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Commissioner and Chair

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Trade Waste Advisory Board**

Date and time: February 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
Location: New York City Business Integrity Commission,
100 Church St., 20th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10007

Attendees:

Business Integrity Commission

Daniel Brownell, Commissioner and Chair
Noah Genel, Deputy Commissioner of Legal Affairs and General Counsel
John Curry, Assistant Commissioner of Legal Affairs
Salvador Arrona, Director of Policy
Santiago Mueckay, Policy Analyst (notes)

Industry

Nino Tristani, Vice President, Five Star Carting, Inc.
Ron Bergamini, CEO, Action Carting Environmental Services, Inc.
John DiNardi, Secretary and Treasurer, D&D Carting Co. Inc.
Steve Changaris, Regional Manager, National Waste & Recycling Association
Michele Van Orden, General Counsel, Cardella Trucking Co. Inc.
Thomas Toscano, CFO/CLO, Mr. T Carting Corp.
Kendall Christiansen, Executive Director, NYRWM

Not present

Andy Moss, Government Affairs Manager, IESI NY/Progressive Waste Solutions

Items for discussion:

- 1) Discussion of Organics Collection and Recap of Meeting with DSNY
 - a. Members of the industry, BIC, and DSNY met on February 17th to discuss and clarify certain aspects of the commercial organics law.
 - b. BIC will distribute notes from the meeting in the following weeks.
- 2) Discussion on Glass Recycling
 - a. Members of the industry want to reiterate that the current system makes it very difficult to recycle glass.
 - b. Members of the industry stated that recycled materials should include metal, plastic, and paper, but not glass, as it is difficult to separate from the other recyclable materials and acts as contaminant.

- c. A proposal was made by members of the industry to do special pickups for bars or restaurants which are the largest producers of recyclable glass in order to stop contamination of other recyclable materials.
 - d. Right now only SIMS and a couple of the larger recycling facilities can handle glass, but most MRFs do not accept glass.
 - e. Kendall Christiansen stated that this is a national issue, other cities are looking into ways of solving the problem.
 - f. Members of the industry agreed to continue searching for facilities near New York City which will recycle glass.
- 3) Industry-Led Safety Event
- a. The industry-led safety event will take place on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.
 - b. BIC encourages all members of the Trade Waste Advisory Board to register and attend the event.
- 4) Update on BIC Decals
- a. BIC expects to have the final shipment of the decals by the end of March.
 - b. BIC expects to give 90 days to licensees to remove all of the old decals and update them with the new ones. The turn-around time for organics will be 30 days, as there are far fewer covered establishments which will need the organics decals.
- 5) Update on the Customer Register
- a. The Customer Register was due on January 31, 2017.
 - b. BIC is reviewing the information submitted.
- 6) Update on Local Law 145 of 2013
- a. BIC spoke to representatives of DEP and shared some of the questions that were posed during the last TWAB meeting about the law.
 - b. Representatives from DEP will attend the next TWAB meeting and give a presentation and answer any questions the industry may have about LL 145 of 2013.
- 7) Discussion on Increasing Length of Contracts
- a. Kendall Christiansen stated that five years is the regular length of contracts in other municipalities.
 - b. BIC stated that it is working on a number of rule changes and would like to make certain changes as a group, rather than piecemeal. BIC is open to hearing other recommendations for rule updates from the industry and will schedule a meeting to discuss these recommendations by the end of the month.
- 8) The next TWAB meeting will be held on March 23, 2017.
- a. BIC expects a member of DEP to be present to discuss Local Law 145 of 2013.
 - b. BIC is also planning to have a member of DOT attend a future TWAB meeting to discuss DOT-issued administrative violations.