

Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward County, Florida
SWABC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

March 16, 2026, 9:00 – 11:00 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 Maraj (Coral Springs), Member Holste (Davie), Member Desbrunes (Lauderdale Lakes), Member Yapp (Margate), Member Trapani (Miramar), Member Leonard (Oakland Park), Member Morris (Plantation), Member Muniz (Southwest Ranches), Alternate Member Charry (Tamarac), Member Dodd (Wilton Manors).

Present Online: Member Wehmeyer (Parkland).

Not Present: Cooper City, Dania Beach, Deerfield Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Hillsboro Beach, Hollywood, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Lauderhill, Lazy Lake, Lighthouse Point, North Lauderdale, Pembroke Park, Sea Ranch Lakes, West Park, Weston.

There was no public comment.

Meeting Minutes – Motion: A motion was made by Member Muniz and seconded by Chair Lubelski to approve the minutes of February 13, 2026. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Master Plan Update - SCS Engineers reported that the Master Plan and financial model are complete and will be presented on March 20, with the Facilities Amendment to follow. Upon adoption, the amendment will be sent to municipalities, triggering a 120-day approval period requiring 80 percent population approval by August 14. SCS emphasized ongoing outreach and the need for early engagement with commissions due to budget cycles and summer recess, and noted no further changes were expected before Governing Board consideration unless raised at that level.

A committee member raised concerns regarding Article 16 and whether the Facilities Amendment requires unanimous approval. SWA Legal Counsel clarified that the amendment was authorized under separate ILA provisions and does not require unanimous approval, and that unanimous consent would only apply to future amendments. It was agreed that legal clarification would be provided.

A committee member noted that the financial modeling assumptions are conservative and may decrease with updated tonnage data. Chair Lubelski emphasized the urgency of initiating presentations to municipal commissions and encouraged members to begin engagement as soon as possible, noting that the SWA Executive Director and consultants are available to support those presentations.

C&D Recycling Program – RRS - SCS presented the C&D recycling ordinance framework and requested feedback on key policy decisions, including third party certification, diversion requirements, enforcement, and administration. It was noted that the Recycling Certification Institute was currently the only national certifier, providing transparency and standardized reporting. Members agreed that municipal staff lack capacity to perform certification internally, while raising concerns about costs, limited competition, and the need for a phased approach.

Discussion focused on implementation, including whether the ordinance should be countywide, how compliance would be verified, and whether enforcement should occur through municipal permitting processes or at the county level. Members emphasized that responsibilities for review, fee collection, and coordination with permitting and code enforcement must be clearly defined before adoption and agreed that further coordination with County staff and legal counsel was necessary.

Members discussed flexibility within the ordinance, particularly whether elements such as diversion thresholds, targeted materials, and noncompliance fees should be adjustable administratively. Some members supported allowing a County staff designee to make updates to reflect market conditions, while others cautioned that frequent changes could create confusion for projects already in progress.

Debate also addressed recycling thresholds, with the draft proposing a 50 percent requirement for projects and a 20 percent recovery rate for facilities. Several members expressed concern that 20 percent was too low and may disadvantage higher performing facilities, while others supported a phased approach with gradual increases over time.

Additional discussion addressed alignment with state reporting requirements, treatment of commingled materials, and the importance of maintaining consistency across jurisdictions to avoid a patchwork of regulations. Members emphasized the need to ensure fairness, prevent circumvention, and preserve landfill capacity as key drivers for advancing the ordinance.

SCS reiterated the need for continued municipal feedback and coordination with the County to refine implementation. Members expressed general support for advancing the concept while noting key issues remain unresolved.

Commercial Recycling Program – SCS - MOVE TO APRIL MEETING

New/Old Business - The next meeting date was confirmed as April 13, 2026.

Adjournment – Motion: A motion was made by Executive Director May to adjourn the meeting and was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.