Recycling Reform Advisory Council
Kickoff Meeting Notes

February 5, 2026, 10-12pm PT

Kickoff Meeting Slide Deck Link

I. Welcome and Introductions
   a. Attendance and review of meeting agenda

Name	Organization	Attendance
Alissa Campbell	Recology	Y
Amanda Dalton	Northwest Grocery Retail Association	Y
Becci Piepel	Douglas County Solid Waste	Y
Casey Bouchard	Methow Recycles	Y
Danielle Waterfield	AMERIPEN	Y
Grant Williams	Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network	Y
Jay Blazey	Cedar Grove	Y
Jeff Zillich	WM	Y
Jocelyn Quarrell	Bold Reuse	Y
Karen Hultgren	Pierce County	Y
McKenna Morrigan	Seattle Public Utilities	Y
Megan Daum	American Beverage Association	Y
Michael Liptack	Friday Harbor	Y
Ming-Ming Tung-Edelman	Refugee Artisan Initiative	Y
Moji Igun	Zero Waste Washington	Y
Peter Lyon	Washington State Department of Ecology (Non-voting)	Y
Rick Vahl	Waste Connections	Y
Trace Bradburn	City of Spokane	Y

II. Advisory Council Operations
   a. Facilitator shared role and scope of Advisory Council
   b. Governance documents
      i. Charter
         1. Members shared concerns about:
            a. Strictly following meeting agendas without leaving time for public comment
            b. Where public comments would be included
            c. Length and frequency of meetings
            d. Proposal of in-person meetings (seconded and thirded); and roles of Chair and Vice Chair
         2. Facilitator confirmed the following:

a. Agenda items will be adjusted or bumped to next meetings to allow time for public comment at the end of meetings and that public comments may be included as notes for the meeting
b. Charter will be updated without reference to a predetermined length and frequency of meetings to allow for flexibility
c. In-person meetings have been discussed with Ecology who are discussing the possibility and logistics; hybrid may be an option for accessibility
d. Duties and responsibilities of Chair and Vice Chair are flexible and dependent on those elected

3. Council voted on approval of Charter

Voting Results	
Approved	**Did Not Vote**
Alissa Campbell	Ming-Ming Tung-Edelman
Amanda Dalton	
Becci Piepel	
Casey Bouchard	
Danielle Waterfield	
Grant Williams	
Jay Blazey	
Jeff Zillich	
Jocelyn Quarrell	
Karen Hultgren	
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ii. Code of Ethics

1. Members inquired about:
   a. Voting power for delegates and clarification in the Code of Ethics
   b. Form of communications within meetings
   c. Procedure for member communications outside of meetings
   d. Proposal to amend Code of Ethics to account for meetings outside of Council meetings
2. Facilitator confirmed:

            a. Delegates will be able to vote in place of a member and Code of Ethics will be amended to clarify this
            b. Members should communicate in meetings using chat and reactions throughout the meeting
            c. Advisory Council will have a designated website with all meeting materials
            d. Official business will be conducted in Council meetings and subcommittee meetings
            e. Code of Ethics will be amended to include clarify that discussions made outside of Council and subcommittee meetings are not considered official business
            f. Code of Ethics will also include language on OPMA guidelines
        3. Amended Code of Ethics will be voted on in the next meeting

III. Select Chair and Vice Chair
    a. Review candidates and vote
        i. Danielle Waterfield, AMERIPEN
            1. Member had questions about Danielle's experience
        ii. McKenna Morrigan, Seattle Public Utilities
        iii. Rick Vahl, Waste Connections
    b. Candidates provided brief speeches on desire to be Chair or Vice Chair
        i. Nominees not elected for Chair agreed to be considered nominees for Vice Chair
    c. Members voted for Chair and Vice Chair anonymously
        i. Chair votes:
            1. 8 votes for Rick; 7 votes for McKenna; 1 vote for Danielle; 1 non-vote
        ii. Vice Chair votes:
            1. 11 votes for McKenna; 1 vote for Danielle; 5 non-votes
        iii. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, anonymous votes are not permitted and voting results are null
            1. Council will re-vote at the next meeting

IV. Ecology updates
    a. Recycling Reform Act overview – Dan Weston, Ecology
        i. Presentation Link
    b. Recycling Refund Study – Nicole Villamizar, ERG
        i. Presentation Link
        ii. Model Study Overview – Bryce Hesterman, Resource Recycling Systems (RRS)
            1. Recycling Refund documents for Model Study

            a. ERG Report: https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2507065.html
            b. Ecology report to legislature: https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2507069.html
        iii. Engagement Plan Overview – Alejandro Parades, Cascadia
        iv. Statewide lists and needs assessments – Amy Rowland, ERG
    c. Questions and discussion
        i. Members inquired about:
            1. With the development of all this infrastructure, thoughts on overlap with reuse as infrastructure for deposit return could also support reuse
            2. Logistics on service provider registration deadlines and whether there is still opportunity to register even past the 2026 deadline
            3. Original intent around developing a separate infrastructure for the bottle bill outside of the retailers
            4. Connecting with tribes to facilitate information sharing

V. Subcommittee updates
    a. Equity subcommittee recruitment
        i. Ecology shared update about Equity subcommittee statute:
            1. Comprised of 6 members – 3 from a small, medium, and large community in Eastern Washington
            2. Subcommittee will make recommendations to the Advisory Council, Ecology, and the PRO regarding impacts of the law on socially vulnerable populations and overburdened communities
        ii. Current confirmed members:
            1. Miriam Mendoza, Yakima EcoSolutions
        iii. Ming-Ming and Grant expressed interest in serving on Equity subcommittee
    b. Subcommittee interest
        i. Statewide lists subcommittee
            1. Karen, Becci, Michael expressed interest
        ii. Needs assessment subcommittee
            1. Jay, Casey expressed interest
        iii. Members interested in both: McKenna, Alissa, Danielle, Rick
        iv. If only one subcommittee per person:
            1. Danielle indicated statewide lists as first choice
            2. Rick indicated needs assessment as first choice
        v. Megan indicated wanting to be assigned to at least one subcommittee

c. Member inquired to clarify whether people who are not on the Advisory Council are allowed to serve on subcommittees
    i. Ecology confirmed this

VI. Preview of next meeting content
a. Meetings likely to be about every other month
    i. Next meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2026, 10-12pm
    ii. Subcommittee meetings will likely happen in between Council meetings
b. Once meeting schedule is confirmed, further discussion on in-person and hybrid meetings in schedule
c. Next meeting topics include:
    i. Introduction or PRO selected
    ii. Ecology Updates
d. Launch of Advisory Council website on February 6: https://www.rraadvisorycouncil.org/
    i. Website will host meeting agenda, notes, registration links for future meetings, and governance documents once approved
e. Inquiries raised about:
    i. Potentially extending meeting lengths considering the frequency of meetings
    ii. Ecology committing to sharing information about what the Open Public Meetings Act means for Council and subcommittee meetings
    iii. Resolving visibility of chat, Q&A, and public comment for public attendees and public reminded to send in comment if they'd like

VII. Adjourn