



**ZERO WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 19th, 2026**

The Zero Waste Advisory Commission convened in a SPECIAL CALLED meeting on Wednesday, August 19th, 2026, at Austin Energy Headquarters/Mueller Assembly Room 1111A & B 4815 Mueller Blvd Austin, Texas 78723

Chair Acuna called the Zero Waste Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Gerry Acuna, Chair; Commissioner Miriam Athmer;

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Commissioner Melissa Caudle; Commissioner Caitlin Griffith; Commissioner John Harris; Commissioner Iris Suddaby

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 5 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission meeting on June 10, 2026.

The motion approving the minutes of the regular Zero Waste Advisory Commission meeting of June 10, 2026, were approved on Commissioner Harris's motion, Commissioner Athmer's second, on a (6-0) vote with Vice Chair Steyaert, Commissioner Ishaq, Commissioner Drohan and Commissioner Whaland absent.

2. Approve the minutes of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission meeting on July 29, 2026.

The motion approving the minutes of the Special Called Zero Waste Advisory Commission meeting of July 29, 2026, were approved on Commissioner Athmer's motion, Commissioner Harris's second, on a (6-0) vote with Vice Chair Steyaert, Commissioner Ishaq, Commissioner Drohan and Commissioner Whaland absent.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Approve a recommendation to authorize a contract for construction services for the 10108 FM 812 Leachate Connections for Austin Resource Recovery with Cedar Hill Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,154,941 plus a \$115,495 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,270,436. Funding: \$1,270,436 is available in the Capital Budget of the Austin Resource Recovery.

The motion to approve a recommendation to authorize a contract for construction services for the 10108 FM 812 Leachate Connections for Austin Resource Recovery with Cedar Hill Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,154,941 plus a \$115,495 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,270,436 was approved on Commissioner Suddaby's motion, Commissioner Harris's second, on a (6-0) vote with Vice Chair Steyaert, Commissioner Ishaq, Commissioner Drohan and Commissioner Whaland absent.

4. Approve a representative of one ZWAC commissioner for the Joint Sustainability Committee for the 2026 calendar year.

The motion to approve Commissioner Caitlin Griffith as a representative for the Joint Sustainability Committee for the 2026 calendar year was approved on Commissioner Griffith's motion, Commissioner Harris's second, on a (6-0) vote with Vice Chair Steyaert, Commissioner Ishaq, Commissioner Drohan and Commissioner Whaland absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

5. Staff briefing on the status of Austin Resource Recovery Operational and Administrative projects by Wendy Riggins, Assistant Director of Austin Resource Recovery.

The presentation was made by Wendy Riggins, Assistant Director of Austin Resource Recovery.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Acuna adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were unanimously approved at the October 14, 2026, meeting on Commissioner Whaland's motion, Commissioner Griffith's second on a 6-0 vote.