

Appointments Meeting Agenda



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Committee Chair: Catherine Parker

Monday, May 5, 2025

1:00 PM

Committee Room

Joint with Legislation

CALL TO ORDER

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MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[2025-133](#) PH-Membership Requirements for Refuse Disp. Dist. No. 1 Advisory Board

A RESOLUTION to set a Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 277 of the Laws of Westchester with regard to membership requirements for the Westchester County Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Advisory Board." [Public Hearing set for _____, 2025 at _____ .m.]. LOCAL LAW INTRO: 2025-134.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION AND APPOINTMENTS

Guests: Westchester County Attorney's Office:
Alida Marcos Esq., Assistant County Attorney

[2025-134](#) LOCAL LAW-Membership Requirements for Refuse Disp. Dist. No. 1
Advisory Board

A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 277 of the Laws of Westchester County with regard to membership requirements for the Westchester County Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Advisory Board.

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II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

March 19, 2025

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Honorable Members of the Board:

I respectfully request that your Honorable Board adopt the attached "A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 277 of the Laws of Westchester with regard to membership requirements for the Westchester County Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Advisory Board."

The Westchester County Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Advisory Board advises and consults with the County Board and the Division of Solid Waste Management of the Department of Public Works and Transportation on matters relating to the administration and operation of County Refuse Disposal District No. 1. Presently, the Advisory Board is comprised of eighteen members, with fourteen seats designated to specific municipalities within the County, with each municipality having one designated seat. These fourteen seats are subject to a residency requirement, which mandates that the persons appointment thereto reside in their respective municipalities. However, this residency mandate has created challenges in finding candidates with the necessary qualifications to serve on the Advisory Board, especially in municipalities where experienced candidates are limited. Further, this provision has created a barrier to maintaining a roster of qualified candidates for service on the Advisory Board.

Accordingly, it is necessary to amend the existing law to allow members appointed to those fourteen seats to be employed by their respective municipalities, even if they are not residents. This amendment to the Local Law will assist in minimizing the challenges in finding and retaining qualified candidates within each municipality as many municipalities already employ highly qualified individuals with the expertise necessary to serve on the Advisory Board. Further, municipal employees have unique insight into the operations of their respective districts.

In light of the aforementioned, I respectfully urge that your Honorable Board adopt the attached Local Law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "KWJ", written over the typed name and title.

Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

KWJ/nn
Enclosure

TO: HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee recommends passage of “A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 277 of the Laws of Westchester County with regard to membership requirements for the Westchester County Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Advisory Board.”

Your Committee is aware that the Westchester County Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Advisory Board (“Advisory Board”) advises and consults with the County Board and the Division of Solid Waste Management of the Department of Public Works and Transportation on matters relating to the administration and operation of County Refuse Disposal District No. 1. Presently, the Advisory Board is comprised of eighteen members, with fourteen seats designated to specific municipalities within the County, with each municipality having one designated seat. These fourteen seats are subject to a residency requirement, which mandates that the persons appointment thereto reside in their respective municipalities.

Your Committee is informed that this residency mandate has created challenges in finding candidates with the necessary qualifications to serve on the Advisory Board, especially in municipalities where experienced candidates are limited. Further, this provision has created a barrier to maintaining a roster of qualified candidates for service on the Advisory Board.

Your Committee is advised that this amendment will expand the membership requirements for the Advisory Board by allowing members appointed to those fourteen seats to be employed by their respective municipalities, even if they are not residents. Your Committee believes that amending this Local Law will assist in minimizing the challenges in finding and retaining qualified candidates within each municipality as many municipalities already employ highly qualified individuals with the

expertise necessary to serve on the Advisory Board and municipal employees have unique insight into the operations of their respective districts.

Your Committee is informed that the proposed project does not meet the definition of an action under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning, dated January 14, 2025, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators. Your Committee concurs in this conclusion.

Your Committee, after careful consideration, recommends adoption of this Local Law.

Dated: _____, 2025
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

RESOLUTION NO. ____ – 2025

RESOLVED, that this Board hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 209.141(4) of the Laws of Westchester County on Local Law Intro. No. ____ - 2025, entitled “A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 277 of the Laws of Westchester County with regard to membership requirements for the Westchester County Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Advisory Board.” The public hearing will be held at ____m. on the ____ day of _____, 2025 in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, 8th Floor, Michaelian Office Building, White Plains, New York. The Clerk of the Board shall cause notice of the time and date of such hearing to be published at least once in one or more newspapers published in the County of Westchester and selected by the Clerk of the Board for that purpose in the manner and time required by law.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. - 2025

A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 277 of the Laws of Westchester County with regard to membership requirements for the Westchester County Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Advisory Board.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. Section 277.321 of the Laws of Westchester County is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 277.321. Board established.

1. There shall be a Westchester County Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Advisory Board which shall consist of 18 members. 14 members shall be appointed by the County Executive with the approval of the County Board and such appointments shall be made so that six members shall reside in or be employed by cities, one in each of the six cities in the district, five members shall reside in or be employed by towns, one in each of five different towns in the district, and three members shall reside in or be employed by villages, one in each of three different villages in the district. For the purposes of this section a town/village shall be deemed a town. The Chairman of the County Board shall serve as an ex officio member or may designate another legislator to serve as an ex officio member in the place and stead of the Chairman. The Commissioner of Health, the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation and the Budget Director shall each designate a person employed in their respective departments at the level of Assistant Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner or equivalent to serve as an ex officio member of the board. Each appointed member of the board shall reside in the district

at the time of appointment and throughout their tenure on the board.

Section 2. Section 277.331 of the Laws of Westchester County is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 277.331. Terms.

1. A member of the board, other than an ex officio member, shall serve for a term of two years. An ex officio member shall remain a member of the board for so long as such member either holds the office by virtue of which such member serves on the board or retains any required designation as provided in section 277.321. Each appointed member shall serve for the term for which the member was appointed and until a successor shall have been appointed and qualified unless the member shall sooner resign, cease to be a resident of the district, cease to be employed by a municipality within the district, or be removed in the manner provided by law. Vacancies occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments and, in the case of a member other than an ex officio member, for the balance of the unexpired term.

Section 3. This Local Law shall take effect immediately.