

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

AGENDA REQUESTED: July 9, 2025

DATE OF REQUEST: June 20, 2025

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CAPTION: Docket No. 2025-0491-RES. Consideration of a resolution appointing six nominees and a president 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, Thomas Hopkins) (Project No. 2025-015-RES-NR)



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Interoffice Memorandum

To: Commissioners **Date:** June 20, 2025

Thru: Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk
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From: Beth Seaton, Director
Office of Waste

Docket No.: 2025-0491-RES

Subject: Consideration of a Resolution Appointing Six Members and a President to the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council
Project No. 2025-015-RES-NR

Requested Action:

The Executive Director (ED) requests the Commission's approval for the appointment of six nominees and a president 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 January 24, 2025, issue of the *Texas Register* (50 TexReg 580) to solicit nomination applications for nine vacant positions. One new position became vacant after the notice was published. The nomination period is open year-round and remaining vacant positions are filled as qualified applicants are nominated.

Staff received ten applications for six of the vacant positions. Staff did not receive any applications for the four elected official positions. Below is the list of advisory council vacant positions and recommended nominees.

Appointments set to expire on August 31, 2027

- A registered waste tire processor
Two applications received
Recommended Nominee: Thomas Parker
- A representative from a planning region
Two applications received
Recommended Nominee: Ken May
- An elected official from a county with a population less than 150,000
No applications received

Appointment set to expire on August 31, 2029

- An elected official from a municipality with a population of 750,000 or more
No applications received

Appointment set to expire on August 31, 2031

- A representative of the general public
Two applications received
Recommended Nominee: Richard Abramowitz
- A representative from a solid waste management organization composed primarily of commercial operators
One application received
Recommended Nominee: Scott Trebus
- 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
One application received
Recommended Nominee: Risa Weinberger
- A representative of the financial community
Three applications received
Recommended Nominee: Seth Cunningham
- An elected official from a municipality with a population of 100,000 or more but less than 750,000
No applications received
- An elected official from a municipality with a population of 25,000 or more but less than 100,000
No applications received

The term of the current Advisory Council President is set to expire on August 31, 2025. The ED recommends the appointment of current Advisory Council member Jeffrey Mayfield as Advisory Council President with a term to expire on August 31, 2027.

This appointment by Resolution is proposed to be effective at the member's first Advisory Council meeting:

- July 11, 2025 for those nominees whose appointments expire on August 31, 2027
- September 1, 2025 for those nominees whose appointments end on August 31, 2031

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Attachments:

Attachment A: List of Current MSWRRAC Members
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Attachment A – List of Current MSWRRAC Members

List of Current MSWRRAC Members – July 2025

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.

Vacant

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 Pugsley, P.E.

Parkhill

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

Charles (Chuck) Rivette, P.E.

Waste Management of Texas

A solid waste professional with experience managing or operating a commercial solid waste landfill.

Vacant

A representative from a planning region.

Attachment A – List of Current MSWRRAC Members

Vacant

A registered waste tire processor.

Vacant

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.

Honorable Robin Alaniz

City of Goliad

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

Vacant

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

ATTACHMENT B – FY 2025 Recommended Nominee Information

Recommended Nominees

Thomas Parker

Position: A registered waste tire processor

Employment: All American Tire Recyclers, Fort Worth, TX

Mr. Parker, CEO of All American Tire Recyclers in Fort Worth, Texas, brings nine years of expertise in sustainable tire recycling and solid waste management. His leadership focuses on delivering eco-friendly solutions by transforming waste tires into valuable products like tire-derived fuel (TDF) and crumb rubber, which are used for asphalt applications and synthetic turf for sports fields. These initiatives significantly reduce landfill waste, support a circular economy, and promote responsible resource use.

Ken May

Position: A representative from a planning region

Employment: Capital Area Council of Governments, Austin, TX

As the Regional Programs Manager at the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) since April 2022, Mr. May oversees grant programs for the Regional Services Division, particularly in solid waste management. His role involves managing up to 24 contracts annually, facilitating advisory committees, conducting workshops, drafting Request for Applications, and ensuring compliance with budgets and state policies. He also tracks legislation, provides program update reports to the CAPCOG Executive Committee, and provides consultation services. Additionally, he served on the Board of Directors for the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling from 2019 to 2024.

Richard Abramowitz

Position: A representative of the general public

Employment: RMA Consultants, LLC, Dallas, TX

Mr. Abramowitz provides consulting services in various areas including government affairs, environmental advocacy, business development, sustainability, communications, policy development, and recycling to Fortune 500 companies, trade associations representing Fortune 500 companies, and non-profits. He manages the films/flexibles committee for a non-governmental organization and handles material sourcing for a large, advanced recycling company, developing relationships with MRFs, reclaimers, brokers, and strategic partners. He supports business development for a small universal waste company, offers government affairs consulting for a large battery recycling company, and conducts carbon credits project analysis. Additionally, he researches and writes technical reports and policy documents, develops Solid Waste 101 training courses for Fortune 500 leaders, supports legislative education and lobbying efforts, and manages sales and client relationships to ensure customer satisfaction.

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Scott Trebus, P.E.

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

Employment: Republic Services, Houston, TX

Mr. Trebus, P.E., is the Area Environmental Manager for the South Area (Texas Market) with Republic Waste Services, with over 34 years of experience in the solid waste industry. He holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Civil Engineering from Youngstown State University and an MBA from Our Lady of the Lake University. As a registered engineer in Pennsylvania, he has held various roles, including District Engineer, Region Engineer, and Vice President of Construction/Operations. His extensive experience spans over 100 landfills and transfer stations across the U.S. Mr. Trebus has also co-authored several technical papers for the Solid Waste Association of North America and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Risa Weinberger, P.E.

Position: 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

Employment: Risa Weinberger and Associates, Dallas, TX

Ms. Weinberger, P.E., is the President of Risa Weinberger & Associates, Inc., a consulting firm she founded in 2003 that specializes in environmental and waste management issues. With 24 years of prior experience, including roles as Vice President and Senior Professional Associate at HDR Engineering, Inc., she has served both public and private clients by identifying needs, implementing solutions, and ensuring quality control. Ms. Weinberger is a frequent author and presenter on solid waste management and environmental topics, and she is involved in training for the Solid Waste Association of North America. Her extensive experience includes landfill and compost facility design, permit applications, environmental assessments, and solid waste management plans. She also provides executive-level training in various skills and manages project development, client liaison activities, and project engineering.

Seth Cunningham

Position: A representative of the financial community

Employment: NewGen Strategies and Solutions, Austin, TX

With over 25 years of experience in finance, operations, and strategic planning, Mr. Cunningham has focused much of his career on supporting clients in the municipal solid waste industry, particularly in Texas and surrounding states. His expertise in municipal finance, solid waste operations, and procurement provides him with a comprehensive perspective on the sector's challenges and opportunities. Given the rising costs in municipal solid waste management and the increasing pressure on local government budgets, his background in financial consulting and familiarity with municipal finance and solid waste operations would be valuable to the Advisory Council. Additionally, his experience with diverse solid waste and recycling operations enables him to offer holistic insights to the Council's discussions and initiatives.

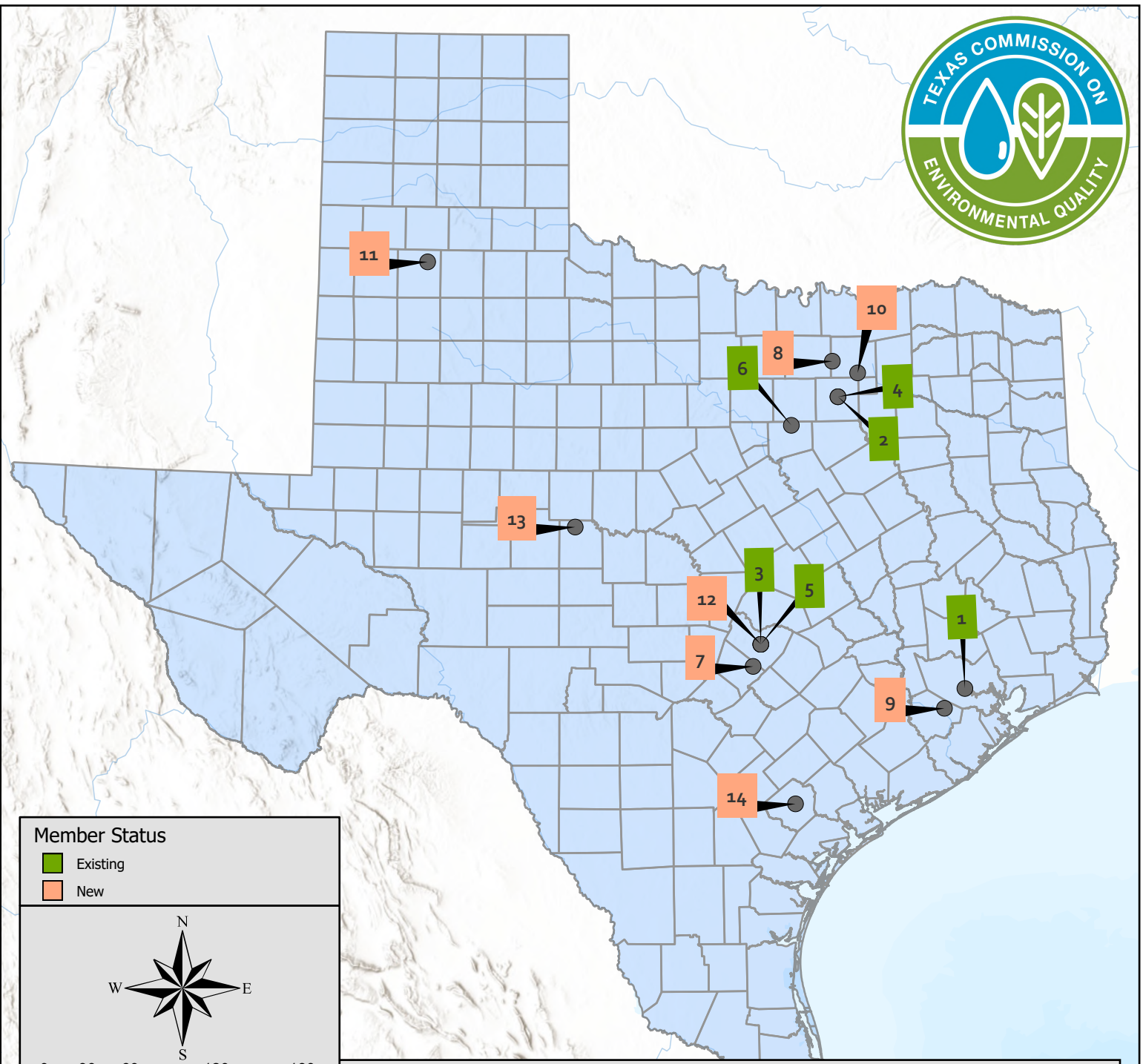
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Jeffrey Mayfield, P.E.

Position: Advisory Council President

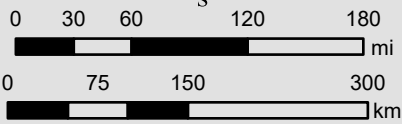
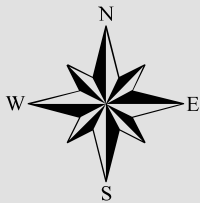
Employment: North Texas Municipal Water District, Wylie, TX

Mr. Mayfield has over 35 years of experience in the solid waste industry and currently serves as the Deputy Director of Solid Waste & Integrated Services for the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). In this role, he oversees strategy, planning, and management of NTMWD's solid waste system and fleet operations. This includes three transfer stations, one operating landfill, and two closed landfills, serving nearly one million residents across six counties. The transfer stations collectively handle approximately 2,200 tons of waste per day, while the landfill processes over 3,800 tons daily, with volumes increasing annually in this rapidly growing region. The Fleet department comprises an on-road heavy-duty truck shop and a light-duty service center, maintaining over 400 on-road and off-road vehicles and ancillary units. Mr. Mayfield is currently serving his third term with the Advisory Council. His term expires on August 31, 2029.



Member Status

- Existing
- New



Attachment C: FY 2025 Location of Current Members and Nominees

No.	Name	Position	Location	Term Expiration	New/Existing
1	Scott Trebus, P.E.	A representative from a solid waste management organization	Houston	2031	New
2	Risa Weinberger, P.E.	A composting or recycling facility operator or educator	Dallas	2031	New
3	Seth Cunningham	A representative of the financial community	Austin	2031	New
4	Richard Abramowitz	A representative of the general public	Dallas	2031	New
5	Ken May	A representative from a planning region	Austin	2027	New
6	Thomas Parker	A registered waste tire processor	Burleson	2027	New
7	Steve Shannon	A representative from a private environmental conservation organization	Buda	2027	Existing
8	Frank Pugsley, P.E.	A P.E. with solid waste management experience	Frisco	2027	Existing
9	Charles (Chuck) Rivette	A professional with experience managing commercial landfill	Sugar Land	2027	Existing
10	Jeffrey Mayfield, P.E.	A representative from a public solid waste district or authority	Wylie	2029	Existing
11	Clifton Brocke Lively	An official from a city or county solid waste agency	Plainview	2029	Existing
12	Scott Pasternak	A representative of the general public	Austin	2029	Existing
13	Honorable David Dillard	An elected official from a county	Paint Rock	2029	Existing
14	Honorable Robin Alaniz	An elected official from a municipality of less than 25,000	Goliad	2029	Existing

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A RESOLUTION Appointing Six Members and a President to the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council TCEQ Docket 2025-0419-RES Project No. 2025-015-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 July 9, 2025, the Commission discussed in an open meeting the appointment of six new members to the Advisory Council;

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

WHEREAS, the Commission has appointed one member of the Advisory Council members to serve as Advisory Council President pursuant to Section 363.043 of the Act;

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

Thomas Parker, a registered waste tire processor (appointment set to expire on 8/31/2027);

Ken May, a representative from a planning region (appointment set to expire on 8/31/2027);

Richard Abramowitz, a representative of the general public (appointment set to expire on 8/31/2031);

Scott Trebus, a representative from a solid waste management organization composed primarily of commercial operators (appointment set to expire on 8/31/2031);

Risa Weinberger, 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 (appointment set to expire on 8/31/2031);

Seth Cunningham, a representative of the financial community (appointment set to expire on 8/31/2031); and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY that Jeffrey Mayfield, is appointed as Advisory Council President with a term set to expire August 31, 2027.

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Brooke T. Paup, Chairwoman

Date Signed