. Cole, presented a detailed overview of the draft Facilities Amendment, explaining that it amends the ILA to address issues unresolved when the agreement was first adopted, including potential facility ownership, asset disposition at the end of the 40 year term, inspection and reporting requirements, dispute resolution related to the county’s disposal obligations, and limits on future service charge increases. He noted that the Authority would be prohibited from owning or operating a solid waste disposal facility such as a waste-to-energy plant unless the ILA was amended again with county approval and approval from municipalities representing 80 percent of the population. He also reviewed wind down provisions, including possible successor entities, county takeover, and distribution or sale of assets if the Authority dissolves.

Mr. Cole clarified that the Master Plan would be approved by the Governing Board, while each city commission would decide whether to approve the Facilities Amendment. Cities approving the amendment would remain in the system for the 40-year term, while those that did not would no longer participate.

Counsel outlined the timeline, noting that the Executive Committee was scheduled to discuss the Facilities Amendment later that morning, with Governing Board consideration expected in February or March. Following Governing Board action and Master Plan approval, the amendment would be transmitted to cities on March 23 for a 120-day review period. Counsel noted the amendment was more limited than originally envisioned.

TAC Member discussion included questions regarding asset ownership, compensation, successor entities, waste-to-energy approval thresholds, and potential future legal changes. Mr. Cole explained that municipalities would receive their pro rata share if assets were sold or paid for and that non host cities could acquire assets under limited circumstances. Mr. Cole and Mr. Deitch of SCS clarified that cost considerations would be addressed through the Master Plan and financial model rather than the Facilities Amendment, and members emphasized the need for financial information as cities were entering budget season.

Chair Lubelski encouraged TAC members to begin briefing their commissions, noting that cities would have 120 days to approve the Facilities Amendment once the Master Plan was adopted by the Governing Board. Members also raised concerns about the compressed timeline and review period, and leadership acknowledged the tight schedule but noted it was driven by the ILA deadline and prior work.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Muniz (Southwest Ranches) and seconded for TAC to recommend the Facilities Amendment for Governing Board adoption. There was discussion on the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Yes - Broward County, Coconut Creek, Lauderdale Lakes, Southwest Ranches, Sunrise, Weston; No – Coral Springs, Deerfield Beach, Margate, Miramar, Oakland Park, Parkland, Plantation, Tamarac. The motion failed.

Following the vote, members clarified that many of the no votes reflected discomfort with being asked to take a formal position on short notice rather than opposition to the substance of the amendment itself.

Motion: A motion to reconsider was made by Member Morris (Plantation) and seconded. There was discussion on the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Yes - Broward County, Coconut Creek, Coral Springs, Lauderdale Lakes, Margate, Oakland Park, Parkland, Plantation, Southwest Ranches, Sunrise, Tamarac, Weston; No - Deerfield Beach and Miramar. The motion passed.

After continued discussion, the original motion was withdrawn by Member Muniz, and the TAC agreed not to take an official position as a body at that time. Chair Lubelski stated that there was no official consensus on comments to apply to the draft Facilities Amendment from the TAC as a group, though comments submitted by individual municipalities, including formal comments from Coral Springs, would be transmitted to the Executive Committee. TAC Members were encouraged to submit any additional comments as soon as possible, ideally by the following Wednesday.

C&D Recycling Program – RRS – Not discussed during the meeting.

Commercial Recycling Program – SCS - Not discussed during the meeting.

Meeting Minutes – *Motion:* A motion was made by Member Muniz and seconded to approve the minutes of January 12, 2026. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

New/Old Business - A TAC member requested addition a future agenda the concept and evaluation of subsidizing MRF recycling processing, including the potential pros and cons, and asked questions regarding MRF details and the anticipated timing for issuing a recycling processing RFP.

Adjournment – Chair Lubelski adjourned the meeting.