



City of Salem Solid Waste Committee

Hybrid Meeting – Youtube and in person at the Parkway Building, 440 Church St
SE, Room PA4-307* (4th Floor)
Thursday, February 19, 2026, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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PARTICIPANTS

Committee Members

Councilor Linda Nishioka, Chair
Councilor Irvin Brown
Councilor Deanna Gwyn
Councilor Micki Varney

Staff

Josh Eggleston, Chief Financial Officer
Kali Leinenbach, Budget Manager
Shengnan Thomas, Administrative Analyst I

Guests

Julianah Douglas, Climate Action Plan Manager
Ryan Zink, Public Safety Business Administration Manager (former Franchise
Administrator)
Shane Kuenzi, Suburban Garbage Service

AGENDA

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. November 13, 2025, Minutes
3. Public Comment – Appearance of persons wishing to address the Committee on any solid waste matters
4. Action Items
None
5. Management Update/Information Items
 - a. Upcoming events – N/A
 - b. Contamination Reduction Plan – Shane Kuenzi
 - c. Waste Reduction Policy Statement – Julianah Douglas
 - i. Discussion

6. Other
 - a. Councilor Update
 - i. Marion County Materials Management Advisory Council (MMAC) February Meeting – Councilor Nishioka
 - b. Franchise Administrator Recruitment Update

7. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2026, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This meeting is being conducted in person with the option to participate remotely. Interested persons may view the meeting online on [YouTube](#). To sign up to testify or to submit public comments, contact the Finance Department via email at finance@cityofsalem.net or telephone at 503-588-6040 by 5 p.m. one day prior to the day of the meeting.

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CITY OF SALEM SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Minutes

DATE: November 13, 2025

PLACE: Parkway Building PA4-307 (440 Church St SE, RM PA4-307)

CHAIRPERSON: Linda Nishioka

STAFF LIAISON: Ryan Zink, Senior Fiscal Analyst 503-588-6258 RZink@cityofsalem.net

View recording via YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEnWgdHltqw&list=PLrsNgdApiqpr8cjhK77zRdEAipX0eTIS1>

Members Present:

Councilor Linda Nishioka - Chair

Councilor Irvin Brown – virtual

Councilor Micki Varney

Members Absent:

Councilor Deanna Gwyn

Staff Present:

Josh Eggleston, Chief Financial Officer

Kali Leinenbach, Budget Manager

Ryan Zink, Senior Fiscal Analyst/Franchise Administrator

Nitin Joshi, PW Environmental and Operations Technology Manager

Julianah Douglas, Climate Action Plan Manager – virtual

Shengnan Thomas, Administrative Analyst I

Guest Present:

Brian May, Marion County

1. CALL TO ORDER: 12:00 PM / Quorum

2. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES
 - a. October 16, 2025
Motion was moved by Member Varney and seconded by Member Brown, and carried by the following vote:

Aye: Unanimous
Nay: None
Abstentions: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT
None

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Recommend Salem City Council to adopt proposed Solid Waste Rate adjustments effective January 1, 2026 and January 1, 2027

Questions and comments: Chair Nishioka, Members Varney and Brown
Answers and explanations: Ryan Zink, Franchise Administrator

Motion to forward and recommend that City Council to adopt proposed Solid Waste Rates effective January 1, 2026 and January 1, 2027 moved by Member Varney, seconded by Member Brown, and carried by the following vote:

Aye: Unanimous
Nay: None
Abstentions: None

5. MANAGEMENT UPDATE / INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Upcoming Events

Questions and comments: Chair Nishioka
Answers and explanations: Ryan Zink, Franchise Administrator

- b. Marion County Materials Management Advisory Council

Questions and comments: Chair Nishioka
Answers and explanations: Ryan Zink, Franchise Administrator

- c. Bulky Waste and Special Items Collection
i. Discussion

Questions and comments: Chair Nishioka, Members Varney and Brown
Answers and explanations: Ryan Zink, Franchise Administrator; Josh Eggleston, Chief Financial Officer; Nitin Joshi, PW Environmental and Operations Technology Manager; Brian May, Marion County

6. OTHER

- a. Ryan asked the committee if the group would like to meet in December and the group decided to cancel the meeting during holidays.
b. Member Varney bought up the messaging and education ideas on trash cans.

Questions and comments: Chair Nishioka, Members Varney and Brown
Answers and explanations: Ryan Zink, Franchise Administrator; Nitin Joshi, PW Environmental and Operations Technology Manager

7. ADJOURNMENT: 1:07 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 12:00 pm