



Technical Management Committee Minutes of the Meeting on July 22, 2026

SPC EpiCenter, Room 2-429

The meeting of the Solid Waste Technical Management Committee (TMC) was held at the SPC EpiCenter, Room 2-429 at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, July 22, 2026. Members present were Willie Joseph, Kervin St. Aimie, Jacolby Washington, Angel Urrutia, Marco Villagomez, Colin Bartholomew, Calley Pate, Rodney Due, Kendrix Anderson, Catherine Eichner, and Tracy Meehan. Members absent without an alternate: Randy Knott, Keith Sabiel, Michael Weaver, Robert Turner, and Christina Porter. Pinellas County employees in attendance were Paul Sacco, Cassie Hartman, Emily LeMay, and Joe Morrissey. Carlee Ward, TMC Secretary recorded the minutes.

Call to Order

Willie Joseph, Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

Citizens to be heard

No citizens to be heard.

Introductions

- Paul Sacco shared that Renee Cooper has accepted another position and transitioning out of her role with TMC and introduced Colin Batholomew from the City of Safety Harbor as the new Primary Member representing Group "A" Cities.
- The BCC appointed Brenna Haggard of Waste Management as the private hauler representative, effective at the next meeting. Paul thanked Tracy Meehan for her eight years of service and contributions to the committee.

Minutes

Chairman Joseph entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2026, meeting.

A motion was made by Catherine Eichner and seconded by Rodney Due 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 May and June 2026.
- The baghouse steel is nearly complete, and work is progressing on the SDA support structures.
- The turbine rotor has been delivered to the GE facility in NY. An assessment of the blades and rotor has been completed. The blades for stages 2-8 will be replaced, and areas of the rotor can

be repaired. Additionally, the diaphragms (stationary blades) were sent to GE's facility in Atlanta. An assessment has been completed and repairs are underway. Hyperion Power Service is completing the root cause analysis of the rotor failure. It is expected that this assessment will be completed in approximately one month.

- Operations continue to review and coordinate with FCC on completion of Legacy punch list items, Latent Defect projects, and Extended Maintenance Plan (EMP) projects.
- With TG1 offline, it is only possible to run either Boiler 1 or 2, but not both. Due to this lost capacity, diversions to the landfill will continue.
- Due to low pond level, the Industrial Water Treatment Facility (IWTF) has been unable to process water.
- 262 customers used the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Swap Shop in May, and as a result, 5,023 pounds of HHW were diverted from disposal and put to reuse. The HHW Center collected 57,587 pounds of chemicals and 14,497 pounds of chemicals were collected at one HHW North Household Chemical Collection Event in May. There was one Household Chemical Collection Event in Treasure Island that collected 11,482 pounds of chemicals. There were 45 customers at the Business Electronics & Chemical Collection event in May, and a total of 30,468 pounds were collected.
- 263 customers used the Household Hazardous Waste Swap Shop in June, and as a result, 4,798 pounds of HHW were diverted from disposal and put to reuse. The HHW Center collected 66,312 pounds of chemicals and 30,257 pounds of chemicals were collected at two HHW North Household Chemical Collection Events in June. There were 39 customers at the Business Electronics & Chemical Collection event in June, and a total of 17,388 pounds were collected.
- In May, the Business Waste Assessments Sections (BWAS) conducted 96 business visits, 76% of the monthly goal. In May, 59% of the businesses reinspected after 5 years had a 100% return-to-compliance rate because of the education received from BWAS.
- In June, the Business Waste Assessments Sections conducted 68 business visits, 54% of the monthly goal. In June, 23% of the businesses reinspected after 5 years had a 100% return-to-compliance rate because of the education received from BWAS.
- On June 30th, BWAS submitted the annual DEP Small Quantity Generator Verification Report and achieved the state mandate by completing 1,511 verifications between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.
- Solid Waste is hosting a recycling workshop with Pinellas County municipalities on July 22. Meeting purpose: "Solid Waste will present the current state of recycling in the county and its integration into the solid waste management system. County representatives use this time to listen and discuss your municipality's current state of recycling. Recycling and municipal solid waste disposal affect the entire community. Coming together will help ensure that each of our programs best meets the needs of the community and the integrated solid waste management system."
- The 2025 Solid Waste Management Report has been certified by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. It can be accessed online at <https://floridadep.gov/waste/waste-reduction/content/2025-solid-waste-management-report>. Pinellas County ranked 7th-highest in the state for recycling, with a total recycling rate of 63%. The state average total recycling rate was 50%.

Financial Report

Cassie Hartman, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- Cassie reviewed the Financial Status Summary through June 30 (approximately 75% of fiscal year).
- Tipping fee revenues are exceeding budget projections.
- Electricity sales are lower than anticipated due to the turbine outage.
- All FCC and Reworld invoices have been processed.

Pinellas County Updates

Emily LeMay, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- This morning's recycling workshop included the rollout of a new webpage designed to support municipalities' recycling efforts. The webpage includes data highlights from past reports, the Contract Guidance document, County educational tools, recycling labels, printable flyers, the recycling guide, and other resources. You can view the webpage here: [Recycling Resources for Municipalities - Pinellas County](#)
- Pinellas Partners in Recycling (PPR) Update:
 - The next meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams. No presenter is currently scheduled. The group will be discussing the possibility of establishing additional work groups and revisiting the Contract Guidance Work Group and Low-Waste Event Guide Work Group. They will also discuss potentially creating a new work group focused on educating property managers and tenants of multifamily properties about recycling, with the goal of reducing contamination.

Paul Sacco, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- Thanks to the City of Clearwater for diverting a significant portion of its waste to Manatee County.
- The turbine is currently in Schenectady, NY, where it was determined that Stages 2-8 require replacement. Repairs were originally scheduled to be completed in November but may be moved up by as much as one month. The Root Cause Analysis (RCA) must be completed before the turbine is brought back online, with the draft report still approximately one month away. Business interruption insurance coverage will remain in effect until the RCA is released; however, if the RCA determines that the later-stage damage is not covered, business interruption coverage would cease.
- Plans are underway to install a pipeline to the Toytown landfill, which Solid Waste is responsible for monitoring and remediating. The pipeline would allow leachate to be transferred during drought conditions to help maintain water processing and supply water to the IWTF plant, providing a more cost-effective alternative to purchasing water for WTE plant operations.
- The ability to divert cooling tower blowdown at the IWTF to Pond A was identified, allowing approximately 150,000 gallons per day that would normally be discharged to the sewer to be redirected when Pond A has available capacity. FCC implemented the plan within one week.

Additional Items for Discussion

- No additional items were presented for discussion.

Chairman Joseph called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Tracy Meehan and seconded by Calley Pate. Meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm.

The next TMC meeting is scheduled for September 23, 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