

ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
October 08, 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present	E. Bough Martin, D, Daley, J. Driscoll, C. Dunham, L. Hradil, M. Jennings, V. Mangan, B. Page, D. Quackenbush, J. Wood
Board Members Absent:	G. Popps, A. Rodriguez, B. Sekarore
Also Present:	M. Cirino, M. Mokrkycki, K. Lawton, K. Spillane, R. Czerwiak, C. Albuño, J. Gascon, D. Haas, T. Palmer, M. Ballard Fortin
Guests:	

The October 08, 2025, Board meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

No members of the public are present.

Roll was taken. Quorum is present.

The Board minutes from July were moved by B. Page seconded by J. Driscoll.

Roll was taken and the minutes were approved.

K. Spillane presented the Executive Director’s report:

- Lack of throughput at the WTE facility remains an issue.
- OCRRA continues to strive towards the goals outlined by the Board in the Strategic Plan adopted in 2024.
- The current 2026 budget reflects the Board’s goals as outlined in the plan to identify and anticipate the public education needs of the community because of the development of Ley Creek and to add a Public Information Specialist to help meet these long-term goals.

Engineering:

- C. Albuño continues to work to resolve operational issues at the WTE facility.
- Work with Cornerstone on the final design of Ley Creek continues.
- C. Albuño and M. Mokrzycki have been working on a new Power Purchase Agreement with National Grid.

Transfer and Compost:

- D. Haas has been focused on addressing the new waste diversion plan as the Agency prepares for outages at the WET facility.
- Compost is preparing for a large order from Naturecycle – an additional 1,000 yards for material.
- Both the Amboy and Jamesville compost are beginning transition to winter operations.

Recycling:

- The September 13th Mercury Event collected 18 lbs of mercury.
- K. Lawton visited Albany for a working group session on the Packaging Recycling Infrastructure and Reduction Act with other environmental groups in attendance.
- OCRRA’s efforts to move our community from blue bins to recycling carts continues.
- October is the time of year that our NYSDEC Outreach and Education grant submittal is due with the Local Solid Waste Management Plan 2-Year Update / Extension Request.
- L. Piering is spearheading the grant submittal, which is anticipated to garner OCRRA up to 50%

reimbursement for our recycling outreach costs and eligible recycling department salaries.

Public Information:

- T. Palmer (PIO) has worked closely with the ad agency to prepare and finalize a sharps and digital advertising campaign for October.
- The PIO has also started preparing outreach that will be added to the annual mailings that go out to compost holders.
- T. Palmer worked with OCRRA's T. Sumlut to produce a recycling guide in Burmese, as T. Sumlut is from Myanmar.

P. Page asked if the Board would be a part of the new PPA with National Grid.

M. Mokrzycki responded that the new PPA will be for one year and the Board will review the final contract when it is finalized.

A brief discussion followed.

The **TREASURER REPORT** was presented by M. Mokrzycki.

- This report reflects August results.
- Tipping revenues were slightly lower than budgeted.
- The electricity rate was 3.1/kWh.
- Bypass was significantly higher as OCRRA continued to prepare for the turbine outage.
- The Agency began the year with \$21.8M in cash reserves.
- At the end of August, the Agency had \$12.6M in operating cash and \$5.2M Board Designated Cash, for a total of \$17.8M.
- The Agency paid the MRF \$622,350 for recycling costs.
- The Agency has collected \$633,462 in recycling costs from haulers.

There was a brief discussion on projected cash reserves.

V. Mangan motioned and B. Page seconded to approve the Treasurer Report.

Roll was taken and the report was accepted as submitted.

There was a brief discussion on battery fires and the importance of battery maintenance.

The **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** report was presented by C. Dunham.

- The committee had an Executive Session to discuss legal representation for upcoming legal matters.
- A resolution was considered and moved to the full Board for vote today.

Resolution #2516 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Retain Attorney for Legal Services was moved by C. Dunham and seconded by D. Daley.

There was a brief discussion as to whether to add “not to exceed” to the Resolved clause.

The “not to exceed” clause will not be added to the resolution.

A slight change to the language in the last Whereas clause will be rewritten to omit the word 'approximately'.

L. Hradil motion and B. Page seconded to the amendment.

The resolution as amended was adopted as amended 9 ayes, 1 nays, 0 abstain.

The **LEY CREEK ADHOC COMMITTEE** report was presented by D. Daley.

- The committee was given an update on the demolition portion of the Ley Creek project.
- The committee considered a resolution authorizing a contract for professional services related to the wetland delineation of the additional property at Ley Creek.
- The committee considered a resolution modifying resolution #2398 and #2497 for consulting engineering services with Cornerstone.

Resolution #2517 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Execute a Contract for Profession Services Related to Wetland Delineation of the Additional Property at Ley Creek was moved by D. Daley and seconded by B. Page.

There was no further discussion.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2518 – Resolution Modifying Resolution No. 2398 of July 2023 and Resolution No. 2497 of March 2025 for Consulting Engineering Services with Cornerstone Engineering and Geology was moved by D. Daley and seconded by E. Bough Martin.

E. Bough add that C. Albunio has been doing a good job maneuvering through the issues that have come up at the Ley Creek site.

There was no further discussion.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** report was presented by D. Daley.

- The committee considered a resolution for advertising Agency services.
- The committee considered a resolution for the purchase of damaged, defective, and recalled battery kits and training.
- The committee reviewed the OCRRA 2026 draft budget.

Resolution #2519 – Resolution Authorizing Extension of Contract for Advertising Agency Services was moved by D. Daley and seconded by L. Hradil.

There was a brief discussion on the contract amount and the budgeted amount and how the funds are distributed.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2520 – Resolution Authorizing Agency’s Executive Director to Enter into Contract for Purchase of Damaged, Defective, and Recalled Battery Kits and Training was moved by D. Daley and seconded by V. Mangan.

There was a brief discussion on what the training will entail and who will get the training.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

The **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** report was presented by B. Page.

- The committee considered a resolution for the OCRRA 2026 budget.
- The committee considered a resolution for OCRRA tipping fees for 2026.
- The committee considered a resolution adopting salary adjustments for non-represented employees.
- The committee considered a resolution authorizing changes to the Civil Service roster.

Resolution #2521 – Resolution Adopting an Agency Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 was moved by B. Page and seconded by J. Driscoll.

There was no further discussion.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2522 – Resolution Adopting Tipping Fees and Related Charges for Fiscal Year 2026 was moved by B. Page and seconded by D. Daley.

There was no further discussion.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 ayes, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2523 – Resolution Adopting Salary Adjustments for Non-Represented Employees for Year 2026 was moved by B. Page and seconded by L. Hradil.

L. Hradil asked if this adjustment was the same as the Union.

M. Mokrzycki responded yes, this was inline with the current Union contract.

Resolution #2524 – Resolution Authorizing Change to the Agency’s Civil Service Roster was moved by B. Page and seconded by V. Mangan.

There was no further discussion.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

B. Page mentioned that Board Elections will be held at the December meeting. Anyone who would like an elected position should contact him.

M. Ballard Fortin:

- PERMA was on site at RCR to give Slip simulator training – and how not to fall.

T. Palmer:

- It's battery week. Everyday there will be new information on various sites to educate on battery maintenance and disposal.
- T. Sumlut worked with T. Palmer to develop a recycling pamphlet in Burmese.

M. Cirino:

- Record retention updates are underway.
- Cash counts and mileage review.

E. Bough Martin motioned and J. Driscoll seconded to adjourn the meeting and enter into private meeting with Counsel.

A collective 'aye' was heard.

The Board adjourned at 4:47 PM.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak