



## SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

August 6, 2025, Meeting Summary  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

*Chair: Joe Camero (interim)*

*Co-Chair: Vacant*

*Secretary: Melanie Coerver*

Committee Members	Present	SPU Staff /Guests	Role
Joe Camero	Y	Casey Colley	SPU – SWAC Program Coordinator
Melanie Coerver	Y	Katie Swanson	SPU
Tareq Fayyad	Y	Sally Hulsman	SPU
Caitlin Singer	Y	Aryele Jackson	SPU
Lisa Watkins	Y	Katie Jerauld	Guest-Ecology
Alissa Campbell	Y	Pat Kaufman	SPU
Erin Gagnon	Y	Heather Trim	Zero Waste
Paige Madden	N	Janusz Bajsarowicz	DTG Director of Compliance
Chelsey Evans	N		
Karia Wong	Y		
Marcus Johnson	Y		
Phil Churilla	Y		
Mike VanReken	Y		
Travis Close	N		
Jacob Melaragno	Y		

### 1. Introductions and Icebreaker

### 2. Review and Approve July Meeting Minutes Joe Camero, SWAC Chair

- Approved

### 3. Welcome New SWAC Members Casey Colley, SPU SWAC Coordinator

- Onboarding
  - SWAC is mandated by law to assist in the development of policies and processes involving solid waste management. The scope of work includes reviewing existing policies and ordinances, as well as revising both the Comprehensive Solid Waste Plan and the Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

- The charter helps to guide activities and answer any questions SWAC may have.
- Members' Roles and Responsibilities.
  - Act as reviewers
  - Provide formal comments
  - Act as participants
  - Create the work plan
  - Attend all of the SWAC meetings
  - Reading background material
- Absences: Failure to participate or absence from three required SWAC meetings may result in a request for the member to submit their resignation letter. Special circumstances include illness, family issues, and extended travel.

#### 4. **2024 Waste Prevention Recycling Report** Katie Swanson Solid Waste Lead Planner

- The annual report is due on October 1 and highlights the key results and trends. SWAC's role is to review and comment on the results in the annual report through a letter to the city council.
- About Seattle Solid Waste Metrics: We developed new solid waste metrics and finalized them in 2024. In 2022, the focus shifted toward waste prevention to eliminate waste and reduce emissions. The 2025 report will be the first to explore these new metrics and measurements in depth.
- Metrics and targets are measured until 2030.
- The five metrics include:
  - Reducing the daily MSW generated per person
  - Reducing the daily MSW disposed per person
  - Annual tons of food waste disposed
  - Keep at or above 70% or more of the Residentials capture rate
  - Increase construction and demolition debris diversion rate.
- SWAC members vote on the new Report title for this year.
  - SWAC members selected the Annual Solid Waste Performance Report title.
- Next Steps for SWAC:
  - August- receive and review draft

- August/early September- develop comment letter
- 9/17-share draft comment letter with SPU
- 9/24- Finalize comment letter
- 10/1- Send final comment letter to City Council
- After- SPU submits the report

**5. Officer Interim Chair Elections** Casey Colley SPU SWAC Coordinator

- SWAC members, please read the charter and the section about the officers.
- Please send Casey an email to self-nominate or nominate another member by August 27th.

**8. SWAC Comments**

- Beyond the Cart Event is a collection event where people bring Styrofoam, household batteries, and electronics. The next upcoming event is Saturday, September 6th, at the Wood Technology Center.
- SPU Angela Wallis will present the ordinance on August 23rd to update the development of space and building codes for solid waste.

**9. Public Comments**

- Ecology has updated the language to include construction and motor vehicle products and to remove youth employment language to reflect modern program operations. For more information, please visit Washington Litter Tax. Comments are due Friday, August 8.