

Davidson County Solid Waste Regional Board
Minutes for April 1, 2019

The meeting of the Davidson County Solid Waste Regional Board was held on April 1, 2019 at 4:00 PM at the Sonny West Conference Center.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kenneth McMichael, Vice-Chairman, and roll call was taken. The following members were present: Heidi Campbell, Robert Diehl, Jennifer Hackett, Jeff McCormick, Kenneth McMichael, Beth Reardon, Jason Repsher and Michael Sullivan.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes from the last meeting on March 29, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Robert Diehl and seconded by Mr. Jeff McCormick to approve the minutes and was passed unanimously. At this point Board Members Vanessa Paz and Damita Beck-Taylor arrived.

The Board heard a presentation from Michelle Lacewell and Rebecca Caldwell of the Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC). GNRC has received funding from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to create a regional solid waste plan. As part of that, GNRC has formed a solid waste director's roundtable of regional solid waste staff that meet monthly to discuss waste and recycling issues impacting the Middle Tennessee Region.

The Board then heard a presentation on the 2018 Annual Progress Report required by TDEC. Clay Hand, Solid Waste Engineer of Metro Public Works, provided an overview of the report including facilities, curbside waste and recycling programs, landfilled and recycling tons. This report was followed by an education update provided by Kelly Tipler, Director of Metro Beautification on waste reduction programs. Board members asked questions and there was general discussion.

Vice Chairman McMichael allowed for public comment. Mr. John Van der Hurst addressed the Board and requested that edits be made to the 2018 Annual Progress Report to reflect that Metro had not met the goals set in the 2007 10 Year Solid Waste Plan Update. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously for Public Works to send a letter to the TDEC Commissioner informing him that while the State mandated 25% diversion from landfills had been met, Davidson County's aspirational goal of 60% diversion had not been reached.

Sharon Smith, Assistant Director with Metro Public Works, then gave short remarks on the status of the Long-Term Zero Waste Master Plan and provided copies of the draft document to members of the Board and the public. A meeting for May will be announced shortly for the Board to hear a presentation on the draft plan from Metro's contractor CDM Smith.

Following that, a motion was made by Jeff McCormick to approve the 2018 Annual Progress Report, it was seconded by Heidi Campbell and passed without objection.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Hackett and it was passed unanimously.