

**October 24, 2023**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
NEW HAVEN SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY**

A special meeting of the New Haven Solid Waste and Recycling Authority (the “Authority”) was held on October 24, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. online via Zoom Video Conference call.

Board members present: R. Bonito, V. Fasano, C. May, K. Pedersen, and M. Targove

Board member absent: W. Augustine, J. Crespo

Others present: Lori Vitagliano, Executive Director  
Malinda M. Figueroa, Secretary  
Regina Rush Kittle, Chief Administrative Officer  
Steven Winters the City of New Haven’s Executive Director of Climate and Sustainability

Rose Bonito began the meeting at 5:36 p.m. and introduced Steven Winters, the City of New Haven’s Executive Director of Climate and Sustainability. Mr. Winters gave a summary of the City of New Haven’s plans to implement a solar array on the City’s capped landfill. Specifically, the City is requesting a memorandum of understanding supporting the project that shall allow access to the landfill by the Authority’s access road. Said agreement would have a 20-year term based on a State of Connecticut incentive program. Mr. Pedersen asked if there are other municipalities considering similar arrays. Mr. Winters indicated that the contractor is currently working with seven other municipalities across Connecticut, specifically West Haven and Hamden, whose landfills are also capped. Ms. Targove asked if there were any improvements or repairs needed to the cap prior to the installation by the contractor. Mr. Winters stated that the City Engineer is confident that the settling process is mostly over or complete and there were no improvements necessary to complete the installation. Mr. May asked how the contractor would access the array after hours or after a weather event. Mr. Winters stated that the Contractor would make arrangements with the City’s Department of Parks and Public Works to gain access and make the area safe if necessary. Ms. Vitagliano asked if reflective glare would be a hindrance to the transfer station operators. Mr. Winters stated that it shouldn’t be an issue as the array will be placed at a 45-degree angle on top of the elevated cap. Ms. Bonito asked if there is any indication that the array would have an adverse effect on birds. Mr. Winters answered in the negative.

Mr. Fasano made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the negotiation of the proposed memorandum of understanding, seconded by Mr. Pedersen. There was no further discussion.

Voice Vote:

AYES: R. Bonito, V. Fasano, C. May, K. Pedersen, and M. Targove

NAYES: NONE

ABSTENSIONS: NONE

*Executive session began at 6:01 pm.*

Ms. Bonito made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Fasano. There was no further discussion.

Voice Vote:

AYES: R. Bonito, V. Fasano, C. May, K. Pedersen, and M. Targove

NAYES: NONE

ABSTENSIONS: NONE

*Executive session ended at 6:28 pm.*

Mr. Fasano made a motion that the Authority's Executive Director negotiate the memorandum of understanding between the City of New Haven and the Solid Waste Authority on the Board of Directors behalf concerning the installation of solar array on the landfill, seconded by Mr. Pedersen. There was no further discussion.

Voice Vote:

AYES: R. Bonito, V. Fasano, C. May, K. Pedersen, and M. Targove

NAYES: NONE

ABSTENSIONS: NONE

The next item was discussion and approval of Schedule of Monthly Regular Meetings for Calendar Year 2024. The Secretary informed the board that the meetings will take place via Zoom Video Conference call on the second Thursday of every month and that there was no conflict with 2024 holiday observances. Mr. Fasano made a motion to approve the schedule as presented, seconded by Mr. Pedersen. There was no further discussion.

Voice Vote:

AYES: R. Bonito, V. Fasano, C. May, K. Pedersen, and M. Targove

NAYES: NONE

ABSTENSIONS: NONE

There were no public comments.

Mr. Pedersen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. May. There was no further discussion. Ms. Bonito adjourned the meeting at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Malinda M. Figueroa  
Secretary