

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

SWA Governing Board Meeting

May 18, 2026, 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM

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 Cerra, Member Luis, Member Horland, Member Dunn, Member Mead, Member Caggiano, Member Rydell, Member Arnst, Member Murphy Salomone, Member Curran, Member Eveillard, Member Stafford, and Member Breitzkreuz.

Present Online: Alternate Member Plaut, Alternate Member Welch.

Not Present: Member Drosky, Member Patterson, Member Borgelin, Member Thomas, Member AJ Ryan, Member Newton, Member Strauss, Member Morrisette, Member Ravanese, and Member Tomlinson.

Public Comment - During public comment, one member of the public expressed that she had attended nearly every city commission meeting on the SWA and had not heard any objections that could not be addressed. She questioned how one city could secure a better rate than the cities working together and urged Governing Board members to consider the broader costs of inaction, including sea level rise, flooding, storm drainage, septic risks, seawalls, and public health impacts. She strongly supported a long-term commitment by ILA members to allow companies to invest in new technology and expressed concern that the Authority's progress could fall apart if a city withdrew after the RFPs were received.

Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2026 - *Motion:* A motion was made by Member Rydell and seconded by Member Arnst to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes April 17, 2026. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (providing for additional opt out) - The Governing Board continued discussion of the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement. Chair Ryan reported that Sea Ranch Lakes, Coconut Creek, Southwest Ranches, Hillsboro Beach, Broward County, Lauderdale Lakes, Cooper City, Dania Beach, Tamarac, and Plantation had approved the Facilities Amendment with unanimous approval, and reminded members that upcoming city voting and workshop dates had been distributed.

Governing Board members discussed whether the proposed 2027 opt out recommended by the Executive Committee could affect tonnage certainty, pricing, and the Authority's ability to secure favorable RFP responses. Members raised concerns that if 10 or 15 percent of tonnage withdrew, vendors might seek to reprice contracts or add caveats. SCS Engineers stated that uncertainty would need to be addressed during the solicitation process and that too much uncertainty could affect how respondents viewed the RFP.

Members then reviewed when cities would be locked in and how the opt out would work. Chair Ryan explained that if RFP pricing stayed within the Master Plan market guardrails, there would be no opt out. If pricing exceeded the guardrails, the Governing Board would have until November 15, 2027, to act, and cities would have until December 31, 2027, to opt out. The Governing Board also discussed future opt in options for non-participating cities, with SWA Legal Counsel, Mr. Cole, clarifying that an opt in provision existed but that the terms and costs

had not yet been established. Chair Ryan stated that future opt in opportunities would not be guaranteed and could depend on capacity, cost, prior operating contributions, and vendor terms. Governing Board members agreed that non-member opt in considerations should be placed on a future agenda, with information on the tonnage of non-participating cities provided, if available.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Rydell and seconded by Member Caggiano to extend the Governing Board meeting. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Caggiano and seconded by Member Breitkreuz to approve Option #3 of the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for a December 31, 2027, member opt out tied to the market guardrails from Table 14, where the Governing Board awards the contracts on or before November 15, 2027, giving the cities until December 31, 2027, to opt out if pricing exceeds the market guardrails. A roll call vote was taken: Yes – Chair Ryan, Vice Chair Furr, Member Shuham, Member Colbourne, Member Cerra, Member Luis, Alternate Member Plaut, Member Caggiano, Member Rydell, and Member Breitkreuz; No – Alternate Member Sorensen, Member Horland, Member Mead, Member Arnst, Member Murphy Salomone, Member Curran, Member Eveillard, Member Stafford. The motion passed 10 to 8, with the required majority of population.

Following the vote, Governing Board members discussed the reasons for the “no” votes, including concerns that the opt out could harm the Authority’s reputation, weaken market confidence, reduce economies of scale, and move the effort away from the shared goal of recycling. Other members said they wanted a later longer-term opt out option to avoid being locked in should future conditions change. Chair Ryan and other members agreed that a better job should have been done in explaining existing wind-down provisions and future inflection points in the contracts, possibly in lieu of adding an opt out.

CohnReznick - Financial Statements – April 2026 – Mr. Petrone of CohnReznick provided the financial update for the Authority. As of the end of April 2026, the Authority had \$2,776,000 in cash and cash equivalents, \$668,000 in accounts receivable from seven members that had not yet paid their assessments, and a net position of \$3,000,256. It was reported that the Authority had sufficient liquidity to meet its budgetary spending needs through the fiscal year ending September 2026.

Education and Outreach Subcommittee Update - Conceptual Communications reported that current Put Waste in Its Place outreach campaign had been fully deployed, with earned media, influencer outreach, grassroots engagement, and community partner efforts underway. Updates included media opportunities with Browardist, WLRN, Don’t Trash Our Treasure/MODS, and WIOD radio, as well as more than 800 pledges received. The Conceptual team also reported that the Education and Outreach Subcommittee had voted to reallocate existing outreach funding and hours toward “getting to yes,” with no increase in budget or time requested. Chair Ryan directed that the item be placed on the June agenda as there was no longer a quorum present for voting.

New/Old Business – Under new business, Alternate Member Sorensen suggested discussing whether the two or three most populous cities should have permanent Executive Committee seats. Member Horland opposed permanent city seats but supported filling the vacant large city seat before November. Chair Ryan noted that the issue could create tension while the Authority was working to stay together. It was agreed to place the matter on the next agenda.

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