

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Highlights of TCEQ Municipal Solid Waste Management & Resource Recovery Advisory Council (MSWRRAC)
Meeting, Thursday, October 9, 2025

Attendance

Members Present

Mr. Steve Shannon
Mr. Charles (Chuck) Rivette
Ms. Robin Alaniz
Mr. Jeffrey Mayfield
Mr. Brocke Lively
Mr. Scott Trebus
Judge David Dillard
Mr. Richard Abramowitz
Mr. Scott Pasternak
Mr. Frank Pugsley
Mr. Tom Parker
Mr. Seth Cunningham
Mr. Ken May

Members Absent

Ms. Risa Weinberger

TCEQ Staff Present

Ms. Charly Fritz
Ms. Megan Henson
Ms. Anna Lleras

Ms. Savannah Rains
Ms. Madison Howard
Ms. Melissa Harrison

Archived Webcast of the Meeting

The meeting was held online using MS Teams Webinar. The archived webcast of the meeting is available at [MSW Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council—October 9, 2025 - YouTube](#).

Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests—Mr. Jeffrey Mayfield, Council President

- Council members and TCEQ staff introduced themselves.
- Ms. Lleras took roll for the council members.

Waste Permits Division (WPD) Update—Ms. Charly Fritz, Deputy Director

- Special Session Updates: No bills were filed impacting WPD.
- 89th Legislative Session Updates: WPD continues to work on implementation.
 - HB 3229 requires recycling facilities that handle renewable energy components to report to TCEQ once a year. The report will include operating status and the amounts of unrecycled material at the facility. These facilities will be required to provide financial assurance for the materials not yet recycled. WPD is working on forms and guidance with a goal for publishing by December. January 15 will be the first reporting due date. Rulemaking to implement the bill will begin in the spring.
 - HB 4413 created definitions for “renewable chemical” and “renewable biomass.” WPD will be adding these definitions to 30 TAC Chapter 328. The rulemaking will be proposed this December.
- WPD is planning multiple rulemaking projects.
 - The division is planning rulemaking for the scrap tire program in the spring. We are reaching out to stakeholders for input.
 - The industrial and hazardous waste section is working on federal implementation along with 2-3 minor state implementation changes.
 - MSW is planning an update to Subchapter T rules relating to construction over closed landfills; the rulemaking will focus on adding clarity and consistency to the rule.
 - MSW will also be amending 30 TAC Section 330.11 to address biodigesters.

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Permits Section Update— Ms. Megan Henson, Section Manager

- Staffing & Projects
 - One MSW vacancy; the vacancy is a work leader position.
 - 20 permit applications and six registration applications are currently under review.
- FY 2024 Annual Report Summary
 - The FY 2024 annual summary is now available online. A Spanish translated version will be made available online by January.
 - There were 206 active landfills with 41 million tons of waste disposed. The per capita disposal rate was 7.24 pounds per person per day.
 - Over two million tons of waste was diverted from landfills.
 - Remaining statewide capacity is 51 years.
 - FY 2025 annual reports are due November 10, 2025.
- The TPDES Multi-Sector General Permit expires on August 14, 2026.

- Trade Fair 2026 will be in May in San Antonio. The section is looking for suggestions for topics and presenters by December.

Business & Program Services Section Update – Ms. Melissa Harrison, Team Leader, Business and Program Services Section

- Council Position Application Update
 - There are four vacant positions for elected officials; the nominations will be left open, and applications will be reviewed as they are received.
- Compost Refund Program Update
 - A virtual meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2025. The meeting will review three years of data.

Upcoming Summits, Conferences, and Training Opportunities – Mr. Jeffrey Mayfield, Council President

Council members shared several opportunities for solid waste professionals including:

- TCEQ Trade Fair
- Texas Compost Summit
- State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR) Summit
- Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) and SWANA Lone Star Chapter (TxSWANA)
- Waste Expo
- North American Hazardous Material Management Association (NAHMMAN)
- Global Waste Symposium
- Texas Environmental Health Association
- Texas Environmental Law Enforcement Association
- US Compost Council Annual Conference
- Construction and Demolition Recycling Conference
- E-Scrap Conference
- Municipal Waste Recycling Conference
- Plastics Conference
- Recycling Partnership

Approval of July 10, 2025, Meeting Highlights

Judge Dillard made a motion to accept the meeting highlights. Scott Pasternak seconded the motion, and the highlights were approved by the council.

Action Items

- A link to the compost refund program meeting will be sent to the council members.

Public Comments

- None.

Approval of Proposed Dates for 2026 Meetings

- The proposed meeting dates for 2026 are January 8, April 9, July 9, and October 8. The proposed meeting dates were approved by the council.

Next Meeting

- January 8, 2026