



**Minutes of the October 08, 2025, Board Meeting of the  
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority  
Held at the Gales Ferry Office & via Zoom**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Todd Babbitt called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|------------------|---|---|
| Joe Bragaw      | East Lyme Representative            | A | Alan Ladd        | North Stonington Representative           | V |
| Justin Porter   | East Lyme Alternate Representative  | A | Phillip Whitman  | North Stonington Alternate Representative | A |
| Todd Babbitt    | Griswold Representative             | P | Brian Long       | Norwich Representative                    | V |
| 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                  | P |
| Steve Lee       | New London Alternate Representative | V | 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 (V); Robin Cano, SCRRRA Operations Administrator (P); Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager (P); Rich Barger, SCRRRA Legal Counsel (P); Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant (V); Tim Ng, Fiducient Advisor (P); & Emily Bigel, (SECOG).

**3. INVESTMENT UPDATE - FIDUCIENT ADVISORS**

Tim Ng presented SCRRRA's September 2025 Flash Report

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE -**

None

5. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

**Motion to Approve the Minutes.**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.**

**(Motion by Steve Masalin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl Blanchard)**

6. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed the Finance Report.

**Motion to Approve the Finance Report as Presented**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.**

**(Motion by Cheryl Blanchard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Schneider)**

7. WOOD GRINDING REPORT

The wood grinder is currently in Groton. From Groton we will move to East Lyme then Montville; the New London project in Bates Woods has yet to be scheduled.

8. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the August/September Authority Calendar.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

PROJECT:

I. Vote on 2026 Meeting Schedule

**Motion to Approve the 2026 Meeting Schedule as Presented**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.**

**(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Schneider)**

II. Draft FY 2027 Draft Budget

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the FY 2027 draft budget.

III. Organics Update

• Permit Update

There is still no response from DEEP regarding our permit. Our lobbyist, Alan Deckman, contacted Cathy Osten requesting she reach out to the Commissioner. Mr. Deckman is on vacation, so Mr. Aldridge has followed up with his partner, John Bailey who is following up with Cathy and his contact within DEEP management.

- **Grant Update**

Mr. Aldridge was informed by Michael Looney via email that the Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for the project has been posted in Preston for the mandatory 45-day public comment period. According to the communication, the EIE is comprehensive and strongly supports the project, noting minimal to no environmental concerns.

- **Operator Contract**

The draft term sheet – reflecting the revisions made during our most recent Executive Committee meeting – was sent to Black Earth Compost (BEC) with the understanding that minor adjustments ("tweaks") may still be made. The overall framework, however, is considered complete and ready for substantive discussion. We reviewed the updated term sheet with BEC last week. Following that meeting, we have made progress drafting the full contract. This contract will be reviewed by both the Executive Committee and BEC prior to being presented to the full Board for discussion and potential approval.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

Gary Schneider requested clarification regarding aspects of *The Cylinder Collective* project. A discussion followed to address his questions and provide further context.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to Add an Executive Session to the Agenda to Discuss Contract Negotiations.**

**Time in: 3:03PM**

**Discussion: none**

**The majority was in favor, none were opposed.**

**(Motion by Stev Masalin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Schneider)**

**Time Out of Executive Session: 3:29PM**

**Motion to Authorize the Executive Committee, along with Rich Barger, Jim Bolduc, and Dave Aldridge to Negotiate the terms of the Agreement with ReWorld for the use of SCRRA's Property for the Proposed New Reworld Facility**

**Discussion: none**

**The majority was in favor, none were opposed.**

**(Motion by Stev Masalin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacey Leitch)**

**Motion to engage the firm of Power Advisory LLC for the purpose of forecasting electrical revenues for the fee of \$923,500.**

**Discussion: none**

**The majority was in favor, none were opposed.**

**(Motion by Todd Babbitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacey Leitch)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Todd Babbitt requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Steve Masalin and seconded by Stacey Leitch at 3:32PM and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider  
Secretary