Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward County, Florida
SWA Executive Committee Meeting
June 15, 2026, 9:00 AM – 9:30 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 Horland, Member Dunn, Member Rydell, Member Mead, Member Caggiano, Member AJ Ryan, Member Newton, Alternate Member Murphy Salomone, Alternate Member Breitkreuz.

Not Present: Alternate Member Colbourne, Alternate Member Geller, School Board Member Bulman.

There was no public comment.

Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2026 - *Motion:* A motion was made by Member Rydell and seconded by Member Caggiano to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes May 18, 2026. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Potential Addition to Proposed Second Amendment to Interlocal Agreement (providing for second opt out in 2048) - Chair Ryan opened the discussion stating a memo had previously been circulated regarding possible changes to the Second Amendment to the ILA. Based on comments from several city commissions, there appeared to be support for the Authority's overall work but ongoing concerns about the need for an additional or modified opt out. Chair Ryan explained that the revised Second Amendment was intended to address these concerns while keeping the Authority on track for the August 14 deadline.

Chair Ryan reviewed the prior vote on the proposed Second Amendment to the ILA, which had approved a separate opt out at the end of 2027 if the Governing Board recommended a contract award outside the established market rate guidelines in the Master Plan. Some members who had voted "no" on the previous Second Amendment version in May had done so because they wanted all members fully committed without exception, others wanted an additional 25 year opt out added, while other members wanted an additional untethered opt out in 2027 not tied to market rate RFP results. Before the consideration of the revised proposed amendment, the prior vote needed to be reconsidered.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chair Furr and seconded by Member Rydell to reconsider the previously proposed Second Amendment to the ILA. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chair Furr and seconded by Member Shuham to consider the updated proposed Second Amendment (providing for two options to withdraw from the ILA, one within 45 days after the Executive Committee recommends the award of contracts resulting from the RFP process for yard trash processing, recyclable material processing and municipal solid waste disposal, and the other on August 16, 2048). Discussion was opened.

During discussion on the updated proposed Second Amendment, Executive Committee members raised concerns that the addition of an untethered opt out could create additional uncertainty, require renewed education after elections, and affect the RFP process. Others supported the updated Second Amendment as a means to keep more cities involved and avoid losing the Authority's once-in-a-generation opportunity.

SWA Legal Counsel clarified various questions raised, including the requirement for the Facilities Amendment to meet the 80 percent approval threshold by mid-August for the Authority to continue its work. The proposed Second Amendment had no separate fixed deadline but was expected to move along the same timeline with the Facilities Amendment and would require 100 percent member approval. If approved, the RFP process would begin after August 15, with the goal of releasing the RFPs out for bidding within approximately 90 days, and review of RFP responses in 2027 before any opt out period could begin.

Members also discussed possible misuse of the opt out, revisiting the 80 percent voting threshold moving forward, and creating a clearer opt in process for cities not yet participating. It was agreed that the immediate priority remained preserving the Authority and moving the amendments forward. Discussion on the motion was closed.

A roll call vote was called on the updated proposed Second Amendment (providing for two options to withdraw from the ILA, one within 45 days after the Executive Committee recommends the award of contracts resulting from the RFP process for yard trash processing, recyclable material processing and municipal solid waste disposal, and the other on August 16, 2048). Yes - Chair Ryan, Vice Chair Furr, Member Shuham, Member Horland, Member Dunn, Member Rydell, Member Mead, Member Caggiano, Member AJ Ryan, Member Newton. The motion passed unanimously.

C&D and Commercial Recycling Subcommittee Update - Executive Director May reported that TAC, the C&D Subcommittee, and County staff had been reviewing options from prior workshops on the C&D ordinances and would continue refining the work, with a stronger focus on areas where enforcement authority existed. Chair Ryan thanked the C&D Subcommittee and TAC for gathering input from staff, members, and industry. He stated the goal was to provide a clearer C&D ordinance update at the next Executive Committee meeting and have a final ordinance ready for recommendation if the Authority continued beyond August 15. TAC members and staff were urged to submit all comments and concerns now so they could be addressed before the final work product was presented to the Executive Committee.

Education and Outreach Subcommittee Expenditure Reallocation Request – Conceptual Communications introduced the Education and Outreach Subcommittee expenditure reallocation request to the Executive Committee for a vote to approve the request. Conceptual explained that the request was not for additional funding, but for flexibility to use existing budgeted funds and remaining contract hours through the end of the year. The reallocation included approximately $106,000 in hard costs and about 400 remaining service hours to support current outreach, Recycle Right messaging, contamination reduction, PIO support, advertising, and awareness efforts. Chair Ryan asked for a motion on the reallocation.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Dunn and seconded by Member Shuham to approve the expenditure reallocation request. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Subcommittee Chair Dunn also reported that ongoing efforts included media interviews, articles, and other placements, and that the recycling pledge effort had exceeded 1,000 pledges. Chair Ryan thanked the subcommittee and communications team, noting that education had been a key parallel effort in "Getting to Yes" and was beginning to show results.

New/Old Business & Informational Material - During new business, Governing Board Member Sorensen asked about the process for filling the unassigned large city seat on the Executive Committee. Chair Ryan stated Member Colbourne had been serving as the large city alternate and that the timing of an election was up to the body. Members discussed proper notice, Sunshine requirements, quorum, whether the election should occur before August 15, and whether it should be handled by the large cities in a special meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Horland and seconded by Member Caggiano to place the Executive Committee large city seat election on the next meeting agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Consensus was then reached for the election to occur during the September Governing Board meeting after further discussion revealed that Governing Board Member Sorensen would not be available during the July 17 meeting, and concerns were expressed by several members that the election should be delayed until after the passage of the August 14 deadline to avoid unnecessary division amongst the large member cities.

Executive Committee members also discussed broader governance concerns and emphasized that all Governing Board members could participate and be heard even if they were not Executive Committee members.

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