

**LINKED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SOLID
WASTE COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO,
HELD IN THE CITY HALL PLANNING ROOM ON AUGUST 10, 2026,
AT 3:30 P.M.**

Present:	Susan Crocket	Chairman
	Jim Grantner	Vice-Chairman
	Sydney Evans	Commissioner
	Michelle Perry	Commissioner
Absent:	Angeline Maxwell	Commissioner
Also Present:	Mike Abell	Director of Utilities
	Albert Moisa	Solid Waste Superintendent
	Julie Tavarez	Solid Waste Coordinator
	Melissa Salcido	Finance Director
	Stephan Brown	Compliance Clerk
	Mary Garwood	Beautification Coordinator
	Ashley Walterscheid	Citizen
	Zach Walterscheid	Citizen

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0:00:32 **1. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Roll was called determining the presence of a quorum.

0:00:54 **2. NOMINATION AND VOTE OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

0:01:13 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Commissioner Grantner and seconded by Commissioner Evans to nominate Commissioner Crocket as Chairman and Commissioner Grantner as Vice-Chairman

0:02:13 **VOTE**

The vote was as follows; Yes - Crocket, Grantner, Evans, Perry; No - None; Absent - Maxwell; the motion carried.

0:02:38 **3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – JULY 13, 2026**

0:02:46 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Commissioner Perry and seconded by Commissioner Grantner to approve the meeting minutes from July 13, 2026

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VOTE

The vote was as follows; Yes - Grantner, Evans, Perry; No - None; Abstain - Crocket; Absent - Maxwell; the motion carried.

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4. REPORTS

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A. Solid Waste – July 2026

Mr. Abell stated 18 of 27 ARC Trucks were operational, with a total of 2,540.66 tons delivered to Sand Point Landfill in 305 trips. He said 6 of 7 Grappler Trucks were operational, with a total of 172.23 tons delivered to Sand Point Landfill in 70 trips. He noted no green waste had been delivered to the compost facility. **Mr. Abell** said 6 of 6 Roll-Off Trucks were operational, with a total of 405.03 tons delivered to Sand Point Landfill in 207 trips. He stated roll-off rentals generated \$75,342.36 in billings, with four 36-cubic-yard containers and 56 30-cubic-yard containers rented. He said the convenience station had received 4,792 customers, with a total of 340.36 tons delivered to Sand Point Landfill, along with 235.76 tons of metal delivered to Teague's Iron & Metal. **Mr. Abell** stated Sand Point Landfill received 5,254.16 tons from Carlsbad, 1,923.10 tons from Artesia, 4,241.12 tons from Eddy County, and 438.38 tons from other sources. He said tipping fees totaled \$2,094.84, with \$151,454.56 billed.

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B. Solid Waste Vehicle Breakdown Report – July 2026

Mr. Abell stated Public Works normally gets the trucks back in service; however, it depends on the issue. He said some of the trucks have been out of service due to a lack of air conditioning. He stated because the drivers sit directly over or in front of the engines, and operating the trucks without air conditioning is unsafe. He said 9 trucks have been damaged at Sand Point Landfill since February. **Mr. Abell** stated the damage included two incidents involving holes in radiators, air leaks, a brake airline, debris becoming tangled, and broken fittings.

Commissioner Perry asked about the status of the vehicle maintenance budget. **Mrs. Salcido** stated the vehicle maintenance budget was over budget by \$163,972 at the end of the fiscal year in June.

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C. Financial Report for FY26 12 Accounting Period

Mrs. Salcido reviewed the Solid Waste Fiscal Year 2026 fund. She stated the Solid Waste Fund had a beginning balance of \$7.7 million, revenues of \$11.7 million, labor costs of \$3 million, operating costs of \$3.1 million, and capital costs of \$3.6 million, resulting in an ending fund balance of \$5.8 million.

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5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CONVENIENCE STATION SIGNAGE

Mr. Abell explained the changes were made based on recommendations from the Board at the previous month's meeting.

Commissioner Perry asked what size the signs will be. **Ms. Garwood** stated the signs would be 5x6-feet and would also be available in Spanish.

0:19:16 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Commissioner Grantner and seconded by Commissioner Perry to approve the Convenience Station Signage

0:19:35 **VOTE**

The vote was as follows; Yes - Crocket, Grantner, Evans, Perry; No - None; Absent - Maxwell; the motion carried.

0:19:45 **6. DISCUSSION REGARDING RECYCLING EFFORTS IN CARLSBAD**

Ms. Garwood stated on behalf of the Beautification advisory Board, they would like to present a proposal to the Solid Waste Advisory Board regarding efforts to establish a recycling center in Carlsbad. She said the Beautification Advisory Board would like the support of the Solid Waste Advisory Board, since recycling and solid waste are closely associated. She introduced Ashley Walterscheid, Chairman of the Beautification Advisory Board.

Commissioner Perry asked if the proposal involved a cardboard recycling facility or if other materials were being considered for recycling. **Ashley Walterscheid** stated cardboard is currently the material being considered by the Beautification Advisory Board.

0:26:39 **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. ALL COMMENTS MUST BE RESPECTFUL AND COURTEOUS (THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER PERSON)**

None at this time.

0:26:47 **Adjournment**

With no further business Chairman Crocket declared the meeting adjourned 3:56 P.M.

Susan Crocket, Chairman

Date