



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#26-0342

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *Rickelle Williams*

DATE: March 19, 2026

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

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a Resolution appointing Commissioner Ben Sorensen as the Alternate 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 Mayor and Commission approved the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) establishing SWABC. 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 Mayor and Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale appointed Commissioner Steven Glassman as the primary representative to the SWABC Governing Board. The Mayor and Commission at that time opted to appoint only a primary representative.

Appointment of Commissioner Ben Sorensen as the City's Alternate Member will ensure continued representation during ongoing discussions regarding of the SWABC Master Plan, the Facilities Amendment, and related governance actions. This action parallels the City's prior appointment of Commissioner Glassman as the Primary Representative via CAM #23-0803.

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

Exhibit 1 – SWABC Interlocal Agreement

Exhibit 2 – CAM 23-0803, Appointing a Primary Representative to the SWABC Governing Board

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