

ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

August 12, 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

The August 12, 2026, Board meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

Roll was taken. Quorum is present.

C. Dunham introduced A. Fordock as the newest member of the Board.

A. Fordock had worked with OCRRA in the recycling department for many years prior to being the current First Deputy Commissioner of the Syracuse DPW.

Each Board member and staff introduced themselves.

A small change will be made to the July minutes reflecting that the staff had been excused from Executive Session, legal counsel remained.

The Board minutes from July were moved by B. Page seconded by D. Quackenbush.

Roll was taken and the minutes were approved 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain as amended.

M. Mokrzycki presented the Director's Report.

- He thanked A. Fordock for being the newest member of the Board.
- OCRRA will begin Union Negotiations.
- OCRRA has filled two more driving positions as well as two office positions.
- There are still two open driver positions available.
- The Ley Creek Planning Ad hoc committee will be on August 19th. All Board members are encouraged to attend.
- OCRRA's operations team has done a remarkable job.

D. Haas updated the Board:

- This information had been shared last month.
- During July, the transfer station received 9,858.60 tons of material.
- This is a 1.2% increase over July 2024.
- 7,811.71 tons or 79.2% of material were sent directly to the WTE facility.
- Year to date, the transfer station has received 62,490.23 tons of material.
- A projection of approximately 75,000 tons of material will be transferred from RCR to the WTE facility by the end of 2026.

- Compost testing has been ongoing, and the SCOTTS company is pleased with the results. Agency compost has been approved for purchase negotiations.
- OCRRA is officially the 3rd supplier of compost for the SCOTTS company on the east coast.

There was a brief discussion regarding compost production and fertilizer shortages that have been predicted for next season.

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

- This report reflects June results.
- Tipping fees were 11% ahead of budgeted amounts.
- June electricity rate was 4.51c/kWh.
- Landfill costs are down approximately \$756,000 from the prior June.
- The Agency began the year with \$18.1M in cash reserves.
- At the end of June the Agency had \$11.2M in operating cash, and \$5.9M in Board designated cash, for a total of \$17.1M.
- The Agency has paid \$638,430 in recycling fees to the MRF.
- The Agency has collected \$556,294 from recycling tipping fees.

There was a brief discussion regarding metal reconciliation and recovery from the WTE facility.

D. Daley motioned and B. Page seconded to approve the report.

Roll was taken and the report was accepted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain as submitted.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** report was presented by L. Hradil.

- The committee discussed a resolution for DAT repair at RCR.
- The committee discussed a resolution for the repair of the Agency shredder.

Resolution #2572 – Resolution Authorizing Replacement of the Damaged DAT Stand and Foundation was moved by L. Hradil and seconded by D. Daley.

There was a brief discussion regarding what repairs need to be made, how the DAT machine works and what is done when the machine is inoperable.

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

Resolution #2573 – Resolution Authorizing Payment for Repairs to the Komptech Crambo 5000 Slow Speed Shredder 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** report was presented by B. Page.

- The committee discussed a resolution establishing an official Ad hoc committee to choose the next Executive Director.
- The committee discussed a resolution to make changes to the Agency's Civil Service Roster.
- The committee discussed a resolution authorizing a contract with Spectrum.

B. Page gave a brief update regarding the first resolution establishing an official Ad hoc committee to find the next Executive Director. Ad hoc committees are formed when there will be large ongoing projects that would require extra care and monitoring.

Resolution #2574 – Resolution Creating an Ad hoc Committee to Carryout Search for Executive Director was moved by B. Page and seconded by M. Jennings.

A. Rodriguez asked that the Administration committee minutes be updated to reflect her comments regarding this resolution. She had asked what the benefits are of creating an Ad hoc committee and if created, what, if anything would change about the dynamic of the current committee. Those changes will be made.

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

Resolution #2575 – Resolution Authorizing Change to the Agency’s Civil Service Roster was moved by B. Page and seconded by A. Rodriguez.

There was a brief discussion regarding the HELP program and how that affects the Agency.

D. Daley asked for clarification on how the addition of the two position would affect the Agency’s ability to hire from the Civil Service Roster.

M. Ballard Fortin responded that the HELP Titles do not require a Civil Service test. The State is promoting them to increase the worker pool for Civil Service Agencies.

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

Resolution #2576 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Contract with Internet Service Provider was moved by B. Page and seconded by L. Hradil.

There was a brief discussion regarding the term of OCRRA’s current contract and when the new could begin.

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

The **ED SUCCESSION PLANNING COMMITTEE** report was presented by C. Dunham.

- The time stated on the minutes is incorrect. They will be changed from AM to PM.
- July 8th - The committee met to forward a resolution to the Governance committee to then be presented to the full Board that day.
- July 20th – The committee met to discuss next steps after the resolution to hire an Executive Director did not pass.

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

- July 8th – The committee met to forward a resolution to hire an Executive Director.
- The committee discussed Agency Bylaws.
- This committee is required to meet twice a year.

M. Cirino:

- Working with Board members on ABO training.

D. Haas:

- Thanked staff for all the success at the transfer station.

D. Quackenbush motioned and D. Kranz seconded to adjourn the meeting.

A collective 'aye' was heard.

The Board adjourned at 4:48 PM. into meeting with Counsel.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak