



**Minutes from the Solid Waste Commission
January 14, 2026**

Members Present:

Hon. Anthony Scarpino, Commission Chair (appearing virtually)
Karin Hablow, Commissioner, Finance
Jim Maisano, Director, Consumer Protection
Terrance Raynor, Commissioner, Public Safety
Vincent Kopicki, Commissioner, Environmental Facilities (appearing virtually)
Jennifer Fields-Tawil

Members Absent:

Richard Wishnie, Deputy County Executive

Others Present:

Peri Kadanoff, Executive Director, Solid Waste Commission
Wanda Steinmann, Deputy Director, Solid Waste Commission
Johanna Ordonez, Secretary to the Executive Director
Pat Cartalemi

Director Jim Maisano, presiding as temporary chair of the Commission for this meeting, asked the Commission members if they received the Agenda for this meeting and the Minutes from the previous meeting and all members answered in the affirmative.

Item One: Director Jim Maisano addressed the approval of the Minutes from the last Commission meeting and asked if anyone had questions regarding the Minutes to which all member answered in the negative. Commissioner Karin Hablow, made a motion to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Terrance Raynor seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Item Two: Director Maisano directed the Commission's attention to Resolution 1/2026 and Executive Director Peri Kadanoff addressed Resolution 1/2026, Consideration of Hearing Officer Recommendation following the conclusion of Administrative Hearing for Liberty General Contracting Inc. Executive Director Kadanoff inquired if all members had received and had an opportunity to review the Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Officer to which the members answered in the affirmative. Director Maisano asked if there were any questions or comments, to which there were none. Commissioner Hablow made a motion to approve Resolution 1/2026 and Jennifer Fields-Tawil seconded motion. Resolution 1/2026 was unanimously approved.

Item Three: Executive Director Kadanoff discussed Resolution 2/2026 Discussion of Authorization to issue Permits to Operate. There are thirteen (13) companies seeking a Permit to Operate, twelve (12) of which are being recommended for approval. The one (1) additional company was being recommended for denial, and would be discussed separately under Item Three (A). Full background investigations were conducted on all twelve (12) of the recommended companies seeking Permits to Operate, as well as their principals, and no relevant negative information was identified which should prevent them from being licensed by the Solid Waste Commission. Commissioner Raynor made a motion for Resolution 2/2026 to be approved and Jennifer Fields-Tawil seconded the motion. Resolution 2/2026 was unanimously approved.

Item Three (A): Executive Director Kadanoff discussed Resolution 3/2026, Discussion of Recommended Denial of Authorization to Issue Permit for JID Transportation LLC. A full background investigation was conducted on the company and its principal and Executive Director detailed the finding of that investigation and recommended that the Commission deny a Permit and described the statutory authority to do so. Commissioner Raynor made a motion to approve Resolution 3/2026 and Jennifer Fields-Tawil seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken of the Commission members and Resolution 3/2026 was unanimously approved.

Item Four: Executive Director Kadanoff discussed Resolution 4/2026, Vote on Authorization to Issue Licenses to nine (9) companies who currently have Permits to Operate. No negative information was discovered during the probationary Permit period to prevent the conversion from a Permit to a License for these companies. Executive Director Kadanoff recommended approving the conversion of all nine (9) Permitted companies for License. Jennifer Fields-Tawil made a motion to approve Resolution 4/2026 and Commissioner Raynor seconded the motion. Resolution 4/2026 was unanimously approved.

Item Five: Executive Director Kadanoff discussed Resolution 5/2026 to Vote on Authorization to Renew Licenses on nineteen (19) companies. Full background investigations were conducted on six (6) of these companies and no negative information was discovered. Background investigations were not conducted on thirteen (13) companies as they are all at the two-year point of the licensing cycle, however, no negative information has surfaced about these companies during that period that which would prevent renewal so Executive Director Kadanoff recommended approving all nineteen (19) companies. Commissioner Hablow made a motion to approve Resolution 5/2026 and Commissioner Raynor seconded that motion. Resolution 5/2026 was unanimously approved.

Item Six: Since the last Commission meeting, the Solid Waste Commission issued (17) violations.

- 12 violations for Unlicensed Operation
- 5 violations for Unregistered Vehicle

Item Seven: Fine Ceiling Changes Update – On December 8, 2025, the Westchester County Board of Legislators voted to increase violation fine ceilings on second offenses from \$5,000 to \$10,000; and also to increase fine ceiling on third offenses from \$5,000 to \$25,000. The first increased violation fine was recently issued to a company for three (3) counts of use of an Unregistered Vehicle as a second offense for \$30,000.

Next Commission Meeting: The Commission set the next meeting date for Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Director Maisano discussed concluding the meeting. Commissioner Raynor made a motion to conclude the meeting and Jennifer Fields-Tawil seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to conclude the meeting.