

ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
February 11, 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

The February 11, 2026, Board meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

No members of the public are present.

Roll was taken. Quorum is present.

C. Dunham is not present at this meeting. Vice Chair, D. Daley will conduct the meeting.

The Board minutes from December were moved by D. Quackenbush seconded by J. Driscoll.

Roll was taken and the minutes were approved.

K. Spillane thanked the Board for their support after submitting his resignation to retire from OCRRA.
 - 2026 will consist of several goals from the Strategic Plan, prioritizing the development of Ley Creek based on availability financing. The Agency will continue to work on identifying OCRRA goals and update the Agency’s next strategic plan.
 - K. Spillane updated the Board on the importance of continuing the New York Waste to Energy Coalition that OCRRA had helped create and it’s importance moving forward to assist the community as the state struggles with regulation of waste to energy facilities and the impact of the Climate Act.

Engineering:

- A response to the NYSDEC comments is being finalized.
- A review of the feasibility report has been completed.
- C. Alburnio continues to work through Reworld issues, including the first outage of the year.

Transfer and Compost:

- D. Haas has been working with his staff through the first planned maintenance outage of 2026.
- Equipment is being brought in for service and maintenance.

Recycling:

- OCRRA’s request for a 2-year extension for our Local Waste Management Plan biennial update was approved by the NYSDEC.
- OCRRA received approval from the Syracuse Common Council to install four new battery recycling kiosks at community centers in Syracuse.
- OCRRA and WMRA hosted tours of the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) for Board members and

new staff.

- James Walker, who was a long time ARC battery sorter, passed away in January. He work with ARC and OCRRA for two years.

Public Information:

- OCRRA has officially released a new Alexa skill, providing an audio version of our searchable data base.
- T. Palmer also created two captioned versions of our MRF and Compost Operations videos for viewing at the Home and Garden Show.
- Preparations for Earth Day are officially underway.

Engagement, Outreach and New Opportunities:

- There is some movement to implement new MACT Floors for the Waste to Energy Industry at the EPA for the past three years. The MACT Floors are the Maximum Achievable Control Technology Standards for emissions from Waste to Energy Facilities.
- A residual risk analysis of the current MACT Floors has been conducted. It was concluded that there was no residual risk associated with the current standards.
- Since the submission of that report, the organization has now released a new study on the eve of the publication of the new emissions called the Life cycle Analysis of the Climate Impacts of Municipal Solid Waste Diverted from Landfills to WTEF.

K. Spillane closed his report with a summary of key findings from the report.

B. Page asked if the report had been sent around to other Agency's.

K. Spillane responded that the report had been sent to those parties that should be aware of the findings.

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

- This report reflects December results.
- December electricity rate was 6.99c/kWh.
- There was \$1.1M in revenue for the month.
- Electricity revenues were just over \$7.7M.
- The Agency had a decrease in net assets (loss) of approximately \$1,014,000.
- The Agency began the year with \$21.8M in cash reserves.
- At the end of December the Agency had \$12.6M in operating cash for a total of \$18.1M.
- The Agency paid the MRF \$1,124,952.
- The Agency billed haulers approximately \$1,094,000.

B. Page motioned and L. Hradil seconded to approve the Treasurer Report.

Roll was taken and the report was accepted as submitted.

The **AUDIT COMMITTEE** was presented by J. Driscoll.

- Grossman St. Amour were present to provide a breakdown of the current Audit that is being conducted by their firm for OCRRA's fiscal year 2025.
- M Mokrzycki presented the Charter of the Audit committee members. The committee will review and adjust the Charter and discuss the changes at the next meeting.

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

- The committee discussed a resolution for payment of refrigerant extraction.
- The committee had a discussion regarding the Strategy and Goals for an update to the Agency's Strategic Plan.
- Union negotiations will begin later this year.

B. Page asked that D. Kranz be added to the Administration committee list.

Resolution # 2541 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Contract for Refrigerant Extraction was moved by B. Page and seconded by E. Bough Martin.

B. Page gave an update as to why this resolution is necessary.

The incorrect resolution (#2541) was placed in the packet. The correct resolution was printed and distributed to the Board members.

Roll was taken and Resolution #2541 was defeated 0 ayes, 11 nays, 0 abstain, due to being improperly presented.

Resolution #2542 - Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Contract for Refrigerant Extraction was presented.

There was no further discussion.

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

Resolution #2543 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Execute a Landfill Use Agreement with the Town of Camillus was moved by B. Page and seconded by E. Bough Martin.

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

M. Mokrzycki:

- Met with the WTE Coalition as he will be the Agency's representative going forward and discussed the beneficial use of ash.

There was a discussion regarding the beneficial use of ash and alternative uses there could be.

C. Alburnio / O. Hunter:

- Working with National Grid on utility placement at Ley Creek and with Cornerstone on the final design.

D. Haas:

- Metal, including whitegoods percentages (removed from the waste stream) at RCR were 14% increased.
- Electronics were at 21% increase.
- Tires were 11.5% increase.

K. Lawton:

- The Syracuse Common Council has approved four new battery kiosks.
- OCRRA is coordinating with local Fire Depts to get educated on how to use the new battery fire suppression boxes.

M. Ballard Fortin:

- Hiring for different positions continues.
- Helping the Adhoc committee with the succession of the Executive Director.

T. Palmer:

- New battery kiosk education.
- Audio/Visual education.
- The Public Education Assist has been working on recycling picture images for the visually impaired.

R. Czerwiak:

- Board evaluations are due.

V. Mangan motioned and B. Sekarore seconded to adjourn the meeting.

A collective 'aye' was heard.

The Board adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak