



# Michigan Waste & Recycling Association

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## Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 12, 2019

MHSA, 124 W. Allegan St., Ste. 1900, Lansing MI 48933

**Attendees:** Kevin Kendall, president; Chris Phillips, Landfill Management; Rick Burns, NTH Consultants; Tonia Olson, Granger; Jeff Woolstrum, Honigman; Douglas Gatrell, GHD; Christina Pearse, Republic; Rich Paajanen, Waste Management;

**Phone:** Scott O’Laughlin, City of Midland; Tim Church, Brent Run Landfill

**MHSA:** Adrian Cazal, Keeli Baker

### I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by K. Kendall at 1:30 p.m. He directed attention to the anti-trust statement.

### II. Agenda Additions

- a. K. Kendall added “cannabis presentation” to technical standards report.
- b. C. Phillips added “rules review committee appointment” to legislative report.
- c. K. Kendall added “Congressman Kildee staff meeting summary” to legislative report.

### III. Review and Approval of the August Meeting Minutes

- a. Members reviewed minutes from the last meeting.
- b. **Motion:** T. Olson moved to approve the minutes as presented; C. Phillips seconded, and the motion carried.

### IV. Financial Report

- a. K. Kendall provided a summary of income and expenditures.
- b. **Motion:** T. Olson moved to accept the financial report as presented; C. Phillips seconded, and the motion carried.

### V. Website Report-no update

### VI. Membership Committee Report-no update

### VII. Legislative Committee Report

- a. Capitol update: A sunset bill to extend current tipping fee for 5 years without any increases was passed by the House and referred to Senate committee. Adrian expects the Senate to take up the bill next week. HB 4125 would redirect a portion of the *Wayfair* online income tax collections and preserves \$69 million approved last year for environmental projects. Budget talks continue between legislative leaders and Governor Whitmer.
- b. Part 115 Workgroup: C. Phillips, MWRA representative, provided an update. Chris and Tonia attended a stakeholder meeting held late August. MEC is pushing for a permanent funding source, suggesting a tipping fee of \$4.75/ton, and has requested the

group meet to discuss. Chris will attend the meeting. Comments must be submitted to M. Ring by 10/4/19; a follow-up meeting has been scheduled for 10/9/19. J. Woolstrum has weighed in on industry comments. Chris will circulate draft comments via email before sending final version to EGLE.

- c. Federal PFAS: MWRA leaders met recently with Congressman Kildee's staff for an update on federal legislation and activity. Kildee oversees a bipartisan workgroup comprised of more than 100 lawmakers. They want PFOA and PFAS materials to be considered hazardous substances.
- d. Environmental rules review committee: The Senate may host a consent hearing regarding the appointment of Shayna Barry, director of government affairs for Schupan and Sons, Inc., as the industry representative of the committee.

**VIII. Technical Standards Committee Report**

- a. R. Paajanen, committee co-chair, provided a summary of activities.
- b. PFAS Update: Draft drinking water regulations have been published. EGLE is hosting public listening sessions. Rich needs comments by 9/19/19.
- c. Part 115 – landfill gas: The group met today with EGLE. EGLE wants minimum standards for design/construction/maintenance. MWRA technical standards will develop something for the board's consideration.
- d. DNR/Chronic Wasting Disease: DNR/EGLE are again asking why industry won't accept carcasses into landfills.
- e. Cannabis presentation: P. Harrington shared a presentation made recently at a national conference by a company that handles cannabis waste, an emerging issue.
- f. E. coli Addendum: EGLE has submitted the draft 2018 Statewide E. coli Addendum to the USEPA for review. MWRA's comments were included in their submission.

**IX. Legal Issues Report-none**

**X. New Business-none**

**XI. Adjournment**

- a. **Motion:** T. Olson moved to adjourn the meeting; C. Phillips seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m. The board of directors meeting was cancelled.