

Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board – Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2026

City Council Briefing Center

Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by Brian Henning

Public Comment: Citizens are invited to address the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board on any topic not on the agenda. 3 Minutes each.

- *None*

Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Brian Henning, Amanda Parrish, Kathryn Alexander, Ryan Arnold, Kerry Brooks, Kevin Fagan, Elyse Hochstadt, Larry Luton, Bob Lutz, Lea Molina, Kit Parker, Hala Zahalqa
- Board Members Not Present: Ryan Arnold, Happy Avery, Claire Cooney
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Non-Voting Members Present: Community Assembly Liaison Santiago Rodriguez-Anderson
- Non-Voting Members Not Present:
- Staff Members Present: Jon Snyder, Emily King, Nicole White, Kyle Arrington, CM Paul Dillon, Virginia Ramos, Raylene Gennett, Elizabeth Schoedel, Sarah Sirott, Mayra Marroquin, Chris Averyt, Marlene Feist, Colin Quinn-Hurst

Minutes: Minutes from 2/12/2026 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **Chair Report - Amanda Parrish**
 - Amanda expressed her excitement that House Bill 2416 is awaiting the governor's signature. This bill relates to Spokane's Waste to Energy Facility. A lot of Spokane based environmental groups have worked with the City of Spokane, Department of Ecology, and state-wide environmental groups on this. Everyone has worked very hard on this for over a year, and very intensively over the last few months during the legislative session. This is groundbreaking legislation for Spokane. This bill keeps the Waste to Energy facility under the regulatory framework under the Climate Commitment Act, so we can uphold that, while also finding a good pathway toward greenhouse gas reduction of this facility while also protecting low-income rate payers. As part of the legislation, there is a waste reduction plan that needs to be reviewed and consulted on. This will be an ongoing project for our city and Amanda looks forward to continuing to work on this.
- **Secretary Report - Jon Snyder**
 - Jon had Marlene Feist speak about House Bill 2416. Marlene estimates that this bill will save City rate payers about 14 million dollars over four years based on current credit prices. This will be presented to the board more formally, likely at the next meeting.
 - Jon will be missing the meeting next month. Tirrell Black will act as secretary during that meeting. We anticipate possibly having a hearing on the Renter's Right to Cool Ordinance during that meeting.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved.

Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Bio-solids Update
 - Presentation provided by: Kyle Arrington

- Questions asked and answered.
- Discussion ensued.

- Public Transit as a GHG Reduction Strategy
 - Presentation provided by: Emily Poole, STA
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

- Renter's Right to Cool Ordinance
 - Presentation provided by: CM Paul Dillon
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

- SAPW Update
 - Presentation provided by: Amanda Parrish
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

- SAP 5-year Review Update
 - Presentation provided by: Jon Snyder & Nicole White
 - Questions asked and answered.
 - Discussion ensued.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:02 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board Meeting is on Thursday, April 9, 2026.