



Davidson County Solid Waste Region Board

MINUTES

December 12, 2022 - 5:30 PM

The meeting of the Davidson County Solid Waste Regional Board was held on December 12, 2022, at 5:30 PM in the Howard Office Building, Sonny West Conference Center, 700 2nd Ave S., Nashville, TN 37210. The meeting information was posted on the Board's website and the Metro Government calendar.

The meeting was called to order by John Sherman, Chairman, and roll call was taken. The following members were present: Damita Beck-Taylor, Robert Diehl, Dale Grimes, Jennifer Hackett, Midori Lockett, Jeff McCormick, and Beth Reardon. Beth Reardon was not present for roll call but arrived during the Chair's welcome.

The Chair welcomed the members and the public to the meeting and briefly described the agenda. The Chair then requested a motion to approve the minutes from the March 29, 2022, meeting. A motion was made by Jeff McCormick and seconded by Damita Beck-Taylor. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board Chair called for nominations for a new Solid Waste Region Board Chair. Robert Diehl made a motion to nominate Damita Beck-Taylor for the role of Davidson County Solid Waste Region Board Chair. The motion was seconded by Jeff McCormick. Damita expressed her willingness to serve as chair. The motion was passed unanimously and Damita was made new board chair.

The Board then heard a presentation on the Zero Waste Plan updates. Jenn Harrman, Zero Waste Program Manager for Metro Waste Services, provided information on upcoming Construction and Demolition (C&D) Recycling Legislation. Legislation will include required diversion for private sector C&D material, requirements for qualified recycling facilities, and how Metro Government is aiming to go above and beyond with additional requirement for C&D diversion. Legislation is being researched and drafted. Stakeholder engagement has been conducted with internal Metro staff and the C&D Steering Committee. Before legislation goes to Council, a fiscal analysis and public outreach campaign will be conducted. Jenn then announced that Metro Waste Services is targeting Quarter 1 of 2023 to expand curbside recycling to every other week collection. An official date has not been released but will be announced at a later date. Jenn then informed the Board on grants that Metro Waste Services have been awarded. These grants include the Recycling Partnership Education Grant, TDEC Recycling Rebate, and a verbal intent to be awarded a Food Waste Collection Pilot Grant. Metro Waste Services is also working on applications for two upcoming grants from the EPA, the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant and the Recycling Education and Outreach Grant. Finally, Jenn Harrman gave an update from Board Member Jennifer Hackett's inquiry from Solid Waste Region Board Meeting on March 29, 2022, about engaging grocery store chains operating in Nashville and Davidson County about alternative packaging options. Jenn Harrman provided Kroger and Food Lion's sustainable packaging goals.

Following the presentation, Sharon Smith, Special Projects Manager for Metro Waste Services, presented John Sherman a Certificate of Appreciation for over 20 years of service as the Solid Waste Region Board Chair and for serving on various mayoral committees.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Beth Reardon to adjourn which was seconded by Robert Diehl and the motion was passed with no objection.