

Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward County, Florida
SWA Special Executive Committee Meeting
October 2, 2026, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
Volunteer Park Community Center
12050 W. Sunrise Blvd.
Plantation, FL 33324

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order, and roll call was taken. No quorum was established initially. Quorum was established later in the meeting.

Present: Chair Ryan, Vice Chair Furr, Member Horland, Member Dunn, Member Mead, Member Caggiano, Member Newton.

Present Online: Member Shuham, Member Mead.

Governing Board Present: Alternate Member Welch, Alternate Member Smith, Member Cerra.

Not Present: Member Rydell, Member AJ Ryan, Alternate Member Murphy Salomone Alternate Member Breitzkreuz, Alternate Member Geller, School Board Member Bulman.

Public Comment - During public comment, Mr. John Casagrande expressed concerns about the proposed global agreement, citing exclusivity provisions favoring Waste Management and FCC, the lack of competitive bidding, and unresolved pricing for C&D and bulk waste. He urged the Authority to involve more industry participants and competitively bid all waste streams rather than rely on the global agreement.

Opening Remarks - SWA Executive Committee Chair Ryan explained that the presentation to follow was intended to provide an overview of the existing Global Agreement governing Broward County's solid waste system, including its complex contractual provisions and amendments. The presentation was informational and did not propose extending the agreement. He emphasized that the Authority would pursue a transparent, competitive procurement process to establish a new system based on service needs, contractual terms, and pricing.

Broward County Global Agreement Presentation - Deputy County Administrator Kevin Kelleher explained that the existing Global Agreement consisted of multiple interconnected contracts and amendments developed over time to provide Broward County municipalities with disposal capacity, operational flexibility, financial protections, and emergency backup services. He noted that 20 of the Authority's 26 member cities currently benefited from the agreement and emphasized that its provisions extended beyond pricing. He encouraged the Authority to use these existing protections as a baseline for future competitive procurement.

County Attorney Matt Haber reviewed the agreement's history and key provisions, including three backup disposal arrangements involving FCC, Waste Management, and Waste Management of Florida, guaranteed disposal capacity, established rates under certain arrangements, and protections against service disruptions. Additional benefits included unlimited disposal capacity for bulky waste, yard waste, and C&D debris without minimum delivery requirements, access to three transfer stations, predictable transportation rates with annual reconciliations, and potential food waste composting services. He explained that the agreement included

exclusivity provisions for approximately 725,000 tons annually directed to the waste-to-energy facility, with additional committed waste directed to Waste Management facilities, totaling 1.5 million tons annually.

Mr. Haber noted that the original disposal agreement dated to 2012, with subsequent amendments, and that the current term extended through July 2028, with a five-year renewal option requiring a minimum annual commitment of 500,000 tons. He emphasized that the Authority's longer term flow control could provide greater opportunities for infrastructure investment and favorable pricing.

Mr. Kelleher emphasized that the Authority's collective flow control and longer contractual commitments would provide greater negotiating leverage to secure competitive pricing and improved services. Chair Ryan reiterated that the upcoming RFP process should incorporate the existing agreement's beneficial provisions while pursuing an improved regional solid waste system.

Procurement Strategy Policy Direction - Mr. Daniel Dietch of SCS Engineers, joined by Mr. Travis Barnes of Resource Recycling Systems and Ms. Leah Richter of Arcadis, presented the Authority's procurement strategy for recycling, yard waste processing, and long-term municipal solid waste disposal. Mr. Dietch emphasized that the procurements would support the Master Plan's 75% recycling goal by leveraging economies of scale, existing infrastructure, and the Authority's flow control to secure competitive pricing, reliable services, and long-term cost stability. Challenges included varying municipal collection agreements, inconsistent service levels, uncertain waste volumes, and the widespread commingling of yard waste and bulk waste.

Mr. Barnes reported that the single stream recycling RFP was being drafted to utilize existing processing facilities and maximize competition. Due to uncertainties in material volumes, contamination rates, and municipal program transitions, the team recommended considering an initial five-year contract with three five- year renewal options. The solicitation could include countywide and separate geographic service zones to encourage competitive proposals.

Mr. Dietch outlined plans for yard waste processing through one or more providers, with long-term agreements and tiered pricing to accommodate uncertain initial volumes and infrastructure development. The existing Global Agreement could provide transitional disposal capacity while new processing facilities were established, with future expansion into food waste composting.

Ms. Richter discussed the long-term municipal solid waste disposal solicitation, which would seek one provider or a team of providers for a contract of 20 years or more. The RFP would incorporate existing Global Agreement protections, including backup capacity and transportation arrangements, with comprehensive tipping fees that included transfer costs.

Mr. Dietch reviewed the procurement timeline, estimating 90 to 120 days for solicitation development and engagement with industry, the Technical Advisory Committee, Executive Committee, and Governing Board. Proposals would remain open for approximately 60 days, followed by technical and financial evaluations, potential interviews, negotiations, and award recommendations. The process would account for the July 2028 expiration of the existing agreement and allow municipalities time to evaluate proposed contracts under the Second Amendment.

During discussion, Chair Ryan requested clarification on the procurement timeline. Mr. Dietch anticipated issuing solicitations in the first quarter of 2027, with industry engagement beginning within 30 to 45 days. Chair Ryan emphasized early industry participation and incorporating existing Global Agreement protections and additional service requirements into the RFPs. Legal counsel confirmed flexibility in the Authority's

procurement procedures.

Vice Chair Furr urged prioritizing recycling and yard waste procurements to demonstrate cost savings, evaluating geographic service zones, and encouraging municipalities to separate yard waste from bulk waste. He emphasized environmental considerations, including emissions reductions, reduced landfilling, commercial yard waste processing, and beneficial uses for mulch and compost. Mr. Dietch confirmed that geographic options, tiered pricing, and plans for marketing recovered materials would be considered. Chair Ryan emphasized improving existing disposal rates while incorporating environmental and circular economy benefits.

Member Shuham questioned how existing contractual protections would be incorporated into the RFPs. Chair Ryan confirmed that County staff and SCS were identifying essential provisions, while updated municipal agreements and waste data were being collected. Member Dunn encouraged outreach to smaller lawn care businesses and consideration of recycling access for underserved communities in central Broward County.

Vice Chair Furr also raised the option of assigning the County's disposal agreement to the Authority. Legal counsel explained that the Authority could assume the County's contractual responsibilities or contract for their administrative services. Executive Committee members emphasized the need to evaluate staffing, accounting, auditing, and operational costs before making a decision and requested additional information for future consideration.

Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2026 - Motion: A motion was made by Member Horland and seconded by Member Caggiano to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes for September 16, 2026. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Update - Chair Ryan deferred the Executive Director's update to the next meeting and reminded municipalities to submit outstanding information requested by the SWA and SCS.

New/Old Business & Informational Material - Under new business, Governing Board Alternate Member Welch requested delaying the sale of the Alpha 250 property to evaluate its potential use for yard waste processing or transfer operations. Chair Ryan explained that the property was not an Authority asset, had been evaluated under the Master Plan, and was subject to a settlement agreement involving 21 cities. County staff confirmed that the sale process was required to begin before October 11, 2026, and any extension would require approval from the affected municipalities. Vice Chair Furr offered to contact the cities regarding an extension. Mr. Dietch noted that zoning and acreage limitations restricted the property's potential uses.

Member Shuham requested moving the November 20 Executive Committee vacancy elections to December 18 to accommodate Hollywood's installation of newly elected commissioners. Chair Ryan agreed to place the request on the October 16 joint meeting agenda for Governing Board consideration.

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