

Environmental Advisory Board

Minutes of April 29, 2026

Members Present:

- **In Person:** Carla Walker; Dave Schmitt; Douglas Walton; Ericka Copeland; Michael Roman; Van Sullivan
- **Virtual:** Andrew Musgrave; Ashlee Young; Briana Mazzolini-Blanchard; Emmy Schroeder; Kylie Johnson; Megan O’Keefe; Monica Perdomo; Nathan Alley; Nayana Shah; Sarah Kent; Susan Sprigg; Yasmine Allen

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Oliver Kroner; Amanda Testerman; Erin Kabel; Nikki Vandivort, Howard Miller

Meeting: A meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was held on April 29, 2026, at 3:00 PM at Centennial II HR Conference Room B, 805 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Meeting Agenda:

I. Public Comment

- Larry Falkin- Impervious surface
- Yasmine Allen- How are humans allowed to interact with green spaces?

II. Call to Order at 3:14 PM

III. Administrative Action*

- Approval of March 25, 2026 – Meeting minutes

IV. Presentations- Nikki Vandivort, OES

- Presentation on Brownfields in priority investment areas

V. Office of Environment and Sustainability Comments- Ollie Kroner, Howard Miller

- **Energy Updates – Oliver Kroner**
 - Groundbreaking at Center Hill Landfill Solar Array on 4/24
 - Electric Aggregation Program selected a rate for 6-months instead of traditional 12-months due to fluctuations in energy market.
- **Recycling Update - Howard Miller**
 - USDA SWIFR Grant in final agreement on award of \$5 million dollars which will allow for replacement of 80k green residential recycling carts and recycling the old carts.
 - Focus on multi-family recycling through grant. Goal to provide recycling to 3000 multi-family units.
 - Program is focusing on expanding recycling in business districts with corner cans.

VI. Information / Updates

- EAB Memberships Update
 - Rico Blackman has resigned, leaving open term Jan 2026-Dec 2028

VII. Items for Vote

- None

VIII. Open Discussion

- Leveraged Fund Update

IX. Next Meeting

- Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 3:00 PM

X. Adjournment at 4:21 PM

Agenda Packet Materials:

- Draft Meeting Minutes
- Presentation on Brownfields in priority investment areas