



Technical Management Committee Minutes of the Meeting on May 27, 2026

SPC EpiCenter, Room 2-304

The meeting of the Solid Waste Technical Management Committee (TMC) was held at the SPC EpiCenter, Room 2-304 at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, May 27, 2026. Members present were Willie Joseph, Bill Pickrum, Robert Turner, Kervin St. Aimie, Jacolby Washington, Calley Pate, Rodney Due, Angel Urrutia, Shauwn Clark, Catherine Eichner, and Tracy Meehan. Members absent without an alternate: Keith Sabiel, Brian Peckins, Marco Villagomez, and Christina Porter. Pinellas County employees in attendance were Paul Sacco, Cassie Hartman, Emily LeMay, and Miles Belknap. Carlee Ward, TMC Secretary recorded the minutes.

Call to Order

Willie Joseph, Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

Citizens to be heard

No citizens to be heard.

Introductions

Shauwn Clark introduced Angel Urrutia as the new Primary Member representing the City of Largo.

Minutes

Chairman Joseph entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2026, meeting.

A motion was made by Robert Turner and seconded by Kervin St. Aimie to accept the TMC Minutes as written. The motion was approved and carried unanimously.

Operations Report

Paul Sacco, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- Paul reviewed the Solid Waste Operations Report for March and April 2026.
- On April 1, the Industrial Water Treatment Facility (IWTF) was shut down due to low water levels in Pond A. The pond reached an elevation of -4.26 NGVD, at which point the intake system could no longer maintain adequate suction for operation.
- 314 customers used the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Swap Shop in March, and as a result, 5,555 pounds of HHW were diverted from disposal and put to reuse. The HHW Center collected 88,287 pounds of chemicals and 29,003 pounds of chemicals were collected at two HHW North Household Chemical Collection Events in March. There were 52 customers at the Business Electronics & Chemical Collection event in March, and a total of 20,341 pounds were collected.

- 275 customers used the Household Hazardous Waste Swap Shop in April, and as a result, 4,960 pounds of HHW were diverted from disposal and put to reuse. The HHW Center collected 73,378 pounds of chemicals and 28,224 pounds of chemicals were collected at two HHW North Household Chemical Collection Events in April. There were 47 customers at the Business Electronics & Chemical Collection event in April, and a total of 24,404 pounds were collected.
- In March, the Business Waste Assessments Sections (BWAS) conducted 179 business visits, 142% of the monthly goal. In March, 60% of the businesses reinspected after 5 years had a 100% return-to-compliance rate because of the education received from BWAS.
- In April, the Business Waste Assessments Sections conducted 165 business visits, 131% of the monthly goal. In April, 54% of the businesses reinspected after 5 years had a 100% return-to-compliance rate because of the education received from BWAS.
- In partnership with Public Works, Solid Waste hosted a free tire disposal event on April 18, collecting and safely disposing of 861 tires from 182 residents. The event helped reduce mosquito breeding habitats and supported public health.
- There will be a special household chemical collection event for the barrier island communities on Saturday, May 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Treasure Island Community Center Park located at 150 106th Ave., Treasure Island. More information: www.Pinellas.gov/event/household-chemical-collection-event-45.

Financial Report

Cassie Hartman, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- Cassie reviewed the Financial Status Summary through April (approximately 58% of fiscal year).
- Tipping fee revenues are exceeding the estimated budget.
- Electricity sales projections for the budget are lower than anticipated due to the turbine outage.
- Operating Expenses for Plant Management: Reconciling Reworld's final payment. Three (3) FCC invoices are currently being processed.

Pinellas County Updates

Emily LeMay, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- Pinellas Partners in Recycling (PPR) Update:
 - The last meeting was held on May 20. A presentation was provided by Goodwill Suncoast.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams. No presenter is currently scheduled. Please share any presentation ideas or speaker recommendations with Emily.

Paul Sacco, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- Met with the County Administrator on May 13 to review the budget prior to its presentation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on June 11. The proposed budget includes the 8% tipping fee increase for FY27. He previously presented the proposed tipping fee increase, the Lealman solid waste assessment, and a power brokering update to the BCC. No changes were proposed during those discussions. The BCC will hold two public budget meetings in September.
- Power brokering began on January 1, 2025, and the update provided to the BCC covered performance through December 31, 2025, representing a full 12-month period. Revenues were

forecasted at \$12-13M. The turbine was taken offline in December, and another boiler was also down, resulting in minimal power generation during the final month. Despite this, the forecasted revenue was achieved within the first 11 months of brokering. The County will continue with the power brokering strategy, but retains the option to sell power to Duke Energy if market conditions change.

- The turbine was originally expected to return to service in April; however, 2 stages were found to be defective. The unit was sent out for repair, where only the identified issues were addressed and the remaining components were cleaned. Upon review, the SW team, FCC, and engineering specialists all concluded that the unit should not be returned to service as-is. GE, the original manufacturer, inspected the turbine and determined that it should be fully replaced. The project has since been transferred to FCC and is now under GE's management, with an expected replacement timeline of November. GE is working to expedite delivery where possible. Due to the turbine outage, additional waste is being directed to the landfill. Efforts are ongoing to minimize landfill volumes where feasible.
- The team has coordinated with regional partners to transfer waste out of county, including the Pasco, Hillsborough, and Manatee counties: Pasco will accept as much waste as they can incinerate, Hillsborough will accept waste for disposal at their landfill, and Manatee will accept all waste as needed. The City of Clearwater has stepped up to support transfer operations. Kervin St. Aimie noted plans to conduct a dry run to validate waste volume and fuel assumptions prior to full commitment. Disposal routing may be adjusted, and not all material may be sent to Manatee. This approach is expected to reduce landfill burden and diversion traffic. The increase in disposal costs may be treated as a business interruption event and therefore potentially insurable.

Nomination and Election of Vice Chair

- Chairman Joseph presented William Pickrum with a service plaque in recognition of his years of dedicated service to the solid waste industry and his contributions to the TMC.
- **Chairman Joseph opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Jacoby Washington nominated Kervin St. Aimie, and the nomination was seconded by Robert Turner. Mr. St. Aimie accepted the nomination. The nomination was called to a vote and approved unanimously.**

Additional Items for Discussion

- Paul Sacco shared that the Board of County Commissioners will recognize Solid Waste Workers Month with a proclamation at the June 16 meeting. Willie Joseph and Tracy Meehan will represent the public and private hauling sectors. Paul extended an invitation to anyone interested in attending.

Chairman Joseph called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Catherine Eichner and seconded by Tracy Meehan. Meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm.

The next TMC meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the SPC EpiCenter, Room 2-304, 13805 58th Street North, Clearwater 33760.

Respectfully submitted, Carlee Ward, Recording TMC Secretary