



**Minutes of the January 22, 2026, 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 3:05 pm.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	V	Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	V
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, SCRRA Executive Director (P); Chris Roman, SCRRA Finance Manager (P); Robin Cano, Operations Administrator (P); Rich Barger, SCRRA Legal Counsel (V); Jim Bolduc, SCRRA Consultant (V) and Tim Ng, Fiducient Advisor (P)

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**3. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2025**

**Motion to Approve the Minutes.**

**Discussion: None**

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

**(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl Blanchard)**

**4. TREASURER'S REPORTS:**

Dave Aldridge reviewed the finance report.

**5. WOOD GRINDER REPORTS:**

The grinder is currently in Waterford. We are struggling with cold temperatures.

6. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the SCRARRA Authority Calendar.

7. PRESIDENT / STAFF REPORTS:

I. Organics Update

• **Operator Contract**

- We have several items to discuss before we share the document with Black Earth Compost (BEC). We are hoping to get it out over the next couple of weeks.

• **Final Design, Bid Documents**

- We have a final meeting with BEC and Rich Barger at the end of the week regarding the final design. Mr. Barger and Greg McCarron have been working on the front-end bid documents.

• **Organics Collection Strategy**

- At last weeks Board Meeting, Gary Schneider properly pointed out that a formal plan for a collection program has not been presented to the Board yet. Mr. Aldridge responded that once we are under contract with BEC we will develop the formal program for review and approval.

II. Discussion and Possible Vote on Additional Funding for Compost Facility Design Work

**Motion to Transfer \$40,000 from the Future Needs Fund to the Contingency Fund to Carry us through the Third Month of Expenses with SCS Engineers.**

Discussion: none

Majority was in favor, none were opposed.

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

8. NEW BUSINESS:

None

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**Motion to Move into Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations.**

**Time in: 3:50PM**

**Discussion: none**

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

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

**Time Out of Executive Session: 4:01PM 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 Cheryl Blanchard at 4:01PM and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Schneider', written in a cursive style.

Gary Schneider  
Secretary