



**ZERO WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION (ZWAC)  
UNIVERSAL RECYCLING ORDINANCE (URO) COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 16, 2016**

The ZWAC URO Committee convened on December 16, 2016 at Austin Public Library, Terrazas Branch; Meeting Room1; 1105 East Cesar Chavez St, Austin, TX, 78702.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Cathy Gattuso (Chair); Kendra Bones, and Ricardo Rojo

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Aiden Cohen (ARR), Tom Gleason (ARR), and Jason McCombs (ARR)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
  - a. Committee Chair Cathy Gattuso called the Committee Meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
  - b. Committee Chair Cathy Gattuso facilitated introductions of Committee Members, City of Austin Staff, and meeting attendees.
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Zero (0) citizens spoke during the opportunity for citizen communication.
3. **MEETING MINUTES**
  - a. No meeting minutes were reviewed, revised, or approved.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Jason McCombs (ARR) briefed the committee on bylaws.  
[ [www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=268730](http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=268730) ]
  - c. Aiden Cohen (ARR) and Tom Gleason (ARR) briefed the committee on the URO in the 2016 fiscal year. [ [www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=268729](http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=268729) ] Meeting attendees asked questions about the ordinance and associated programs.
  - d. The Committee discussed goals for the upcoming year. The follow goals were recommended for consideration by the committee chair to be potential topics of future meetings:
    - i. Increase the diversion rate of the City;
    - ii. Invite business to attended meetings to communicate challenges;
    - iii. Review recycling capacities and multifamily properties and over flowing containers;
    - iv. Food recovery and connecting business to non-profits;
    - v. Product stewardship in Austin;
    - vi. Front of house recycling for businesses;
    - vii. Increasing opportunities to recycling plastic film; and
    - viii. Discussing the cost impact of contamination on processors, haulers, and customers.
4. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**
  - a. No future agenda items were reviewed or approved.
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair Cathy Gattuso adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m. without objection.