

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

**SWA Governing Board Meeting**

April 17, 2026, 8:30 AM – 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 and a quorum was established.

Present: Chair Ryan, Vice Chair Furr, Member Shuham, Member Colbourne, Member Luis, Member Horland, Alternate Member Plaut, Member Patterson, Member Mead, Member Caggiano, Member Rydell, Member Arnst, Member Murphy Salomone, Member AJ Ryan, Alternate Member Joy Smith and Member Eveillard (after vote), Member Newton, Alternate Member Hartmann, Member Morrisette, and Member Ravanesi.

Present Online: Member Dunn, Member Thomas, Alternate Member Sorensen, and Alternate Member Welch.

Not Present: Alternate Member Cerra, Member Drosky, Member Borgelin, Member Curran, Member Stafford, Member Breitzkreuz, Member Strauss, Member Tomlinson, and Member Nyhuis.

**Opening Remarks** - Chair Ryan acknowledged the significance of the day and delivered remarks on the passing of Vice Mayor Nancy Metayer, honoring her professionalism, intellect, and dedication to the Solid Waste Authority. Members' attendance was noted as a tribute to her commitment.

Chair Ryan also extended condolences to another member, acknowledging a recent loss, and expressed appreciation for their continued participation. The Governing Board observed a moment of silence for those lost.

**Public Comment** - During public comment, two members of the public offered condolences on the loss of Vice Mayor Nancy Metayer, recognizing her contributions and impact on the Solid Waste Authority and the broader community. Speakers expressed appreciation for the Executive Committee's extensive work and public engagement over the past two and a half years and urged the Governing Board to approve the Master Plan and support adoption of the ILA by member cities. They emphasized the Master Plan's ability to significantly reduce landfill waste, the relatively low cost to households, and the greater risk of inaction. One speaker also requested that online recycling education materials be updated in coordination with material recovery facilities to ensure accuracy.

**Master Plan** – Chair Ryan introduced the Master Plan item and explained that consideration had been paused at the March 20 Governing Board meeting due to issues related to compliance with Section 7.1.1 of the ILA and discrepancies in tonnage calculations. A new standalone section was added to the Master Plan to clearly address compliance with Section 7.1.1, which had been presented to and unanimously recommended for approval by the Executive Committee on March 30. Adjustments were also made to the financial model by removing certain beneficial use tonnage from calculations, resulting in a more conservative approach and a minimal increase of approximately twenty cents per household annually.

SCS Engineering confirmed that these were the only changes to the Master Plan and presented the updated approach, noting it would leverage economies of scale, maximize existing infrastructure, and support improved systemwide waste management.

*Motion:* A motion was made by Member Horland and seconded by Member Caggiano to approve the Master

Plan. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Yes – Alternate Sorensen (Fort Lauderdale), Member Shuham (Hollywood), Member Colbourne (Miramar), Member Luis (Davie), Member Horland (Plantation), Chair Ryan(Sunrise), Alternate Member Plaut (Deerfield Beach), Member Dunn (Lauderhill), Member Patterson (Tamarac), Member Mead (Weston), Member Caggiano (Margate), Member Rydell (Coconut Creek), Member Arnst (Oakland Park), Member Murphy Salomone (Parkland), Member Thomas (Lauderdale Lakes), Member AJ Ryan (Dania Beach), Alternate Member Joy Smith (West Park), Member Newton (Wilton Manors), Alternate Member Hartmann (Southwest Ranches), Member Morrisette (Pembroke Park), Member Ravanese (Hillsboro Beach), and Vice Chair Furr (Broward County). The motion passed unanimously, meeting all required tonnage and population thresholds. It was confirmed that the approved Master Plan would be transmitted to member cities that same day along with the Facilities Amendment and supporting materials. Governing Board members noted this as a significant milestone and acknowledged that further work would be required for implementation and city approvals.

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

**Executive Director Update** - During the Executive Director update, members were advised of the urgency to place the Master Plan on upcoming city agendas for workshops or approvals and to communicate scheduling information promptly so resources could be coordinated. Workshop and meeting dates were being compiled and would be distributed on a weekly basis to all Governing Board members, alternates, and TAC members. The Board was also informed that these dates would be posted online to allow community members and advocacy groups to track and attend meetings and to monitor city approvals.

Members emphasized the importance of elected officials leading and introducing workshop presentations to demonstrate ownership and build confidence among city commissions, rather than relying solely on consultants. Consistent communication with individual commissions and visible member engagement were critical to advancing approvals. Governing Board members also encouraged strong attendance at workshops in support of colleagues and in recognition of prior commitments made to assist across cities. Additional feedback highlighted the need to clearly communicate outcomes, costs, and benefits in a concise manner during presentations, while allowing sufficient time for questions.

An alternative approach was discussed for cities with scheduling constraints, suggesting one on one briefings with commissioners as a viable option in place of formal workshops. Members acknowledged this flexibility as helpful in advancing the process.

**CohnReznick - Financial Statements – March 2026** – CohnReznick delivered a financial update for the Solid Waste Authority as of the end of March 2026. It was reported that cash and cash equivalents exceeded \$3 million, accounts receivable totaled \$668,000, and net equity stood at approximately \$3,555,000. Based on the current financial position, the Authority had sufficient assets to meet its budgetary needs and commitments through the end of the fiscal year in September 2026.

**TAC Meeting Update and C&D / Commercial Subcommittee Update** - The recent TAC meeting focused on construction and demolition materials, with some discussion of commercial recycling, noting that work on these issues would continue. The April 14 C&D Subcommittee Workshop included a roundtable with representatives from the construction industry and landfill operators, allowing for critical input on program needs and implementation considerations. Workshop feedback would be compiled into a comprehensive C&D program for presentation to the Executive Committee.

Chair Ryan emphasized the need for timely and complete input from TAC representatives on these programs,

stating that all comments, questions, and concerns should be submitted as soon as possible to address issues before draft programs and ordinances were presented to the Executive Committee.

**Education and Outreach Subcommittee Update** - The Education and Outreach Subcommittee update included a presentation from Conceptual Communications on the ongoing “Put Waste in its Place” campaign. A wide range of outreach efforts had been launched, including bus benches, digital billboards, community events, social media, multilingual radio, streaming media, and targeted campaigns, along with a pledge initiative that had already generated strong engagement and participation rates. Outreach efforts were described as multilingual, targeted, and designed to reach diverse audiences across the county. Additional updates included coordination with public information officers, distribution of toolkits and materials for Earth Day, collaboration with the Broward County Library system, and ongoing expansion of outreach through schools and community networks.

Governing Board members discussed the importance of aligning education efforts with system implementation to avoid public frustration, while acknowledging that building awareness and behavior change was a necessary first step. Emphasis was placed on the need for consistent, repetitive messaging and the development of a unified countywide voice. Members also highlighted the importance of clearly communicating the economic benefits of programs, including reduced contamination costs, improved recycling rates, and operational savings, as well as using data and case studies to support messaging during workshops and public discussions. The value of peer-to-peer communication, testimonials, and targeted messaging for different audiences was also discussed.

The Governing Board expressed strong support for the outreach efforts and recognized the progress made by the subcommittee and consultants, agreeing that the work would continue to evolve alongside implementation.

**Schedule for Approval** - The Governing Board received an update on the schedule for city and county approvals of the Master Plan, with emphasis on the urgency of placing items on agendas ahead of summer recess. It was noted that the County was scheduled for May 12, with several cities already scheduled. Members were advised that scheduling updates would continue to be shared to track progress across jurisdictions.

Members discussed the importance of flexibility during the approval process, noting that if concerns arise during a meeting, items could be tabled to allow for additional information, engagement, or support before proceeding to a vote. Chair Ryan affirmed that members should feel comfortable delaying action if needed to ensure informed decisions and adequate outreach.

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

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