



**Minutes of the April 09, 2025, Board Meeting of the
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority
Held at the Gales Ferry Office & via Zoom**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Joe Bragaw called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	V	Alan Ladd	North Stonington Representative	P
Justin Porter	East Lyme Alternate Representative	V	Phillip Whitman	North Stonington Alternate Representative	A
Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	P	Brian Long	Norwich Representative	P
Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	P	Jeff Dewey	Norwich Alternate Representative	A
David McBride	Groton Alternate Representative	A	Jared Harris	Preston Representative	A
Steve Masalin	Ledyard Representative	P	Adam Collins	Preston Alternate Representative	A
Joe Lozier	Ledyard Alternate Representative	A	Cheryl Blanchard	Sprague Representative	P
Ronald McDaniel	Montville Representative	V	Paul Copenhagen	Sprague Alternate Representative	A
John Carlson	Montville Alternate	A	Jill Senior	Stonington Representative	P
Brian Sear	New London Representative	A	Gary Schneider	Waterford Representative	V
Steve Lee	New London Alternate Representative	A	Daniel Matheson	Waterford Alternative Representative	A

P = Present, V = (Virtual), A=Absent

Quorum present

Others: David Aldridge, SCRRRA Executive Director (P); Liz Chuff, Operations Manager (P). Robin Cano, SCRRRA Operations Administrator (P); Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager (P); Rich Barger, SCRRRA Legal Counsel (V); & Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant (V)

Motion to Add Discussion and Possible Vote Regarding a Resolution for the Acceptance of the DEEP MMI Grant as 8.VII.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Cheryl Blanchard, 2nd by Stacey Leitch)

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE -

None

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON MARCH 12, 2025

Majority was in favor; none were opposed.
(Motion by Steve Masalin, 2nd by Todd Babbitt)

5. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed February's Finance Report

Motion to Approve Finance Report as Presented

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2nd by Cheryl Blanchard)

6. WOOD GRINDING REPORT

The wood grinder motor was transported to the CAT facility in Milford, MA on 3/20/25 to repair a significant oil leak. Update from CAT as of 4/8/25: five leaks were found due in part to bad castings: waiting on a part that should arrive on 4/9/25; anticipated pickup date 4/10/25.

7. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the Authority Calendar for April.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

PROJECT:

I. Healthcare

Our broker, Assured Partners, recommends staying with our current Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan. As for dental & vision, there is no increase; Group Life +2% due to natural aging; LTD+1% due to natural aging.

II. Organics Update

After conducting a tour of both WeCare Denali & Black Earth Compost on March 26th, we have drafted several follow-up questions for the proposers which should assist the Executive Committee with making a Board recommendation at the April Executive Committee Meeting. We have received our official MMI Grant award letter from DEEP, and confirmation from the USDA that their grant is still active and will be awarded.

III. Recycling Update

The composition audit called for in our contract with Casella will be conducted on Saturday, April 19th. Casella has offered the SCRRA Board a tour of the renovated Willimantic Facility.

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IV. **Outreach Media Update**

Liz reviewed updates to the SCRARRA website.

V. **Legislative Update**

Mr. Aldridge had particularly good conversations with John-Michael Parker, the Chairman of the Environment Committee & Aundre Baumgardner in Mystic about these bills. Mr. Aldridge has been asked to speak at CT Waste Reduction Advocacy Day event at the legislative office building regarding SCRARRA's position on these bills. TCORs will be present to assist with disseminating the information to all reps that attend.

VI. **Subcommittees**

After Mr. Aldridge sent out a request for participation to discuss Recycling Contamination Reporting, he received 3 responses.

VII. **Discussion and Possible Vote Regarding a Resolution for the Acceptance of the DEEP MMI Grant**

We received a letter from DEEP regarding our award. There are 3 steps that we need to submit to move forward: 1) Identify individual authorized to execute necessary documents regarding the Agreement with the State of Connecticut, DEEP. 2) Provide Certificate of Insurance documents. And 3) Deed to show proof of ownership of property.

Motion for the Board to Approve the Resolution as Presented

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2nd by Stacey Leitch)

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Rich Barger informed the Board of a recent RACT change of law and how it effects SCRARRA.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made. by Steve Masalin and seconded by Brian Long and was approved unanimously. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Schneider
Secretary