

# Agenda

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## Pierce County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

September 14, 2022, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Environmental Services Building Training Room and Zoom  
9850 64th St W, University Place

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|---|--------------|------------------------------|---|
| Call to order                                 | 5 min        | Meara Heubach, Pierce County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roll call</li><li>• ESB and Zoom orientation</li></ul>  |
| Introductions                                 | 15 min       | Meara Heubach, Pierce County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Icebreaker activity for all members and County staff</li></ul>  |
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| Public comment*                               | 10 min       | SWAC chair                   | Members of the public may briefly comment on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agenda topics covered this meeting, unless the SWAC clerk allowed for public comment at the time the agenda item was discussed</li><li>• Other SWAC-related issues not already discussed</li></ul> <p><i>*Direct all comments &amp; questions to the SWAC clerk (Meara Heubach)</i></p> |

**Want to join the meeting?** Members of the public may in person at the Environmental Services Building's Training Room or via Zoom. To join on Zoom, email [meara.heubach@piercecountywa.gov](mailto:meara.heubach@piercecountywa.gov) for the access link. All SWAC meetings are open public meetings and conducted in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act. This meeting will be recorded.

**Want to know if a meeting was cancelled?** If there is a cancellation, County Planning & Public Works staff will place an announcement on the SWAC website ([piercecountywa.gov/swac](http://piercecountywa.gov/swac)) by 3 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

**Want more info?** For more information about the SWAC or this agenda, please contact Meara Heubach at [meara.heubach@piercecountywa.gov](mailto:meara.heubach@piercecountywa.gov).

# Pierce County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

## Summary of Meeting

March 16, 2022

Zoom Meeting

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(Note: Audio recording of the meeting is available upon request.)

### CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Jacobs called the 3/16/22 SWAC meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Committee members present: Aminah Othman, David Artis, David Powers, Dennis Magnuson, Jennifer Jacobs, Lewis Griffith, Michael Gruener, Michelle Ross

Excused: Chris Giraldes

Unexcused:

There was a quorum.

Non-voting members present: Ryan Dicks, Tom Swanson

Staff present: Elizabeth Paul for Pierce County

There were 2 additional, non-members, visitors, and outside agency staff present.

The SWAC unanimously approved the January 12, 2022 meeting summary.

### SHWMP UPDATE

EIDC hearing on 3/8/2022: conversation about SHWMP will be continued at 3/22/22 meeting. Committee is interested in potential amendments including a litter reduction plan and address illegal dumping. Multiple divisions and departments would be included in these efforts (Roads, M & O, Code Enforcement, etc.)

*\*3/22/2022 hearing update: EIDC voted to recommend SHWMP with litter reduction and illegal dumping amendment included*

Tom Swanson clarified that illegal dumping and litter have been prevalent on council agenda due to increased criticism from residents, and the passing of the SHWMP presents an opportunity to address these concerns,

4/5/2022 – Council final hearing

### OUTREACH AND EVENTS

2022 shred events – 14 events confirmed with one more anticipated. The first event is on 4/2/2022 at City of DuPont City Hall

[Shred Webpage](#)

YESS Earth Month Events – Sustainable resources and other departments are providing opportunities for residents to participate in a variety of earth month activities

[YESS Webpage](#)

Earth Matters – will be sent out in April. Recycling reminders list has been translated into Spanish for the first time ever. An informational insert on recycling contamination will be included in the newsletter

[Earth Matters Webpage](#)

### HOUSEKEEPING

Lizy Members terms expiring: Jenny Jacobs (chair), Michael Gruener (vice chair), Dennis Magnuson

At the next meeting, there will be new members and there will need to be a vote for chair and vice chair. Current members should consider if they would be willing to take on role of chair and vice chair.

This will be Lizy's last SWAC meeting as she is starting a new position. Her last day with the county is 4/1/2022.

**ROUNDTABLE**

No items.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**CLOSE MEETING**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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# Roll Call

| Voting Member      | Represents  |
|--------------------|---|
| Alexander Kenesson | Community member                                  |
| Aminah Othman      | Community member                                  |
| Anneliese Feld     | Community member / unincorporated Pierce County   |
| David Artis        | Community member / unincorporated Pierce County   |
| David Powers       | Community member                                  |
| Dave Stookey       | Community member / unincorporated Pierce County   |
| El Rose            | Community member / unincorporated Pierce County   |
| Ellen Knowlen      | Community member / unincorporated Pierce County   |
| Jessica James      | Community member                                  |
| Josh Christy       | Waste management industry                         |
| Josh Metcalf       | Waste management industry                         |
| Lewis Griffith     | Waste management industry / local public official |
| Ron Backman        | Waste management industry                         |

## Chair and vice chair

- Run meetings
- Training in Robert's Rules



## SHWMP

- *Tacoma-Pierce County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan: 2021-2040*

## Administrative Action 5

- **“Actively recruit Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) members to ensure broader representation, particularly from Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC), low-income, and other under-served communities.”**



# SHWMP Administrative Action 5 - Why

34% people of color

11% Hispanic or Latino

22% have income below 200% of poverty level

Population By Race Categorized and Compared

| Location                                   | Pierce County |           | Pierce County |           | Pierce County |           |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| Year                                       | 2010/2011     | 2010/2011 | 2019/2020     | 2019/2020 | 2019/2020     | 2019/2020 |
| One Race                                   | 740,886       | 93.6%     | 804,504       | 91.7%     | 804,504       | 91.7%     |
| White                                      | 601,640       | 76%       | 639,612       | 72.9%     | 639,612       | 72.9%     |
| Black or African American                  | 53,629        | 6.8%      | 59,213        | 6.8%      | 59,213        | 6.8%      |
| American Indian and Alaska Native          | 9,101         | 1.1%      | 11,170        | 1.3%      | 11,170        | 1.3%      |
| Asian                                      | 46,789        | 5.9%      | 55,571        | 6.3%      | 55,571        | 6.3%      |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 9,858         | 1.2%      | 12,848        | 1.5%      | 12,848        | 1.5%      |
| Some Other Race                            | 19,869        | 2.5%      | 26,090        | 3.0%      | 26,090        | 3.0%      |
| Two or More Races                          | 50,642        | 6.4%      | 72,509        | 8.3%      | 72,509        | 8.3%      |
| Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)    | 70,279        | 8.9%      | 95,327        | 10.9%     | 95,327        | 10.9%     |

# SHWMP Administrative Action 5 - *How*

- Increase access
- Improve application process
- Recruitment
- Reduce 4-year commitment
- Update webpage to communicate membership benefits

## About SWAC

The Pierce County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) serves in an advisory and technical capacity to the Pierce County Council and Pierce County Planning & Public Works on matters relating to management of recycling services and solid waste disposal.



SWAC members are citizens, members of public interest groups, professionals from the business community, operators of solid waste collection and recycling companies, and representatives of local governments.

# SWAC Workplan for 2022-2023

- Oct & Nov
  - CROP
  - Collection services supported by Pierce County
  - Organics management laws
  - Food recovery & organics management programs & infrastructure in Pierce County
- Community clean up program
- Illegal Dumping & Litter Reduction Plan
- Recycling ordinance
- Multifamily
- Commercial
- Schools
- Communications
- Haz waste



## Washington governor signs bill calling for 75% reduction of organic waste disposal by 2030

The bill is seen as a natural evolution in the state's focus on climate change. Organics recyclers are supportive of new compost procurement rules and first-in-the-nation product guidelines.

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# Round Robin

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- Updates?
- Questions?
- Concerns?



# Public Comment

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Please direct comments  
to the Chair



# Closing

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## Next Meeting

- October 12 from 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- Tacoma Mall Plaza (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)
- 2702 S 42<sup>nd</sup> St, Tacoma

