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Noah D. Genel
Commissioner and Chair

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

Date and time: April 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
Location: Telephonic conference

Attendees:

Business Integrity Commission

Noah Genel, Commissioner and Chair
David Feldman, Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel
David Mandell, Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Deputy General Counsel
Salvador Arrona, Director of Policy
Nicole Mathias, Deputy Director of Policy
Giselle Ramirez, Senior Legal Analyst (notes)

Industry

Ron Bergamini, CEO, Action Carting Environmental Services, Inc.
David Biderman, Executive Director and CEO, Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA)
Steven Changaris, Regional Manager, National Waste & Recycling Association (NWRA)
John DiNardi, Secretary and Treasurer, D&D Carting Co. Inc.
Andy Moss, Government Affairs Manager, Waste Connections
Thomas Toscano, CEO, Mr. T Carting Corp.
Michele Van Orden, General Counsel, Cardella Trucking Co. Inc.

Note: Kendall Christiansen, Executive Director of New Yorkers for Responsible Waste Management (NYRWM), resigned from the Trade Waste Advisory Board.

BIC agenda items

- Ongoing COVID-19 response
 - State of the trade waste industry:
Industry members explained that their businesses have been hurt in the last few weeks. Noah Genel advised that the New York State Department of Transportation expects delivery of a large supply of masks, and that BIC will receive some and

distribute them to trade waste companies. Genel asked industry members to think about how many masks are needed.

- BIC outreach to the industry, including BIC notifications:
BIC is focused on safety, service issues, making sure the city remains clean, staying on top of the issues and solving them as soon as possible. BIC has issued seven COVID-related notifications to keep the industry updated. Genel recommended reviewing the notifications, which are located on BIC's website.
- Keep BIC apprised of operations status and any service issues.
- Check often with NYS, NYC OEM & DOHMH and the CDC for updated guidance. The BIC notifications include links to information provided by these agencies.
- Industry members expressed concerns over new legislation proposed by City Council regarding hazard pay.
- Safety
 - Side guard bill pending at New York City Council (Intro No. 1789).
 - BIC continuing to work on new safety-related rules.
- BIC's rules continue to be in effect. BIC continues to issue administrative violations as necessary.
Unlicensed/unregistered activity: BIC has stepped up its efforts to investigate and prosecute unlicensed and unregistered activity. We have found many instances throughout this crisis.
 - Cardboard theft: BIC has received reports of increased cardboard theft and encourages industry members to continue to report instances of cardboard theft.
- Customer registers that are completed by licensees are due on 4/30/2020.

Agenda items requested by non-BIC TWAB members

- Industry response to COVID-19:
Industry members stated that they will send a letter to DSNY Commissioner Garcia and other interested parties to ask for a one-year delay for the implementation of commercial waste zones.
- BIC enforcement priorities during COVID-19:
Industry members asked questions regarding BIC's enforcement of Local Law 145 of 2013 (vehicle emissions law). BIC continues to enforce Local Law 145 of 2013 and has issued a number of administrative violations.