



**Minutes of the September 25, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting of the
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority
Held at the Gales Ferry office & via Zoom.**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	P	Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	P
Gary Schneider	Waterford Representative	P	Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	P
Cheryl Blanchard	Sprague Representative	V			

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

Quorum Present

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

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

3. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 28, 2025

The majority were in favor, none were opposed.
(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2nd by Todd Babbitt)

4. TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Dave Aldridge reviewed August's finance report.

5. WOOD GRINDER REPORTS:

The 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.

6. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

Mr. Aldridge reviewed October's Authority Calendar.

7. PRESIDENT / STAFF REPORTS:**I. Draft FY 2027 Budget Review**

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the FY 2027 Budget Review.

II. Organics Update**➤ Operator Term Sheet Status**

The draft term sheet, incorporating the changes made during our last EC meeting, has been sent to BEC. We included a note clarifying that while some minor "tweaks" may still be made, the overall framework is ready for discussion. We are currently awaiting BEC to schedule a meeting to review and discuss the document.

➤ Funding Update

On September 18, 2025, Mr. Aldridge received an email from Michael Looney confirming that the Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) has been posted in Preston for the required 45-day public comment period.

The EIE is comprehensive and strongly supportive of the project, noting little to no environmental concerns. If anyone would like to review the EIE, please contact Mr. Aldridge, and he will provide you with a copy. The public comment period will conclude on October 31, 2025. If no comments are received by that date, the document will proceed to the signature phase.

➤ Permit Update

We have not yet received a response from DEEP regarding our permit. Our lobbyist, Alan Deckman, contacted Cathy Osten to request that she reach out to the Commissioner on our behalf. As Alan is currently on vacation, Mr. Aldridge has followed up with his partner, John Bailey, who is now coordinating further outreach. John is following up both with Osten and his contacts within DEEP management to help move this forward.

III. Recycling Update**Recycling Contamination Reporting**

Mr. Aldridge spoke with the President of Prairie Robotics to discuss the status of our current contract and requested updated quotes in the event we choose to continue the partnership. Once Casella completes their auditing development—anticipated in November—we will assess the severity of the contamination issue. At that point, a decision will be made on whether to proceed with Prairie Robotics beyond the end of the year. This determination will be based not only on the severity of the problem but also on a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis.

IV. HR Support

Mr. Aldridge has been looking for firms to contact regarding our HR needs, but has yet to schedule a meeting. Mr. Aldridge will keep this item on the agenda going forward until a firm has been approved.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

None

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to Move into Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matters.

Time in: 3:19PM

Discussion: none

The majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2nd by Gary Schneider)

Time Out of Executive Session: 3:26PM with No Action Taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Stacey Leitch and seconded by Gary Schneider at 3:26PM and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider
Secretary