



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#26-0569**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *Rickelle Williams*

**DATE:** May 19, 2026

**TITLE:** **WALK ON** - Resolution Appointing Primary Representative, to the Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward County Governing Board – (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution appointing Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen as the Primary Representative to the Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward County (SWABC) Governing Board, effective upon approval.

**Background**

The SWABC governs regional solid waste, recycling, and resource recovery planning for Broward County municipalities. In 2023, the City Commission approved the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) establishing SWABC (CAM #23-0407). The ILA requires each participating municipality to appoint one (1) of its elected officials to serve as a member of the Governing Board, which serves at the pleasure of the appointing City. In addition, each participating municipality must appoint one (1) of its elected officials as an alternate member to serve on the SWABC Governing Board in the absence of the City's primary appointed member. The alternate member may only vote when the primary member of the SWABC Governing Board is absent from the meeting. Alternate members may attend and participate during discussion in all SWABC Governing Board Meetings. (Section 6.2.1, 6.2.3)

On September 5, 2023, the City Commission appointed Commissioner Steven Glassman as the primary representative to the SWABC Governing Board (CAM #23-0803). The City Commission at that time opted to appoint only a primary representative.

On March 19, 2026, the City Commission approved a walk-on resolution appointing Commissioner Sorensen as the City of Fort Lauderdale Alternate Member to ensure continued and reliable representation during ongoing implementation of the SWABC Master Plan, the Facilities Amendment, and related governance actions.

At the May 5, 2026, City Commission Conference Meeting, SWABC provided the City

Commission with an update on its Master Plan and Facilities Amendment (CAM #26-0191).

At the May 19, 2026, City Commission Conference Meeting, City staff provided the City Commission with a presentation of City solid waste services and the proposed SWABC master plan and facilities amendment (CAM #26-0492). During the City Commission Conference Meeting, the City Commission requested a walk-on resolution to appoint Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen as the primary representative. The City Commission opted to appoint only a primary representative at this time.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Strategic Connections**

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan, specifically advancing:

- Infrastructure: Supporting a sustainable and resilient community through formalized intergovernmental coordination
- Solid Waste Management: Cooperating with other municipalities and Broward County to deliver cost-effective regional solutions for solid waste management and implement best practices for solid waste management.

**Attachments**

WALK ON Exhibit 1 – SWABC Interlocal Agreement

WALK ON Exhibit 2 – Resolution No. 23-174

WALK ON Exhibit 3 – Resolution No. 26-57

WALK ON Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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