

ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

June 10, 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

The June 10, 2026, Board meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll was taken. Quorum is present.

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

Roll was taken and the minutes were approved.

M. Mokrzycki presented the Director's report.

- Recently several of OCRRA's staff have attended the Federation Conference at Lake George. Two team members, and a board member presented at this conference.
- On May 21st OCRRA hosted a WTE tour for representatives from Ontario and Canandaigua Counties. As their landfill is closing, they are interested in WTE technology.
- OCRRA also had a site visit with NewGen. This is the company that did the site appraisal.

C. Alunio updated the Board on Ley Creek:

- OCRRA has responded to comments posed by the DEC regarding the Ley Creek permit application.
- OCRRA has been collaborating with the Dept. of Emergency Management to help move forward with the final design at Ley Creek.
- OCRRA has been working with Spectrum and National Grid in utility placement.
- OCRRA has reached its 30% design milestone. OCRRA is now working on the 60% milestone on the project. This includes input from OCRRA staff.
- OCRRA is planning on staking out the site so that drivers can come in and see how the traffic layout will look when it is completed. They will also offer any suggestions to the design.
- The SEQRA process has been completed.
- Today, OCRRA received the first draft of the Eco Drop and Household Hazardous Waste permit application documents. Those documents will be reviewed and submitted to the DEC within the next month.
- Another Ley Creek meeting will be held next month.
- OCRRA is continuing to work on construction costs and should have solid numbers this fall.
- The fuel and maintenance facility is scheduled to go out for bid in mid-February, early March.

There was a brief discussion on the permitting process and timeline.

D. Daley reminded the Board that there would be future discussions how the site will look, building colors and whatnot.

There was a brief discussion regarding financing and the process that will take to get funding.

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

- This report reflects April results.
- April tonnages were very high.
- Tipping fees are approximately 14% of budget.
- The level of C&D at RCR continues to require more bypass tonnage than anticipated.
- The electricity rate was 3.77c/Kwh.
- The Agency began the year with \$18.1M in cash revenues.
- The end of April was \$11.7M in operating cash and \$5.6M in Board Designated Cash, for a total of \$17.3M.
- The Agency has paid \$458,766 in recycling costs to the MRF.
- The Agency has collected \$363,237 from haulers for residential recycling.

M. Mokrzycki added that the mental recovery system at the WTE facility is back up and running.

D. Daley motioned and J. Driscoll seconded to approve the report.

Roll was taken and the report was accepted as submitted.

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

- The committee discussed a resolution to contract for food depackaging services.
- The committee discussed a resolution to contract for additional private hauling services.
- The committee discussed the C&D rate.

Resolution # 2565 – Resolution Authorizing Contract for food Depackaging Services for 2026 was moved by L. Hradil and seconded by D. Quackenbush.

There was a brief discussion regarding altering the total to include ‘2026’ and in the last whereas to include ‘for calendar year 2026’.

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

Resolution #2566 – Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Contract for Additional Private Hauling Services was move by L. Hradil and seconded by D. Daley.

There was a discussion regarding how the Agency may avoid this extra added expense in the future.

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

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

- The committee discussed a resolution amending the Agency's tipping fee schedule for C&D.
- The committee discussed a resolution to purchase all risk property insurance for the WTE facility.

Resolution #2567 – Resolution Amending Agency Tipping Fee Schedule for Construction and Demolition and Roofing Material Disposal During Fiscal Year 2026 was moved by B. Page and seconded by G. Pops.

M. Mokrzycki explained why this resolution is recommended. A discussion followed.

The second whereas has the incorrect tipping amount listed. That will be amended to reflect \$70.

The resolution, as amended was adopted 11 ayes, 0 noys, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2568 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Purchase All Risk Property Insurance Policies for Waste to Energy Facility was moved by B. Page and seconded by E. Bough Martin.

The title of the resolution will be altered. The word 'of' shall be removed.

M. Mokrzycki gave an explanation for this resolution.

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

The **ED SUCCESSION AD HOC COMMITTEE** was presented by J. Wood.

- The committee discussed the final four candidates.
- The committee discussed next steps.
- The committee discussed Board engagement.
- The committee discussed interview preparation.
- The committee discussed how the in-person interviews would be conducted.

M. Cirino:

- Working with Board members on ABO training.

T. Palmer:

- Next week is Waste and Recycling Workers Week. Each day OCRRA will be featuring a different worker on our FB page and website.

D. Daley gave an update on biosolids and PFAS and some legislation that is coming to prevent these materials from ending up in landfills. OCRRA should discuss this topic in the near future.

K. Lawton added that for the third year in a row, the packaging EPR Bill did not go through.

E. Bough Martin motioned and J. Driscoll seconded to adjourn the meeting.

A collective 'aye' was heard.

The Board adjourned at 4:56 PM. into meeting with Counsel.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak