

**Central CT Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) Minutes**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**Monday, September 15, 2025**

**2:00 p.m. EST**

**Members and Designees**

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| Daniel Carter     | Bloomfield Public Works    |
| Donald Nunes      | Enfield Public Works       |
| Russ Arnold       | Farmington Public Works    |
| Jonathan Luiz     | Glastonbury Town Manager   |
| Christopher Hayes | Hartford Public Works      |
| Tim Bockus        | Manchester Public Works    |
| Scott Atkin       | Manchester Public Works    |
| Tom Roy           | Simsbury Public Works      |
| Anthony Manfre    | South Windsor Public Works |
| Vincent Stetson   | South Windsor Public Works |
| Fred Presley      | Wethersfield Town Manager  |

**Staff**

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| Pauline Yoder    | CRCOG, COO                           |
| Robyn Nichols    | CRCOG Principal Program Manager, MSC |
| Sonya Carrizales | CRCOG Environmental Planner          |

**Guests**

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| Kim O'Rourke        | The Cylinder Collective, State Program Coordinator |
| David Keeling       | The Cylinder Collective                            |
| Daniel Pestrichello | USA Recycle  |
| Brian Popovich      | USA Recycle  |
| James (Jim) Horbal  | Berlin Public Works                                |
| Elizabeth Lunt      | Columbia Public Works                              |
| Joseph Sauerhoefer  | East Windsor Public Works                          |
| Jason Morrocco      | Portland Public Works                              |
| Todd Rolland        | Somers Public Works                                |
| Dave Lapreay        | Southington Highway, Parks and Recreation          |
| Rob                 | Unknown  |

1. The virtual meeting was called to order by Fred Presley, CCSWA Chair, at 2:00 p.m.
2. Quorum was confirmed.

3. There was no public comment.
4. CCSWA May 19, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes were approved (Motion by Russ Arnold (Farmington) and seconded by Tom Roy (Simsbury)).
5. Robyn Nichols (CRCOG) provided a brief introduction to Gas Cylinder EPR in CT. Kim O'Rourke and David Keeling (The Cylinder Collective) provided a background of Gas Cylinder EPR Stewardship Program effective October 1, 2025. Discussion following the presentation included questions raised by Donald Nunes (Enfield Public Works), Jonathan Luiz (Glastonbury Town Manager), Scott Atkin (Manchester Public Works), Tom Roy (Simsbury Public Works), Robyn Nichols (CRCOG), and Fred Presley (Wethersfield Town Manager) about how the program would work, collection, and contract language. Approximately 25 towns have joined the Cylinder Collective EPR Program to date. A copy of the vendor contract will be provided to Robyn Nichols at CRCOG when finalized. For additional questions about the Gas Cylinder EPR Program, please contact [Kim O'Rourke](#) or [David Keeling](#).
6. There was no CCSWA Chair Report.
7. CRCOG Staff Reports
  - a. Robyn Nichols (CRCOG) provided an update on the Regional Waste Authority (RWA) Project, a \$570,000 grant from CTDEEP. The RWA Project includes two (2) phases, including a Planning Phase and Implementation Phase, focusing on food waste diversion and education and outreach.
  - b. Robyn Nichols (CRCOG) asked that any member interested in serving as Secretary of CCSWA to reach out.
  - c. Robyn Nichols (CRCOG) provided an update on CCSWA Membership, how to join, and the tiered membership structure. Towns interested in more information about CCSWA Membership, please contact [Robyn Nichols](#).
  - d. Robyn Nichols (CRCOG) stated that CRCOG and CCSWA will participate in a public outreach tabling event at CCSU focusing on sustainability, food waste diversion, and more as part of a statewide event.
  - e. Robyn Nichols (CRCOG) stated there is a grant opportunity for community gardens and urban greenery available through CTDEEP which closes on November 3, 2025. Please see CRCOG Funding Newsletter for more information.
8. Fred Presley (CCSWA Chair) noted the next CCSWA Full Membership Meeting will be held on October 20, 2025.

9. Motion to adjourn was made by Tim Bockus (Manchester) and seconded by Russ Arnold (Farmington). Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

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Esta es una reunión virtual. Para mayor información sobre la conexión, por favor contactar a Robyn Nichols al correo electrónico  
To będzie zebranie zdalne. O informacji o odpowiednim linku internetowym poprosimy kontaktować Robyn Nichols na adres e-mail [kstewartson@crcoqct.gov](mailto:kstewartson@crcoqct.gov) lub pod numerem telefonu 860-724-4222