

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

**SWA Governing Board Meeting**

March 20, 2026, 9:30 AM – 11:30 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 and a quorum was established.

Present: Chair Ryan, Vice Chair Furr, Alternate Member Sorensen, Member Shuham, Member Colbourne, Member Metayer, Member Luis, Member Horland, Member Dunn, Member Patterson, Member Mead, Member Caggiano, Member Rydell, Member Arnst, Member Murphy Salomone, Member Thomas, Member AJ Ryan, Member Eveillard, Member Breitzkreuz, Member Morrisette, and Alternate Member Geller.

Present Online: Member Breitzkreuz, Alternate Member Welch.

Not Present: Member Drosky, Member Borgelin, Member Curran, Member Newton, Member Stafford, Member Strauss, Member Ravanese, Member Tomlinson, and Member Nyhuis.

**Public Comment** - Public comment included speaker expressing support for the Master Plan and Facilities Amendment, emphasizing the urgency of Broward County's solid waste challenges, the relatively modest cost increases, and the long term environmental and community benefits. Speakers also highlighted the Authority's transparency, responsiveness, and progress in public education and behavior change around recycling.

**Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2026**-*Motion*: A motion was made by Member Arnst and seconded by Member Patterson to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes for February 20, 2026. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Master Plan and Facilities Amendment** - Chair Ryan opened the Master Plan discussion by emphasizing the urgency of Broward's solid waste crisis, citing limited disposal capacity, declining recycling rates, and the need for regional cooperation to regain economic and environmental control. SCS Engineers continued with a presentation on the phased financial model, explaining that Phase One maintained current member contributions, Phase Two introduced a tipping fee surcharge based on tonnage, and Phase Three transitioned to a non-ad valorem assessment on tax bills. The approach was intended to create fairness, predictability, and long-term cost stability while minimizing administrative burden and leveraging collective negotiating power. Key themes included affordability through scale, shifting to tonnage-based funding, reducing market volatility, and emphasizing behavior change, education, and expanded diversion programs.

Discussion focused on whether the Governing Board should act on the Master Plan that day or delay action to allow additional staff and legal review. Vice Chair Furr stated that County staff and attorneys had identified several issues that needed to be addressed, including concerns about whether the Master Plan fully satisfied the ILA requirements and whether certain financial assumptions, including projected tonnage and resulting revenues, were accurate. County legal counsel stated that one clear issue was the absence of a required hazardous materials diversion plan in the Master Plan and warned that, if not corrected, the omission could create a legal challenge to the Authority's formation. County staff also questioned whether the financial model overstated revenues by relying on waste tonnage assumptions that might not reflect material actually crossing Broward

scales. SCS responded that the Master Plan had been publicly developed over many months, that implementation details could be refined later, and that the concerns raised did not appear to undermine the overall structure, though the hazardous materials issue could be corrected easily.

*Motion:* A motion was made by Member Shuham and seconded by Member Metayer to approve the Master Plan with an asterisk that any corrections be made at the next meeting of the Governing Board on April 17. Discussion continued.

Member Rydell was prepared to make a competing motion to table the Master Plan approval vote until the April 17 Governing Board meeting to allow further review, and multiple members voiced support for delaying to provide time for staff and commissions to evaluate any recent adjustments.

Discussion shifted to whether the Facilities Amendment could still move forward even if the Master Plan were delayed. SWA legal counsel explained that the Governing Board's role on the Facilities Amendment was to recommend it to the cities and that it could technically be approved before final Master Plan adoption, with transmission to the cities delayed until the Master Plan was approved.

*Motion:* A motion was made by Member Dunn and seconded by Member Horland to motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Additional discussion raised a proposal by Member Colbourne to expand Executive Committee membership, but SWA legal counsel clarified that such changes would require a separate ILA amendment with 100 percent approval and could not be easily incorporated into the current Facilities Amendment without risk. Chair Ryan recommended handling that issue separately through the Executive Committee and at a later Governing Board meeting.

As debate continued, some members said they were not comfortable voting on either item without further city attorney review, while others emphasized that their cities were ready to move forward and needed direction to place the Facilities Amendment on workshop or commission agendas. To resolve the confusion, Member Rydell suggested separating the actions into two motions so the Master Plan and Facilities Amendment could be handled independently. There was clear support for delaying the Master Plan to address outstanding issues while continuing coordination toward upcoming meetings and deadlines.

Member Shuham and second Member Metayer withdrew the initial Master Plan motion for procedural clarity. A new motion was then made on the Master Plan and another on the Facilities Amendment.

*Motion:* A motion was made by Member Rydell and seconded by Member Caggiano to continue the Master Plan adoption until April 17. There was no further discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Master Plan adoption was continued to the next meeting.

*Motion:* A motion was made by Member Metayer and seconded by Member Shuham to move forward with the recommended Facilities Amendment as is. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

**C&D / Commercial Subcommittee Update** - Not discussed during the meeting.

**Education and Outreach Subcommittee Update** - Not discussed during the meeting.

**TAC Meeting Update** – Not discussed during the meeting.

**New/Old Business** – Not discussed during the meeting.

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