

ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

April 08, 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

The April 08, 2026, Board meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m.

J. Thompson from the County Legislature is present at today's meeting.

Roll was taken. Quorum is present.

C. Dunham welcomed back Board member G. Popps.

The Board minutes from March were moved by B. Page seconded by G. Popps.

Roll was taken and the minutes were approved.

M. Mokrzycki presented the Director's report.

- Metal collection at Reworld has been suspended due to a conveyor belt failure.
- A temporary repair will be made by mid to end of April and permanent repair in May.
- The Site 31 Valuation report will be distributed to the Board in May.
- OCRRA has hired 5 new drivers.

T. Palmer continued with the Director's report.

- OCRRA is a week into the Battery Campaign.
- Rechargeable batteries are a fire hazard.
- OCRRA has secured a new grant to support battery management.
- 4 new battery drop-off kiosks have been placed in Syracuse community centers.
- The grant also supports education for battery management.
- The new 'roll-out' was aired on several news stations, radio, social media and OCRRA's newsletter.
- An email blast was sent to resulting in nearly 7,900 readers opening the email.
- OCRRA's J. LaCelle designed Facebook and Instagram designed announcing the new campaign.
- Social media posts saw 253,752 views in the 7 days it was tracked.
- Paid advertising was used via YouTube, Cable, Google Demand, Facebook, Instagram, and Radio channels.

G. Popps asked if he could be given the artwork for this new campaign to share with his local Fire Dept and webpage.

T. Palmer will get that information to him.

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

- This report reflects February results.
- February electricity rate was 13.9 c/kWh.
- There was a decrease in net position of approximately \$487,000, driven largely by lower tonnages due to a shorter month.
- The Agency's last outstanding capital lease has been paid off.
- The Agency began the year with \$18.1M in cash reserves.
- By the end of February the Agency had \$10.3M in operating cash and \$5.4M in Board Designated Cash for a total of \$15.7M
- The Agency has billed the haulers \$187,614 in recycling tipping fees.
- The Agency has paid the MRF \$231,818 in recycling costs.

D. Daley asked why electricity was so high.

M. Mokrzycki explained that electricity rates are dictated by gas prices, which have been high lately.

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

Roll was taken and the report was accepted as submitted.

The **SUCCESSION AD HOC COMMITTEE** was presented by C. Dunham (J. Wood is absent).

- The committee discussed a resolution approving an Interim Director.
- The committee discussed when and where the new Executive Director job posting would be listed and the language used in the job description.
- The job listing will be posted and the committee will meet again on April 21st.

The **LEY CREEK PLANNING AD HOC COMMITTEE** was presented by D. Daley.

- The committee discussed a resolution determining significance pursuant to SEQRA for the Ley Creek campus.

Resolution # 2551 – Resolution Determining Significance Pursuant to SEQRA for Ley Creek Campus Development Project was moved by D. Daley and seconded by E. Bough Martin.

The **RECYCLING/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** was presented by L. Hradil.

- The committee discussed a resolution to purchase two trailers from STS Trailer and Truck.
- The committee discussed a resolution to contract with Reworld for tire removal services.
- The committee discussed a resolution for the purchase of poly ash liners.
- The committee discussed a resolution allowing purchase of a grinder engine from Milton CAT.
- The committee discussed a possible new business venture with Scott's Lawn Products.

Resolution # 2552 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Purchase Transfer Trailers was moved by L. Hradil and seconded by D. Daley.

There was a brief discussion regarding the size of the trailers and what the hauling capabilities will be.

M. Mokrzycki mentioned that the two trailer purchase is part of the capital plan.

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

Resolution #2553 - Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Purchase Tire disposal Services from Reworld Recovery was moved by L. Hradil and seconded by D. Kranz.

There was a brief discussion regarding cost per tire, with and without rims.

There was a brief discussion regarding reuse.

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

Resolution #2554 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Purchase Plastic Liners for Agency Ash Transport Trailers was moved by L. Hradil and seconded by D. Daley.

There was a brief discussion regarding permanent liners vs. plastic liners.

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

Resolution #2555 – Resolution Authorizing the Agency Repair of the Vermeer Grinder at OCRRA's Compost Facility was moved by L. Hradil and seconded by D. Quackenbush.

There was no further discussion

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

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

- The committee discussed the annual investment report and corresponding resolution.
- The committee discussed a resolution amending Investment Guidelines.
- The committee discussed a resolution amending Procurement Guidelines.
- The committee reviewed the small contracts report.
- The committee received a Union update.
- The committee discussed resolution to create a new represented position of Machine Operator II and to abolish one position of Laborer II.

Resolution #2556 – Resolution Approving Investment Report of Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency for Calendar Year 2025 was moved by B. Page and seconded by Elizabeth Bough Martin.

There was no further discussion.

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

Resolution #2557 – Resolution Amending Investment Guidelines was moved by B. Page and seconded by G. Popps.

M. Mokrzycki presented a brief explanation regarding this resolution.

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

E. Bough Martin thanked M. Mokrzycki for the language in the Investment Guidelines.

D. Daley asked for clearer language to be used to describe who the Designated Officers are.

That amendment will be made.

B. Page motioned and E. Bough Martin seconded to move the resolution.

There was no further discussion.

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

Resolution #2558 – Resolution Amending Procurement Guidelines was moved by B. Page and seconded by E. Bough Martin.

There was no further discussion.

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

Resolution #2559 – Resolution Authorizing Change to the Agency’s Civil Service Roster was moved by B. Page and seconded by E. Bough Martin.

There was a brief discussion regarding the need for this change.

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

R. Czerwiak:

- Financial Disclosure are due for those that have not completed them.
- Waiting on the last of the Board Evaluation forms so that can be sent to the ABO.

T. Palmer:

- Working on all things Earth Day.
- T. Palmer was invited to write an article in Syracuse Woman Magazine for OCRRA’s Earth Day Event.

M. Cirino:

- ABO training continues. New Board members must take the course, and all Board members must complete the training every three years.

D. Haas:

- Tonnage numbers are similar to last year.

K. Lawton:

- Status Update on Department of Energy Battery Grant: One facet of the grant is training Fire Departments on how to safely package a damaged or defective battery that is recovered at a fire incident in one of the grant provided DDR Kits. The kits are industry standard for safe battery management and shipment. Of the 54 fire departments in Onondaga County, 45 (including the City of Syracuse) have been trained as part of OCRRA’s grant effort.

G. Popps motioned and V. Mangan seconded to adjourn the meeting.

A collective ‘aye’ was heard.

The Board adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak