



**The City of New York
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Commissioner and Chair

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

Date and time: July 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

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.

BIC agenda items

- New York City is currently in Phase 4 of Reopening
 - Safety-related update:
 - a. As businesses start reopening, BIC encourages industry members to remind drivers to be careful and remain alert for the presence of more vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians on the street.
 - Industry Outreach efforts during COVID-19:
 - BIC has distributed 4,914 bottles hand sanitizers to 135 companies and distributed nearly 17,780 masks to 168 trade waste companies.
 - The City is offering free COVID-19 and antibody testing.
 - Open Streets and Open Restaurants programs:
 - a. Industry comment: the increasing number of restaurant reopenings has been challenging due to tables being placed on sidewalks and blocking access for waste removal. In some instances, helpers have to carry garbage bags greater distances than normal because trucks cannot fit down certain streets. BIC asked industry members to continue to share information

about this.

- BIC's response to protests:
 - BIC has worked with industry members to ensure that containers are secured in areas where protests will take place. BIC has been in daily contact with the NYPD in order to stay ahead of the situation as much as possible.
- Commission Meeting scheduled for July 30 at 3 p.m. (by phone).
- Local Law 145 compliance update:
 - 96% of all in-scope trucks are compliant.
- Customer Registers
 - Second Quarter data was due on July 31, 2020.
- Commercial Waste Zone Program update:
 - The program continues to be on pause. DSNY continues to monitor the situation. When the timing is right, DSNY will resume the rulemaking process before it releases the RFP.

Agenda items requested by Industry TWAB members

- Rate Cap
 - BIC has delayed its determination on whether the maximum rates should be adjusted due to the pandemic. BIC may ask for additional information in the future.
- BIC Decals for Customers
 - Industry members noted that, during the pandemic, decals may not accurately reflect service days and times.
- There was a discussion regarding an increase of cardboard theft. As always, BIC encourages industry members to report any suspicious activity.

The next TWAB meeting will take place on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.