

**Recycling Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: January 27, 2024 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Laura Petit
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Lizvett Noriega
PRESENT: Legislator Greene, Stephen Cerini, Jonathan Kaplan, Steve Noble
ABSENT: Michael Boms, Erin Enouen, Tiffanie James, Leslie Surprenant
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: UCRRA Executive Director Marc Rider; Erica Brown – UCCRA Board

Chair Petit called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 PM. Steve Noble lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Adopt the minutes of the August 26, 2024**

Motion Made By: Legislator Greene
Motion Seconded By: Jonathan Kaplan

Voting in Favor: Chair Petit, Legislator Greene, Stephen Cerini, Jonathan Kaplan, Mayor Steve Noble
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt the minutes of the September 23, 2024**
Motion Made By: Mayor Steve Noble
Motion Seconded By: Stephen Cerini

Voting in Favor: Chair Petit, Legislator Greene, Stephen Cerini, Jonathan Kaplan, Mayor Steve Noble
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Erica Brown, the new liaison from the Resource Recovery Agency, introduced herself.

Erica Brown shared her background in community engagement and her passion for environmental advocacy.

Chair Petit discussed the importance of committee involvement and the need for new appointments. Most of the members will be up on February 12, 2025.

Jonathan Kaplan, Mayor Steve Noble, and Legislator Greene expressed interest in reappointment.

Chair Petit mentioned the need to fill various positions, including recycling coordinators and commercial waste hauling.

UCRRA Executive Director Marc Rider provided an update on the Reuse Innovation Center. They are moving along with some of the planning and has submitted a Swiffer Grant application for \$4 million.

The Reuse Innovation Center aims to divert waste through a spoke-hub system, collecting materials from municipal recycling drop centers and transfer stations.

Discussion on the importance of diverting waste before it reaches the tipping floor.

UCRRA Executive Director Marc Rider mentioned the need for a \$1 million building on-site to handle bulky items and construction debris.

Legislator Greene suggested mandating C and D recycling but only after a facility is available.

Discussion on the challenges of adding specific materials like sheetrock as regulated recyclables.

UCRRA Executive Director Marc Rider highlighted the need for a separate lot for C and D debris to avoid contamination.

Committee member emphasized the importance of public understanding and perception regarding recyclable materials.

Committee member discussed the public's confusion about what is recyclable and the role of market demand.

Discussion on the impact of plastic waste and the need for better public education.

Committee member explained the limitations of current recycling technology and the challenges of processing certain materials.

Committee member mentioned the need for clearer communication to the public about what can and cannot be recycled.

Legislator Greene discussed the need for a letter from the Legislature to support the Reform Committee's recommendations.

Discussion on the importance of legislative approval for bonding over \$500,000.

UCRRA Executive Director Marc Rider highlighted the challenges of citing a landfill without legislative approval.

Committee member emphasized the need for a collaborative process to design a cost-effective and sustainable waste management system.

Committee member suggested setting a plan of action for the committee to support the agency's solid waste management goals.

Discussion on the need for quarterly meetings with the agency to discuss progress and challenges.

Committee member proposed dividing meetings to focus on adding or removing recyclables and quarterly updates on agency goals.

Chair Petit emphasized the importance of a partnership between the committee and the agency.

Committee member commended the handling of public feedback regarding a proposed landfill site in Wawarsing.

Discussion on the importance of open communication and respectful engagement with the public.

Legislator Greene highlighted the need for continued public outreach and education on waste management issues.

Chair Petit mentioned the need to reach out to the chair and clerk for updates on committee appointments.

Chair Laura Petit discussed the need for a resolution to address committee appointments. Discussion on the importance of having a quorum and the impact of attendance on committee effectiveness.

Chair Petit mentioned the need for a resolution to address the attendance policy and the requirement for 50% attendance.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion Made By: Mayor Steve Noble

Motion Seconded By: Jonathan Kaplan

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Adjourned: 5:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Lizvett Noriega
Approved: XXXX XX, 2025