



Albemarle County Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee  
**Meeting Minutes**



Thursday, January 8, 2026, 4-5:30 pm  
County Office Building, 401 McIntire Rd  
Room 246

Present: Peggy Gilges, Mike Kruse, Betsey Soulsby, Lee Kondor, Christine Hirsh-Putnam, Jane Colony Mills, Zack Landsman

Absent: Kaleigh Reno

Liaisons: Jamie Powers, Isabella O'Brien, Phil McKalips

Guests: none

Call to order: 4:00 pm

Established a Quorum

Reviewed the agenda. Jane moved and Betsey seconded to approve. Motion carried unanimously

Reviewed December minutes. Mike moved and Peggy seconded to approve. Motion carried unanimously

**Action Items/Follow-up/New Business**

- SWAAC charge review
- Christine proposed a work plan for at least the first 6 months of 2026. The committee discussed and approved the plan and agreed upon the following assignments:
  1. Legislative priorities – Christine and Kaleigh
  2. Hauler requirements, including data collection and transparency – Peggy and Zach
  3. Research on current trash and recycling collection costs for HOAs – Lee and Mike
  4. Models of hauler requirements for reference, such as James City and Charlottesville, and including government staffing impacts – Jane and Betsey

**RSWA News**

Phil reported that the new baling facility is to be finished in June and that provisions for battery recycling are in progress

**County Report Out**

Regarding the Climate Program, Jamie reported that progress can be made by linking climate initiatives to ongoing ordinance updates, such as the zoning ordinance

**February Agenda**

- Revisit and reintroduce proposed hauler ordinance
- Work plan reports

Adjourned at 5:30 pm

Next meeting: February 12, 2025