

SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)



August 7, 2024, Kick-Off Meeting Summary
5:30 am – 7:30 am

*Chair: Aleema Gray
Co-Chair: Joe Camero
Secretary: Caitlin Singer*

Committee Members	Present	SPU Staff /Guests	Role
Joe Camero	Y	Casey Colley	SPU – SWAC Program Coordinator
Melanie Coerver	Y	McKenna Morrigan	SPU – Strategic Advisor, Waste Prevention & Product Stewardship
Tareq Fayyad	Y	Stephanie Schwenger	SPU- Planning, Performance & Analytics Manager
Aleema Gray	N	Jeff Fowler	SPU- Solid Waste Deputy Director
Caitlin Singer	Y	Fatima Krubally	SPU- Administrative Staff Analyst
Wendy Weiker	N	Katie Jerauld	Guest-Ecology
Lisa Watkins	Y	Katie Swanson	Guest
Alissa Campbell	Y		
Paige Madden	Y		
Chelsey Evans	Y		
Yongkang (YK) Zhou	Y		
Karia Wong	Y		
Shelly Crocker	Y		
Erin Gagnon	N		

1. Welcome & Introductions

- The meeting commenced at 5:30 pm, with members, staff, and guests introducing themselves, stating their organization affiliation, and sharing their hobbies.
- Jeff Fowler, the Deputy Director of Solid Waste, welcomed all members and provided updates to the committee on the upcoming projects at the South transfer station, contracts, and the Solid Waste Code update.

2. SWAC Orientation & Onboarding

- SWAC Coordinator Casey reviewed the charter, future solid waste presentations, and meetings.
- The members of SWAC discussed the proposed monthly meeting times for 2025 in order to plan out future meetings.

3. Solid Waste Metrics and Targets

- Stephanie Schwenger presented the plans and discussions that will lead the next month's meeting. The discussions revolved around the Solid Waste Metrics and Targets

study and the Annual Waste Prevention and Recycling report. SWAC members will delve into these topics and provide comments and feedback.

4. Recology Updates (Presented by Katie Jerauld)

- Recology recently completed the 2022/2023 Recycling and Organics characterization study, which analyzed waste streams.
- The Waste Not Washington School Award application is now open and will run through October 31st. If you know of any schools looking for grant funding, this is a great opportunity.
- Ecology has prepared a summary of funding opportunities for organic management for local governments and communities.

5. Around the Table

- A SWAC Member shared that the Seattle Design Festival will begin next weekend.
- A SWAC Member shared that on September 6th, there is an Artist Residence Program. Artists have been working with the North Transfer Station, the Recology Murph, and Recology stores to build art pieces.

Next Meeting/ Steps

- The SWAC meeting on September 4th will be held in person at the Seattle Municipal Tower.