

ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
January 14, 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

The January 14, 2026, Board meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

K. Spillane introduced the newest Board member D. Kranz who was appointed by the County Legislature.

No members of the public are present.

Roll was taken. Quorum is present.

K. Spillane distributed the 2026 committee assignments as specified by the Board Chair, C. Dunham.

C. Dunham explained that there will be a new Ad hoc committee that will deal with succession planning for the OCRRA Executive Director position to provide guidance to the Board or future Board’s when having to fill the position. The committee will meet throughout the year, and C. Dunham appointed J. Wood as Chair of this Ad-Hoc Committee.

The Board minutes from December were moved by B. Page seconded by B. Sekarore.

Roll was taken and the minutes were approved.

K. Spillane presented the Executive Director’s report:

- Several projects will start or continue in 2026.
 - The release of the feasibility study for a landfill at the waste beds.
 - The valuations of the WTE facility.
 - The landfill property in Van Buren.
 - The on going permitting and design work for the Ley Creek project.
 - Completing all the year-end reporting.
- Engineering:
 - C. Albunio has been working on issues related to the WTE facility.
 - A new Agency Engineer has been hired to work alongside C. Albunio.
 - Work on releasing the feasibility study continues.
- Recycling:
 - The Recycling team continues to check off tasks associated with the US Department of Energy Battery grant.
 - In October the NYSDEC provided comments to the Local Solid Waste Management Plan biennial update report and 2-year extension request that OCRRA submitted.

- In December the Recycling team began the initial phase of outreach to obtain county-wide recycling data from area businesses and industry.
- Transfer and Compost:
 - The Transfer team continues to maintain OCRRA's transfer buildings and to avoid bypass of waste as the Agency works to navigate through the first maintenance outage at the WTE facility.
 - Compost has been busy with accepting Christmas trees from surrounding towns and the City of Syracuse of Syracuse. Jamesville is opened briefly to accept trees.
- Public Information:
 - A Public Information Assistant was hired to work alongside T. Palmer.
 - T. Palmer has created a New Year's resolution guide for the OCRRA website that people can bookmark for 2026 goals.
 - T. Palmer also continues to focus on seasonal reminders by designing two email blasts with holiday waste reduction tips.
 - Christmas tree drop off at both compost sites is available until the second week in January.
 - Website updates continue.

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

- This report reflects November results.
- Tipping volumes are approximately 1% above budget.
- The electricity rate was 3.42/kWh.
- Bypass waste continued to be necessary as the Agency moved into the revised outage schedules. The Agency has spent just over \$2M on contracted haulers and an additional \$2M in unanticipated landfill disposal costs.
- The Agency began the year with \$21.8M in cash revenues.
- At the end of November, the Agency had \$12.9M of operating cash and \$5.3M in Board Designated Cash for a total of \$18.2M.
- The Agency has paid the MRF \$984,546 and collected \$904,136 from haulers for residential recycling costs.

There was a brief discussion regarding net position.

D. Daley motioned and B. Page seconded to approve the Treasurer Report.

Roll was taken and the report was accepted as submitted.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** was presented by J. Wood.

- The committee discussed a resolution authorizing additional private hauling from Colucci Trucking.
- The committee discussed a resolution to enter into a contract extension for disposal of ash and bypass waste with Seneca Meadows.

The first resolution for consideration was presented:

Resolution #2538 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Contract for Additional Private Hauling Services with Colucci Trucking was moved by J. Wood and seconded by E. Bough Martin.

There was no further discussion.

The resolution was adopted 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain

D. Haas presented the second resolution for consideration today.

Resolution #2539 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Contract for Additional Private Hauling Services for Riccelli was moved by J. Wood and seconded by V. Mangan.

There was no further discussion.

The resolution was adopted 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain

Resolution #2540 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Contract Extension for Disposal of Ash and Bypass Waste with Waste Connections Seneca Meadows Landfill was moved by J. Wood and seconded by B. Sekarore.

There was a brief discussion on contract rates.

Additional language will be added to reflect Waste Connections in the resolved clause.

The resolution was adopted 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain

There was a discussion regarding the Site 31 Valuation Study.

R. Czerwiak will be sending out all year end forms to the Board members for submission.

C. Albunio continues working with DEC on inspections.

O. Hunter introduced himself as the new Agency Engineer.

K. Lawton has been working on updating the new battery recommendations and the battery grant.

D. Haas reinforced the efforts that K. Spillane mentioned are continuing with the issues with bypass and just moving trash.

T. Palmer introduced the new Alexa app that works directly with OCRRA's recycling database and also updated the Board on a new position of Public Information Assistant now filled by Jess Lacelle.

D. Daley motioned and B. Page seconded to adjourn the meeting.

A collective 'aye' was heard.

The Board adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak

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