

1. Chairman Phillips called to order the Rockland Green Board meeting for Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Kenny

3. Roll call by clerk. There is a quorum.

Present

Chairman Phillips
Commissioner Hoehmann
Commissioner Hopstein
Commissioner Jobson
Commissioner Kenny
Commissioner Kohut

Present

Commissioner Malowitz
Commissioner Sheridan
Commissioner Soskin
Commissioner Specht
Commissioner Stamm
Commissioner Tursi

Absent

Commissioner Hofstein
Commissioner Hood
Commissioner Moroney
Commissioner Paul
Commissioner Powers

Staff

Yisroel Eisenbach, Jerry Damiani, Lawrence Garvey, Noreen Gelok, Jeremy Goldstein, Suzanne Haggerty, Ken Murphy

Others

Teno West

Phillips: Let's welcome Commissioner Stamm from the Town of Stony Point to our Board. Congratulations.

4. **Introduced by: Hoehmann/Specht** **Unan.** **January 22, 2026**

RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2026
ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF
December 9, 2025

RESOLVED, that the transcribed Minutes of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority are approved for December 9, 2025, as recorded by the Clerk and are hereby adopted.

5. **Phillips:** Resolution appointing Commissioners to the Executive Committee of Rockland Green for the year 2026. Mr. Executive Director I see that we have the following: Myself, Commissioner Hoehmann, Commissioner Specht, Commissioner Moroney, Commissioner Soskin, Commissioner Kohut.

Is there anyone else that would like to be on the Executive Committee?

Introduced by: Kenny/Stamm

Unan.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2026

**APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF ROCKLAND GREEN FOR THE YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, Officers of the Rockland Green Board are chosen each year at the annual January meeting; and

WHEREAS, the following Rockland Green Board Members served as Officers in the year 2025:

Chairman:	Comm. Howard Phillips
Vice-Chairman:	Comm. George Hoehmann
Vice-Chairman:	Comm. Michael Specht
Secretary:	Comm. Patrick Moroney
Treasurer:	Comm. Phil Soskin
Deputy Treasurer:	Comm. Michael Kohut; and

WHEREAS, the Rockland Green Board has held its Annual Meeting and selected the Officers to serve in the year 2026; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Officers of Rockland Green for the year 2026 shall be as follows:

Chairman:	Comm. Howard Phillips
Vice-Chairman:	Comm. George Hoehmann
Vice-Chairman:	Comm. Michael Specht
Secretary:	Comm. Patrick Moroney
Treasurer:	Comm. Phil Soskin
Deputy Treasurer:	Comm. Michael Kohut ; and

Such Officers shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified at the next Annual Meeting in January 2027.

6. **Phillips:** Resolution appointing Commissioners to the Finance Committee of Rockland Green for the year 2026. Right now, I see that we have the following: Myself, Commissioner Malowitz, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Hoehmann, Commissioner Soskin, Commissioner Kohut.

Is there anyone else that would like to be on the Finance Committee? We'll add Commissioner Specht.

Introduced by: Malowitz/Hopstein

Unan.

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RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2026

**APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the 2009 amendments to the Public Authorities Law requires the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority ("Rockland Green") Board to establish a finance committee to review proposals for the issuance of debt by the authority and make recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the finance committee is to oversee Rockland Green's debt and debt practices and to recommend policies concerning Rockland Green's issuance and management of debt; and

WHEREAS, the Rockland Green Board desires to comply with the provisions of Section 2824(8) of the Public Authorities Law, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Rockland Green Board held its Annual Meeting and selected the Officers to serve in the year 2025;

Comm. Howard Phillips
Comm. Aron Wieder
Comm. Jim Monaghan
Comm. Jay Hood Jr.
Comm. George Hoehmann
Comm. Phil Soskin
Comm. Michael Kohut; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rockland Green Board hereby re-establishes a Finance Committee in accordance with Section 2824 of the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Finance Committee for the year 2026 shall be as follows:

Comm. Howard Phillips

Comm. Jesse Malowitz
 Comm. Jay Hood Jr.
 Comm. Micheal Kohut
 Comm. Stephen J. Powers
 Comm. George Hoehmann
 Comm. Phil Soskin; now therefore be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of the Finance Committee generally serve for a term of one year, and that the members of such committee shall be selected at Rockland Green's annual meeting held in January of each year.

7. **Phillips:** Resolution appointing Commissioners to the Audit Committee of Rockland Green for the year 2026. Right now, I see that we have the following: Myself, Commissioner Specht, Commissioner Hoehmann, Commissioner Kohut, Commissioner Hofstein, Commissioner Soskin.

Is there anyone else that would like to be on the Audit Committee?

Introduced by: Soskin/Kohut

Unan.

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RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF 2026

APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005 (the "Act") requires the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority ("Rockland Green") Board to establish an audit committee of independent members, who should be familiar with corporate financial and accounting practices; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that the audit committee shall recommend to the Board the hiring of a certified independent accounting firm for Rockland Green; establish the compensation to be paid to the accounting firm; and provide direct oversight of the performance of the independent audit performed by the accounting firm hired for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Rockland Green Board desires to comply with the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the following Rockland Green Board Members served as Officers in the year 2025:

Comm. Howard Phillips
 Comm. Lon Hofstein
 Comm. Michael Specht
 Comm. Phil Soskin
 Comm. George Hoehmann
 Comm. Michael Kohut; now therefor be it

RESOLVED, that the Rockland Green Board hereby re-establishes an audit committee in accordance with Section 2824 of the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Audit Committee for the year 2026 shall be as follows:

Comm. Howard Phillips

Comm. Michael Specht

Comm. George Hoehmann

Comm. Michael Kohut

Comm. Lon Hofstein

Comm. Phil Soskin; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of the Audit Committee shall generally serve for a term of one year, and that the members of such committee shall be selected at Rockland Green's annual meeting held in January of each year.

- 8. Phillips:** Resolution appointing Commissioners to the Governance Committee of Rockland Green for the year 2026. Right now, I see that we have the following: Myself, Commissioner Specht, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Kohut, Commissioner Powers, Commissioner Hoehmann, Commissioner Soskin.

Is there anyone else that would like to be on the Governance Committee?

Introduced by: Tursi/Sheridan

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2026
APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005 (the "Act") requires the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority ("Rockland Green") Board to establish a governance committee of independent members, who should advise on any matter incident to the function of Rockland Green; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the Rockland Green Board to establish a governance committee of independent members, which should keep the Board informed of current best governance practices; review corporate governance trends; update Rockland Green's corporate

governance principles; and advise appointing authorities on the skills and experience required of potential board members; and

WHEREAS, the Rockland Green Board desires to comply with the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the following Rockland Green Board Members served as Officers in the year 2025:

Comm. Howard Phillips

Comm. Jay Hood

Comm. Mike Kohut

Comm. Stephen Powers

Comm. George Hoehmann

Comm. Phil Soskin; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rockland Green Board hereby re-establishes a governance committee in accordance with Section 2824 of the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Governance Committee for the year 2026 shall be as follows:

Comm. Howard Phillips

Comm. Michael Specht

Comm. Jay Hood

Comm. Mike Kohut

Comm. Stephen Powers

Comm. George Hoehmann

Comm. Phil Soskin; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of the Governance Committee shall generally serve for a term of one year, and that the members of such committee shall be selected at Rockland Green's annual meeting held in January of each year.

9. **Introduced By: Specht/Hoehmann**

Unan.

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RESOLUTION NO. 6 OF 2026

ADOPTION OF ROCKLAND GREEN'S MISSION STATEMENT

WHEREAS, Rockland Green is required to annually adopt a mission statement in accordance with the Public Authorities Law; and

WHEREAS, such mission statement was drafted and provides as follows:

“Our mission is to develop the education, programs, and technology to lead the waste prevention, recovery, responsible disposal movement, and animal management services in Rockland County.”

(the “Mission Statement”); and

WHEREAS, the Rockland Green Board members have read and understand the Mission Statement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Rockland Green hereby adopts the Mission Statement.

Phillips: Mr. Executive Director, state what our mission statement is.

Damiani: Our mission is to develop the education, programs, and technology to lead the waste prevention, recovery, responsible disposal movement, and animal management services in Rockland County.

10. **Introduced by: Jobson/Hoehmann**

Unan.

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RESOLUTION NO. 7 OF 2025

**AUTHORIZING THE ENGAGEMENT OF WEST GROUP LAW
ON A FLAT-FEE RETAINER BASIS**

WHEREAS, Rockland Green requires ongoing legal services to effectively carry out its statutory duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Rockland Green has determined that engaging external legal counsel on a flat-fee retainer basis is in the best interest of Rockland Green to ensure cost certainty, efficiency, and continuity of legal services; and

WHEREAS, West Group Law, a law firm duly licensed and qualified to practice law in New York has the requisite experience and expertise to provide such legal services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has reviewed and found acceptable the proposed flat-fee retainer arrangement, including the scope of services and compensation terms; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by Rockland Green THAT:

1. Engagement Approved:
The Authority hereby approves the engagement of West Group Law as legal counsel on a flat-fee retainer basis.
2. Scope of Services:
The law firm shall provide legal services including, but not limited to, [Litigation support / regulatory advice / contract review / other specified services], as outlined in the retainer agreement.
3. Compensation:
The Authority approves payment to West Group Law in the amount of Two Million Four Hundred Thousand (\$2,400,000.00) Dollars per year as a flat fee retainer for a term of one year subject to the terms and conditions of the retainer agreement.
4. Term:
The engagement shall be for a period of one year, commencing on February 1, 2026, with any renewal subject to further approval by the Authority.
5. Authorization to Execute Agreement:
The Executive Director, Gerard M. Damiani, Jr. is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate, execute, and deliver the retainer agreement and any related documents necessary to effectuate this resolution.
6. Compliance with Law:
This engagement shall be subject to all applicable laws, procurement regulations, and ethical requirements governing government contracts; and

Source of Funds: Legal SWM Admin 6530-00

11. Introduced by: Kohut/Soskin

Unan.

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RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2026**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH
RRT DESIGN & CONSTRUCTIONS FOR ENGINEERING
CONSULTING SERVICES AT THE HILLBURN
MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority d/b/a/ Rockland Green is in need of continuing, on-call consulting engineering services at the Materials Recovery Facility (“MRF”); and

WHEREAS, RRT Design & Constructions (“RRT”) has rendered on-call engineering consulting services to the Authority for the MRF and Alternative Waste Processing Technologies; and

WHEREAS, RRT has submitted a proposed professional services agreement to provide design, engineering, construction management, operations management consulting and technical consulting services; and

WHEREAS, RRT has demonstrated professionalism, expertise and specialized knowledge that has benefitted Rockland Green; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to enter into the proposed Professional Services Agreement with RRT for the year 2026.

Funding Source: Capital Fund

Commissioner Phillips: If any Commissioner has a question on the consultant resolutions, I know we are all very familiar with them, just stop me and let me know.

12. Introduced By: Sheridan/Tursi

Unan.

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RESOLUTION No. 9 of 2026**AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF
STERLING ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, P.C.
FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Sterling Environmental Engineering, P.C. (“Sterling”) provides engineering and permit compliance services to the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority a/k/a

14. Introduced by: Kenny/Stamm

Unan.

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RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF 2026

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH D&B ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS, P.C.

WHEREAS, D&B Engineers and Architects, P.C., (“D&B”) has been providing the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority a/k/a Rockland Green with engineering consulting services since 2012; and

WHEREAS, D&B has substantial experience and particularized knowledge of Rockland Green’s facilities and operations to include expansion and upgrade of Rockland Green’s Organics Recycling Program and Related Services; and

WHEREAS, Rockland Green received from D&B a letter dated July 31, 2025 entitled “Scope and Budget for Year 2026” attached hereto, for and

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with D&B for engineering consulting services for the year 2026.

Funding Source: Engineering 6506-00

15. Introduced by: Jobson/Malowitz

Unan.

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RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2026

AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE BUILD-OUT OF A NEW ANIMAL SHELTER LOCATED AT 427 BEACH ROAD IN HAVERSTRAW, NY

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 61 of 2024, the Board of Rockland Green authorized award of the Contract (RFP 2024-01) for the Build-Out of a new Animal Shelter located at 427 Beach

Road in Haverstraw, NY between Rockland Green and O'Connor Company of N.C., Inc. (the "Contractor"), dated as of December 10, 2024, (the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025, by Resolution 25 of 2025, Rockland Green approved certain modifications to the Contract in the form of **Change Orders 3 and 4** for an overall price of \$20,406.14; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2025, by Resolution 27 of 2025, Rockland Green approved certain modifications to the Contract in the form of **Change Orders 2 and 5** for an overall price of \$108,971.10; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2025, by Resolution 30 of 2025, Rockland Green approved modifications to the Contract in the form of **Change Order 1 and 8**, for an overall price of price of \$ \$71,997.90; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2025, by Resolution 35 of 2025 Rockland Green approved modifications to the Contract in the form of **Change Order 9, 10 and 12**, for an overall price of \$23,907.58; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2025, by Resolution 47 of 2025 Rockland Green approved modifications to the Contract in the form of **Change order 13A and 13B**, for an overall price of \$158,950.35; and

WHEREAS, additional work needs to be done grouting existing walls, and the Contractor has agreed to do the work for a cost not to exceed \$29,396.76, to be designated as **Change Order 15**; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the approval of Change Orders 15 shall result in an overall increase in the contract price of \$29,396.76, for a total amended contract amount of \$15,188,529.91.

Phillips: Mr. Executive Director, could you just delineate the change orders.

Damiani: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Change Order #15 in the amount of \$29,396.76 was required by injecting additional grout into the buildings concrete masonry block walls on the north and south sides to securely connect to maintain proper load transfer onto over 500 feet of interior ledger angle to support the installation of the second-floor trusses of the second floor build out of the new animal shelter.

16. Introduced by: Specht/Hoehmann

Unan.

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RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2026

**AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR A NEW FABRICATED STEEL PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
& DEFLECTOR PLATE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE
CLARKSTOWN TRANSFER STATION
RFP NO. 2025-08**

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2025, Rockland Green issued a Request for Proposal RFP 2025-08 for a new fabricated steel pedestrian bridge & deflector plate improvements at the Clarkstown Transfer Station; and

WHEREAS on January 7, 2026, four proposals were submitted in response to RFP 2025-08. Rockland Green conducted an evaluation of the proposal; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration and negotiation, it was ultimately determined that it would be in Rockland Green's best interest to award the contract to Specialty Construction System, Inc.; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rockland Green Board awarded the contract for a new fabricated steel pedestrian bridge & deflector plate improvements at the Clarkstown Transfer Station to Specialty Construction Systems, Inc.; in an amount not to exceed \$143,720.00 and authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement for the performance of the work specified in the proposal.

Funding Source: Unrestricted Funds

Phillips: Mr. Executive Director, can we get a brief explanation for this?

Damiani: Rockland Green issued RFP 2025-08 on December 4, 2025 for new fabrication of a steel pedestrian bridge and deflector plate improvements at the Clarkstown Transfer Station. Four proposals were received on or before submission date of January 7, 2026. The submitted pricing ranges from \$147,200 to as high as \$392,000. Rockland Green elected to engage the lowest two proposers to make sure they had a full understanding of the project scope of work and the timeline to complete the project. Both proposers were requested to submit a best and final offer. Based upon Specialty Construction Systems' best and final offer and a full understanding of the project scope of work, I am seeking authorization to award RFP 2025-08 to Specialty Construction Systems in the amount of \$143,720.

Phillips: Mr. Executive Director, I know some of our Commissioners have not been out to the Clarkstown Transfer Station, just tell them about the pedestrian bridge.

Damiani: The pedestrian bridge is being utilized right now. Two years ago, we approved authorization to remove the concrete platform to create efficiencies by installing a seventy-foot scale inside the transfer station to allow us to load additional trailers inside the footprint of the building. We created that efficiency and what we are trying to do here is to ensure that we don't damage the building

by installing the deflector plates and extending those deflector plates. Also, when we removed the concrete platform, we constructed the wood timber pedestrian bridge. While it is constructionally sound, it won't stand up to the abuse for a long period of time inside the transfer station. If there was ever a fire in there, it is going to burn.

Phillips: I know there are some Commissioners that have not been out there, I would strongly urge the Executive Director to reach out to anybody who would like, I think everybody should go to every single one of our facilities. We have done this a few times, it is a great learning experience, and you will get a much better visual in what we are doing. Especially, taking a trip up to Torne Valley because that is an eye-opener, but also in Clarkstown as we do more things there. Jerry, let's see if we can get some type of bus and have the Commissioners tour.

Hoehmann: We will give you a Clarkstown mini trans bus.

Damiani: Okay, thank you.

17. Introduced by: Soskin/Kohut

Unan.

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RESOLUTION NO. 14 OF 2026

AUTHORIZATION FOR ROCKLAND GREEN TO SUPPORT KEEP ROCKLAND BEAUTIFUL

WHEREAS, Rockland Green has received a request from Keep Rockland Beautiful, Inc. ("KRB") to support the "Great American Clean Up" 2026 events; and

WHEREAS, KRB has proposed to recognize Rockland Green's support in the following ways: the Rockland Green logo will be displayed on the back of t-shirts given to volunteers; the Rockland Green logo will be placed on banners for volunteer recruitment; listing the Rockland Green on the KRB website and all social media outlets, including but not limited to email blasts, Facebook and Twitter; the KRB website will include a link to the Rockland Green's website; Rockland Green will be listed as a partner in all events and presentations related 2026 cleanup events; and Rockland Green's brochures and literature will be included in volunteer packets; and

WHEREAS, KRB cleanup crews will bag recyclables separately to be delivered to Rockland Green's Materials Recovery Facility; and

WHEREAS, within sixty days following the event, KRB will provide Rockland Green with a report on the number of bags of waste and recycling collected as a result of the cleanup events; and

WHEREAS, Rockland Green wishes to be a supporter of the 2026 events; and

WHEREAS, the above terms will be memorialized in a letter agreement between Rockland Green and KRB; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Rockland Green will support the Keep Rockland Beautiful “Great American Clean Up” 2026 events for an amount of \$4,500.

Source of Funds: Community Partnerships 6512-00

18. New Business

Phillips: Mr. Executive Director, do you have any new business?

Damiani: Just to inform the Board we have our next TNVR event on February 4th and it is the first of the year.

Phillips: Also, we are trying to arrange getting everyone up there, but we are going to wait for some warmer weather so we can get a tour of the new animal shelter.

Damiani: If the Board would like to tour in February, I’d be happy to give the tour of the shelter new build out.

Phillips: We will wait until at least March. We will pick a date in March and try to get everybody at the animal shelter and get a good idea of what we are doing there. Anything else, Mr. Executive Director?

Damiani: No. I think you will be really impressed with the progress of the new shelter. The rooms are framed out, and the second floor is built out, and they installed the HVAC systems on the second floor. It is really progressing at a rapid speed.

19. Commissioner Comments

No comments offered.

20. Public Comment

Phillips: Is there anyone from the public that would like to speak tonight.

No comments offered.

Phillips: Do we have a motion to adjourn?

Hoehmann: Moved

Specht: Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Haggerty