



**Minutes of the February 26, 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 2:01 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

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

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

Quorum Present

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

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

3. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2026

Motion to Approve the Minutes.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

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

4. TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Dave Aldridge reviewed the finance report.

Motion to Transfer \$900,000 from the Tip Fee Stabilization Account to the Operating Account.

Discussion: none

Majority was in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Todd Babbitt, 2nd by Cheryl Blanchard)

5. **WOOD GRINDER REPORTS:**

The grinder is currently in Waterford. We are struggling with cold temperatures. The full year calendar has been updated. At Steve Masalin’s request and Jill Senior’s ok, we will be moving to Ledyard before Stonington.

6. **AUTHORITY CALENDAR**

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the SCRRA Authority Calendar. We have moved the Transfer Station Roundtable to April.

7. **PRESIDENT / STAFF REPORTS:**

I. Organics Update

- **Permit Update**
 - On February 17th Mr. Aldridge was informed that our notice of Determination to Accept had no negative comments and the application was moving to Commissioners desk for signature.
- **Operator Contract**
 - The draft Operator Contract was sent to BEC on January 31st. We are scheduling a review with them next week.
- **Final Design, Bid Process**
 - The final design and bid documents are complete and we have begun the process of advertising the project to attract bidders. Bids for the construction of our project will be received at the SCRRA office until Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 2PM local time.
- **Organics Collection Strategy**
 - We are about to begin the process of reviewing the SMM2 grant agreement with DEEP. This grant will supply collection equipment for regional transfer stations and schools as well as 5,000 bins for residential curb-side pick-up.
We are developing a regional outreach plan to first engage our member town officials followed by residents, schools, and commercial/institutional organizations.

II. Legislative Update

Last Board Meeting, notes from a meeting that Mr. Aldridge had with the Chairs of the Environment Committee were shared. He outlined the following priorities: a) keep the grant money flowing, b) enhance the food waste diversion bill, c) speed the DEEP permitting process, and d) consider EPR bills for larger lithium-ion batteries, solar panels & hazardous waste. Mr. Aldridge sent a letter to John Michael Parker; Chair of the House Side asked him for suggestions of what they could do to correct the problem. Mr. Aldridge shared a letter he sent Mr. Parker regarding DEEP Productivity.

Motion to Recommend to the full Board to Cover Food, Composting (up to 4,000) for Stonington, Ledyard & Preston and take out of Solid Waste Disposal.

Discussion: None

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

8. NEW BUSINESS:

None

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to Move into Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations.

Time in: 3:00PM

Discussion: none

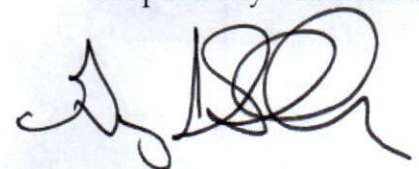
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(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2nd by Gary Schneider)**

Time Out of Executive Session: 3:16PM 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 Todd Babbitt at 3:17PM and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider
Secretary