

**ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY**  
**September 09, 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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| <b>Board Members Present</b> | <b>E. Bough Martin, J. Driscoll, C. Dunham, A. Fordock, L. Hradil, M. Jennings, D. Kranz, V. Mangan, B. Page, G. Popps, D. Quackenbush, A. Rodriguez, J. Wood</b> |
| <b>Board Members Absent:</b> | <b>D. Daley, B. Sekarore</b>                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Also Present:</b>         | <b>M. Cirino, M. Mokrzycki, K. Lawton, R. Czerwiak, D. Haas, J. Gascon, T. Palmer, M. Ballard Fortin, C. Alunio</b>                                               |
| <b>Guests:</b>               |                                                                                                                                                                   |

The September 09, 2026, Board meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll was taken. Quorum is present.

B. Page motioned and D. Quackenbush seconded to approve the August board minutes.

13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain – minutes were approved.

M. Mokrzycki presented the Director's Report.

- OCRRA has begun Union Negotiations.
- The Ley Creek Planning Ad hoc committee will be in October. All Board members are encouraged to attend. Staff will be deeply exploring financing and final design of the site.
- RCR staff continues to prepare for the blackout outage at Reworld.
- The PPA contract renewal with Nation Grid will be discussed at the next Admin meeting.
- The budget will come through the Administration committee at the end of this month for discussion and hopefully be moved to the full Board for consideration in October.

V. Mangan asked if extending hours at RCR would help with some relief for the haulers during the outage.

E. Bough Martin asked if the Agency had considered offering incentives to arrive on site earlier in the morning.

A brief discussion followed.

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

- This report reflects July results.
- Tonnages were 6% higher than expected.
- July electricity rate was 5.36c/kWh.
- Landfill costs are down approximately 8% from July 2025.
- The Agency began the year with \$18.1M in cash reserves.
- At the end of July the Agency had \$12M in operating cash, and \$5.9M in Board designated cash, for a total of \$17.9M.
- The Agency has paid \$742,505 in recycling fees to the MRF.
- The Agency has collected \$654,000 from recycling tipping fees.

B. Page asked that a line item be added to the Treasurer report acknowledging the change from discounted rate to market rate regarding the revenues OCRRA receives from National Grid.

V. Mangan motioned and J. Wood seconded to approve the report.

Roll was taken and the report was accepted 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain as submitted.

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

- The committee discussed a resolution for Advertising Agency services..
- The committee discussed the 2027 Agency draft budget.
- The Agency discussed the WM Recycle America contract.

**Resolution #2577 – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Advertising Services** was moved by L. Hradil and seconded by D. Quackenbush.

There was a brief discussion regarding what the contract/funds would cover.

The resolution was adopted 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

There was a brief discussion regarding the fees charged by WM Recycle America, how the contract would be structured, what other communities are paying and what the future may look like once Ley Creek is reopened.

B. Page reminded the Board that December elections are coming soon. Anyone that is interested in running should let him know.

A. Rodriguez ask for an edit to be made in the Administration committee minutes. Those changes will be made.

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

- The committee discussed the OCRRA 2027 draft budget.
- The committee reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Investment reports.
- The committee discussed the farm lease.
- The committee discussed a resolution to compensate Deputy Director for extended services as acting Interim Director.
- The committee discussed a resolution to change the Civil Service Roster.
- The committee discussed a resolution to retain J. Gascon as Agency Counsel.

B. Page gave a brief update regarding the resolution to compensate Deputy Director for extended service as acting Interim Director.

- This follows the same formula that was used when K. Spillane had filled in as Executive Director.
- M. Mokrzycki has been Interim Director for longer than originally anticipated.
- The ED Succession Planning Ad hoc committee will continue to meet until a permanent Director is found.
- The compensation will be back dated to the second week in July.

**Resolution #2578 – Resolution Compensating Deputy Director for Extended Service as Acting Interim Executive Director** was moved by B. Page and seconded by A. Fordock.

M. Mokrzycki excused himself so there could be further discussion regarding this resolution.

There was a brief discussion regarding other OCRRA staff members who have also had to fill other roles/duties while searching for a permanent Executive Director and any compensation that the Board may want to provide them.

The resolution was adopted 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

**Resolution #2579 – Resolution Authorizing Change to the Agency’s Civil Service Roster** was moved by B. Page and seconded by E. Bough Martin.

M. Mokrzycki gave a brief explanation of why this change is necessary.

The resolution was adopted 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

**Resolution #2580 – Resolution Authorizing Agency’s Executive Director to Retain Attorney for Legal Services** was moved by B. Page and seconded by G. Popps.

B. Page gave a brief explanation as to why the Agency wishes to retain J. Gascon as Agency Counsel.

J. Gascon excused himself from the meeting so the Board could continue discussion regarding this resolution.

D. Quackenbush added that Mackenzie and Hughes were a well-known, reputable firm.

D. Kranz asked why J. Gascon left his firm of 40 years.

B. Page responded that J. Gascon had considered retirement and was not able to come to an agreement on a compensation package.

The resolution was adopted 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

D. Haas:

- D. Hinds is retiring from OCRRA after over 9 years.
- 93% of all material that arrived at RCR was transferred to Reworld last week.
- 8,385 tons of material was processed. This was one of the highest tonnages recorded.

C. Albunio: Continuing to prepare for the upcoming outage.

At 4:43 G. Popps motioned and V. Mangan seconded to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the appointment of a particular person.

13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain

All staff were excused with the exception of M. Ballard Fortin.

At 5:02 G. Popps motioned and E. Bough Martin seconded to exit Executive Session after discussing matters leading to the appointment of a particular person.

13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

At 5:03 G. Popps motioned and B. Page seconded to adjourn the meeting.

A collective ‘aye’ was recorded.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak