

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Highlights of TCEQ Municipal Solid Waste Recycling
Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting,
Thursday, July 14, 2022

Attendance

Members Present

Mr. Fred Bosse, Association of General Contractors
Ms. Rachel Hering, Keep Texas Recycling
Ms. Risa Weinberger, Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council
Ms. Heather Lehrmann, Waste Management
Mr. Ben Williams, Office of Representative Thompson
Ms. Elita Castleberry, Harris County Pollution Control Services
Ms. Ginny Lewis-Ford, Texas Association of Regional Councils

TCEQ Staff Present

Ms. Charly Fritz
Mr. Chance Goodin
Mr. Adam Schnuriger
Mr. Cody Seal
Ms. Jarita Sepulvado
Ms. Anna Lleras
Ms. Nikki Clark
Ms. Kristen Hernandez
Ms. Savannah Rains

Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests—Mr. Chance Goodin

- Mr. Chance Goodin took roll of the Recycling Stakeholder Advisory Group (stakeholder group) members.
- Stakeholder group members introduced themselves.

Waste Permits Division (WPD) Introduction—Ms. Charly Fritz, Deputy Director and Mr. Chance Goodin, MSW Section Manager

- Selection of the stakeholder group members
- Members were selected to form a group representing different perspectives in the recycling industry.
- Purpose of the stakeholder group meeting

- The initial recycling stakeholder group meeting was held to obtain feedback to mitigate environmental concerns, including fires, from recycling facilities and encourage such facilities to operate in an environmentally friendly manner.
- Topics of discussion were presented to the stakeholder group for input on potential changes to recycling and composting requirements in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 328. These topics were derived from TCEQ's Office of Compliance and Enforcement violation, citation, and enforcement data.

Presentation—Mr. Adam Schnuriger

- The presentation discussed highlights of existing recycling rule requirements and facilities affected by 30 TAC Chapter 328.

Discussion of Topics

- The group discussed recycling activities, including authorization requirements, financial assurance, material handling, and reporting.

Next Steps

- Additional solicitation of comments from the group.
- Another meeting may be scheduled in the future to continue discussion.
- Comments on the discussion topics should be submitted to MSWPER@tceq.texas.gov.