

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
for Consideration of Resolution

AGENDA REQUESTED: April 12, 2024

DATE OF REQUEST: March 22, 2024

INDIVIDUAL TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS REQUEST, IF NEEDED: Candice Slater, Agenda Coordinator, (512) 239-6087

CAPTION: Docket No. 2024-0179-RES. Consideration of a resolution appointing one nominee to serve on the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council (Advisory Council).

The Advisory Council reviews and evaluates the effect of state policies and programs on municipal solid waste (MSW) management; makes recommendations on matters related to MSW management; recommends legislation to encourage the efficient management of MSW; recommends policies for the use, allocation, or distribution of the planning fund; and recommends special studies and projects to further the effectiveness of MSW management and resource recovery for Texas. (Anju Chalise, Kathy Humphreys) (Project No. 2024-017-RES-NR)



Director



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Candice Slater


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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Interoffice Memorandum

To: Commissioners **Date:** March 22, 2024

Thru: Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk
Kelly Keel, Executive Director

From: Beth Seaton, Director 
Office of Waste

Docket No.: 2024-0179-RES

Subject: Consideration of a Resolution Appointing One Member to the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council
Project No. 2024-017-RES-NR

Requested Action:

The Executive Director (ED) requests the Commission's approval for the appointment of one new nominee to serve on the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council (Advisory Council).

Background Information:

The Advisory Council was created in 1983 by the 68th Texas Legislature and is composed of 18 members who serve staggered six-year terms and represent various segments of the state. The Advisory Council reviews and evaluates the effect of state policies and programs on municipal solid waste (MSW) management; makes recommendations on matters related to MSW management; recommends legislation to encourage the efficient management of MSW; recommends policies for the use, allocation, or distribution of the planning fund; and recommends special studies and projects to further the effectiveness of MSW management and resource recovery.

A Notice of Request for Nominations was published in the June 16, 2023, issue of the *Texas Register* (48 TexReg 3341) to solicit nomination applications for eight vacant positions. The application period is open year-round and vacant positions are filled as qualified applicants are nominated. In October 2023 two new members were appointed and three current members were reappointed. The nomination application period remained open for the three remaining vacant positions.

Staff received two applications for the vacant position of an elected official from a municipality with a population fewer than 25,000 during the open nomination period in January 2024. Staff did not receive any applications for the remaining two vacant positions: an elected official from a municipality with a population of 750,000 or more and an elected official from a municipality with a population of 100,000 or more but less than 750,000.

Recommended Nominee for an Advisory Council Position:

Position - An elected official from a municipality with a population fewer than 25,000 (appointment to expire on 8/31/2029)

- Robin Alaniz, City of Goliad

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This appointment by Resolution is proposed to be effective at the member's first Advisory Council meeting which will be held on April 11, 2024.

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Attachments:

Attachment A: List of Current MSWRRAC Members
Attachment B: FY 2024 Recommended Nominee Information
Attachment C: FY 2024 Location of Current Members and Nominees

cc: Chief Clerk, 2 copies
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Office of General Counsel
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Attachment A – List of Current MSWRRAC Members

List of MSWRRAC Members – February 2024

Term Expiration 8/31/2025

Scott Trebus, P.E.

Republic Services

A representative from a solid waste management organization composed primarily of commercial operators.

Risa Weinberger, P.E.

Risa Weinberger & Associates

A person who is experienced in the management and operation of a composting or recycling facility or an educator with knowledge of the design and management of solid waste facilities.

David Yanke (Advisory Council President)

NewGen Strategies & Solutions

A representative of the financial community.

Richard Abramowitz

A representative of the general public.

Ralph Gutierrez

Mayor, City of Schertz

An elected official from a municipality with a population between 25,000 and 100,000.

Vacant

An elected official from a municipality with a population between 100,000 or more but less than 750,000.

Term Expiration 8/31/2027

Steve Shannon

State of Texas Alliance for Recycling

A representative from a private environmental conservation organization.

Frank Puglsey, P.E.

Parkhill

A professional engineer from a private engineering firm with experience in the design and management of solid waste facilities.

Jennifer Lutz

Silver Creek Materials

A registered waste tire processor.

Cheryl Mergo

Houston-Galveston Area Council

A representative from a planning region.

Attachment A – List of Current MSWRRAC Members

Charles (Chuck) Rivette, P.E.
Waste Management of Texas
A solid waste professional with experience managing or operating a commercial solid waste landfill.

Honorable Hoppy Haden
Judge, Caldwell County
An elected official from a county with a population less than 150,000.

Term Expiration 8/31/2029

Jeffrey Mayfield, P.E.
North Texas Municipal Water District
A representative from a public solid waste district or authority.

Clifton Brocke Lively
City of Plainview
An official from a city or county solid waste agency.

Scott Pasternak
A representative of the general public.

Honorable David Dillard
Judge, Concho County
An elected official from a county with any population size.

Vacant
An elected official from a municipality with a population of 750,000 or more.

Vacant
An elected official from a municipality with a population fewer than 25,000.

ATTACHMENT B – FY 2024 Recommended Nominee Information

Recommended Nominee

Robin Alaniz

Position: An elected official from a municipality with a population fewer than 25,000 (appointment to expire on 8/31/2029).

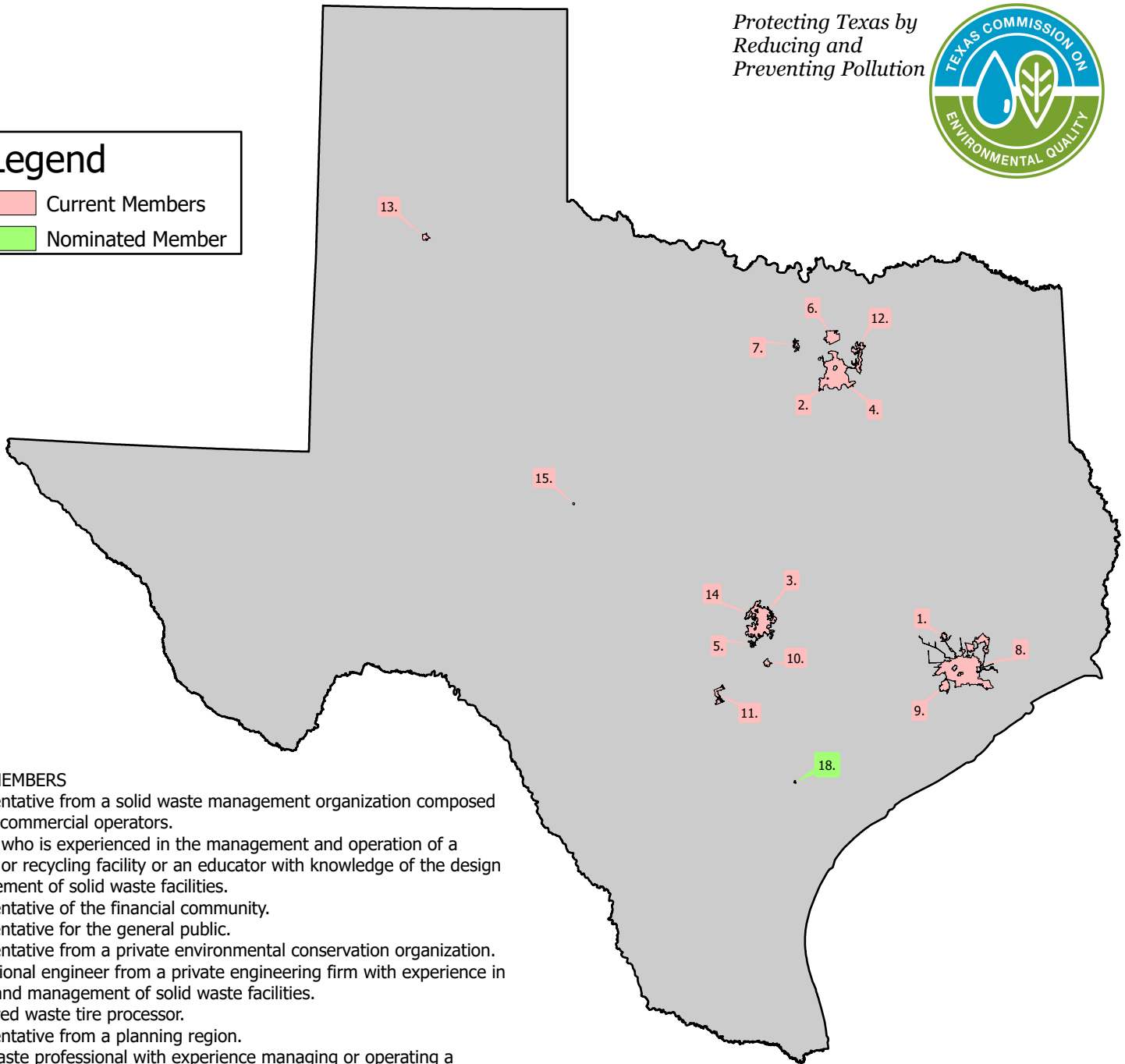
Employment: City Council Member, City of Goliad

Ms. Alaniz has been a City Council Member for the City of Goliad for 9 years. She helped make decisions on hiring and securing contracts with solid waste companies, including regular trash pick-ups and recycling services for the City of Goliad. She has 8 years of experience on the board of the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC) and has been on the executive board for 3 years. She is currently on the Regional Environmental Resources Advisory Committee at the GCRPC.



Legend

- Current Members
- Nominated Member



CURRENT MEMBERS

1. A representative from a solid waste management organization composed primarily of commercial operators.
2. A person who is experienced in the management and operation of a composting or recycling facility or an educator with knowledge of the design and management of solid waste facilities.
3. A representative of the financial community.
4. A representative for the general public.
5. A representative from a private environmental conservation organization.
6. A professional engineer from a private engineering firm with experience in the design and management of solid waste facilities.
7. A registered waste tire processor.
8. A representative from a planning region.
9. A solid waste professional with experience managing or operating a commercial solid waste landfill.
10. An elected official from a county with a population less than 150,000.
11. An elected official from a municipality with a population between 25,000 and 100,000.
12. A representative from a public solid waste district or authority.
13. An official from a municipality or county solid waste agency.
14. A representative of the general public.
15. An elected official from a county with any population size.

VACANT

16. An elected official from a municipality with a population of 100,000 or more but less than 750,000.
17. An elected official from a municipality with a population of 750,000 or more.

NOMINATED MEMBER

18. An elected official from a municipality with a population fewer than 25,000.

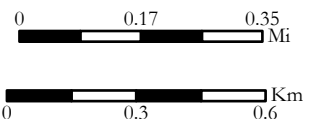
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Location of MSWRRAC Members and Nominees

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NAD 1983 Texas Statewide Mapping System
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



A RESOLUTION Appointing One
Member to the Municipal Solid Waste
Management and Resource Recovery
Advisory Council
TCEQ Docket 2024-0179-RES Project
No. 2024-017-RES-NR

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Municipal Solid Waste Management, Resource Recovery, and Conservation Act ("the Act"), Chapter 363, Subchapter C, Section 363.041 of the Texas Health and Safety Code states that the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council ("Advisory Council") shall consist of 18 members and contains requirements regarding the appointment and membership of the Advisory Council by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission");

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2024, the Commission discussed in an open meeting the appointment of one new member to the Advisory Council;

WHEREAS, the Commission has appointed the Advisory Council member in conformity with the requirements of Section 363.041 of the Act; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, that the following new person is appointed to the Advisory Council:

Robin Alaniz, City of Goliad, an elected official from a municipality with a population fewer than 25,000 (appointment to expire on 8/31/2029).

TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Jon Niermann, Chairman

Date Signed