

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

SWA Governing Board Meeting

September 18, 2026, 10:00 (or upon conclusion of Executive Committee meeting) – 12:00 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 and roll call was taken. A quorum was established.

Present: Chair Ryan, Vice Chair Furr, Member Sorensen, Member Shuham, Alternate Member Simmons, Member Luis, Member Horland, Member Dunn, Member Mead, Member Caggiano, Member Arnst, Member Murphy Salomone, Member Thomas, Member AJ Ryan, Member Stafford, Alternate Member Hartmann, Member Morrisette, and School Board Member Bulman.

Present Online: Member Rydell, Member Curran.

Not Present: Member Patterson, Member Borgelin, Member Eveillard, Member Newton, Member Breitzkreuz, Member Strauss, Member Ravanese, Member Tomlinson, Member Nyhuis, Alternate Member Geller.

Public Comment – During public comment, Ms. Elaine Fiore described a five-year national food waste prevention campaign launching in February 2027 and related composting grant opportunities. Mr. Richard Ramcharitar encouraged regional collaboration and suggested a Zero Waste Subcommittee to support Master Plan implementation. Ms. Stephanie Jofe urged early RFPs for compost collection at the planned drop-off sites and supported ongoing education and school outreach efforts. Chair Ryan highlighted successful municipal composting pilot programs.

Meeting Minutes – June 15, July 17, and August 21, 2026 - *Motion:* A motion was made by Member Sorensen and seconded by Member Murphy Salomone to approve the Governing Board meeting minutes June 15, July 17, and August 21, 2026. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

October Vacancy Vote, Legal and Governance Issues - The Governing Board revisited the timing of Executive Committee vacancy elections. The Executive Committee had recommended that all vacancy elections be held in November rather than October.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Horland and seconded by Member Thomas to have all elections for Executive Committee vacancies in any of the categories occur at the November Governing Board meeting. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Education & Outreach Subcommittee Update – Ms. Laurie Ernest-Jones of Conceptual Communications presented the FY 2026-2027 Education and Outreach strategy designed to align municipal outreach with Broward County Public Schools' recycling curriculum. The plan included phased community challenges, municipal participation, family engagement, and opportunities to showcase student projects. Broward County Public Schools presented on the SWA & BCPS recycling curriculum. The curriculum would be available districtwide, with 26 schools receiving additional recycling support and supplies and four schools participating in back-of-house cafeteria composting pilots. Participating schools would be selected based on municipal participation, staff and administrative support, and willingness to complete training and program requirements. The pilots would include surveys, waste audits, tracking measures, and development of scalable practices.

Governing Board members supported expanding engagement to private schools, internships and career pathways, municipal waste audits, student leadership opportunities, and possible technology tools to improve recycling education. Members requested the presentations and specific action items for member cities be distributed to the Governing Board.

[To preserve the Governing Board voting quorum before Member Sorensen's necessary departure, Chair Ryan paused the education and outreach discussion and moved to consideration of the FY 2027 Budget.]

FY 2027 Budget Hearing and Approval - Chair Ryan noted that the Executive Committee had already reviewed the SWA FY 2027 budget and recommended it for Governing Board approval. With no additional requests by members for comment or questions, Chair Ryan asked for a motion to approve the budget.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Sorensen and seconded by Member Dunn to approve the fiscal year 2027 SWA Budget. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Food Waste Prevention Week SWA Proclamation (Moved from Executive Committee Meeting) - The Governing Board considered the SWA Proclamation to recognize Food Waste Prevention Week 2026 from September 28 to October 4, and encourage residents, businesses, schools, nonprofits, municipalities, and community partners throughout Broward County to take practical steps to prevent food waste.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Horland and seconded by Member Thomas to approve the Proclamation. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Education & Outreach Subcommittee Update (Continued) - Broward County Public Schools clarified to Governing Board members that the recycling curriculum would be available districtwide for grades K through 12, while 26 public schools would participate in a pilot recycling program with additional supplies, training, and support. The curriculum was designed to be integrated into core and elective classes through existing academic standards, with lessons tied to Broward County waste issues. Governing Board members discussed future expansion of the recycling pilot, use of the P3 Challenge and Climate Summit to support recycling and solid waste education, and the implementation of composting at four pilot schools. BCPS reported that an RFP was being prepared for a separate composting vendor. Members noted the importance of coordinating food waste source separation and hauling with municipalities and local service providers.

SCS – Procurement Strategy Outline - The Governing Board discussed the procurement strategy previously discussed by the Executive Committee. Alternate Member Hartmann recommended changing the term "informal procurement team" to "procurement leadership team" in the Proposed Procurement Process Elements to better reflect the Authority working group's role in guiding and overseeing the process. Chair Ryan agreed and clarified that the intent was to maintain all procurement safeguards while allowing the Authority to work efficiently as it engages procurement specialists and subject matter experts from member cities. Governing Board members stressed the need for broad municipal outreach so experienced staff could provide input before the solicitations were finalized. SCS emphasized that the Authority would retain decision making authority and would report back regularly on its outreach and engagement.

Members agreed to hold a special Executive Committee meeting focused solely on the procurement strategy, including education on the Global Agreement, the individual waste streams, and key policy decisions requiring guidance. Governing Board members were encouraged to attend. The meeting was scheduled for October 2 at 8:30 a.m., subject to securing a location. SCS was asked to prepare an educational primer in advance, with assistance from County staff, explaining the Global Agreement and related procurement issues. The materials were requested by September 29 so members could review them before the meeting.

Discussion on Monarch Hill 2027 Organics Ban - Vice Chair Furr explained that, beginning at the end of 2026, organic waste would no longer be accepted at Monarch Hill Landfill except during emergencies such as

hurricanes. Instead, organics would need to be diverted elsewhere, including to composting or other disposal locations. He noted that land had been set aside at Monarch Hill for composting, but only for organics that were source separated before arrival. The landfill would continue to accept C&D and bulky waste. Vice Chair Furr emphasized that the change was intended to reduce methane from decomposing organics and would support the Authority's future food waste diversion and composting efforts.

C&D and Commercial Recycling Subcommittee – Ordinances Update - Subcommittee Chair Mead reported that the Subcommittee was reviewing different commercial recycling program models, including Miami Dade County, while considering collection requirements, limited space at commercial properties, whether to include residential buildings, and the important role of haulers. For C&D, the Subcommittee was working to increase diversion while developing an approach that accounted for the interests and existing practices of the construction industry, municipalities, recycling facilities, landfills, and waste to energy facilities. Legal issues related to recent legislation were also being reviewed by SWA and County counsel.

Executive Director Update - The Executive Director reported that one-page information requests would be sent to member cities through city managers, TAC members, and other contacts to obtain updated contract and disposal information needed to develop accurate RFPs.

Recommendation on County's Unsolicited Bid for Composting - Chair Ryan asked whether the County still required an SWA recommendation on the unsolicited composting proposal. County representatives confirmed that the County was moving forward with the proposal, and no further SWA action was needed at that time.

SWA Financial Update – Mr. Alex Petrone of CohnReznick presented the financial update showing approximately \$2.678 million in cash and cash equivalents, \$56,000 in accounts receivable, and a net equity position of approximately \$2.617 million as of the end of August 2026. More than \$2.3 million in reserves were expected to remain at the end of September for use in the next fiscal year.

Alpha 250 Property Update – SWA Counsel, Mr. Jamie Cole, provided an update on Alpha 250, a County-owned property previously associated with the Resource Recovery Board. The property had been held while the Authority and its consultants evaluated whether it was needed for the Master Plan, which ultimately found no identified use for it. The County was therefore moving forward with the sale process. Chair Ryan emphasized that Alpha 250 was not an SWA asset, that the SWA had no role in the sale, and that any proceeds would be distributed outside the Authority process to the eligible member cities based on their existing interests.

New/Old Business – Chair Ryan noted that the previously discussed October 2 special meeting location was unavailable and staff would continue working to secure another location for that date.

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