



**Minutes of the May 13, 2026, Board Meeting of the
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority
Held at the Gales Ferry Office & via Teams**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Joe Bragaw called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	P	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	P
Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	V	Jeff Dewey	Norwich Alternate Representative	A
Adam Puccino	Groton Alternate Representative	A	Jared Harris	Preston Representative	A
Steve Masalin	Ledyard Representative	P	Adam Collins	Preston Alternate Representative	A
Vacancy	Ledyard Alternate Representative	A	Cheryl Blanchard	Sprague Representative	A
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	A	Daniel Matheson	Waterford Alternative Representative	A

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

Quorum present

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

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE -

None

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON APRIL 23, 2026

Motion to Approve the Minutes.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

**(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2nd by Gary Schneider,
Todd Babbitt Abstained)**

5. 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 Gary Schneider, 2nd by Todd Babbitt)

6. WOOD GRINDING REPORT

The wood grinder is currently in Stonington.

7. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the Authority Calendar for May & June.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

PROJECT:

I. Health Care Selection

Motion to Select Alternate 2 for SCRRRA's Health Insurance

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Todd Babbitt, 2nd by Brian Long)

II. Organics Update

Suchocki and Sons are in the process of signing the construction contract and setting up the appropriate insurance and bonds. The pre-construction meeting is scheduled here tomorrow morning. The Black Earth contract and the financial pro-forma will be reviewed in the May Executive Committee Meeting. We have received the draft contract for the SMM2 grant from DEEP and we are reviewing it.

III. Legislative Update

The report lists priority bills that we are tracking:

- SB 147 – EPR for solar panels & vapes.
- SB 5524 – Food rescue, polystyrene, single use plastics.
- SB 383 – Food recovery bill from the public health committee.
- SB 5154 – DEEP Permitting – sets timeline for processing of permit renewals.
- SB 5157 – Establishes new timeline for tire retail participation.
- SB 457 – Development of a product stewardship model for the bottle bill.
- SB 516 – From the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee which calls for a reduction of the deposit from 10 cents back to 5 cents.
- SB 452 – Updates the original bill top limit the release of lighter-than-air balloons from an outright ban

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

11. ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Steve Masalin and seconded by Brian Long at 3:16PM and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Schneider
Secretary