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Commissioner and Chair

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

Date and time: May 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Location: New York City Business Integrity Commission,
100 Church St., 20th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10007

Attendees:

Business Integrity Commission

Daniel Brownell, Commissioner and Chair
Noah Genel, Deputy Commissioner of Legal Affairs and General Counsel
John Curry, Assistant Commissioner of Legal Affairs
Salvador Arrona, Director of Policy
David Mandell, Deputy General Counsel for Regulatory Enforcement
Santiago Mueckay, Policy Analyst (notes)

Industry

Andy Moss, Government Affairs Manager, Waste Connections
John DiNardi, Secretary and Treasurer, D&D Carting Co. Inc.
Kendall Christiansen, Executive Director, NYRWM
Thomas Toscano, CFO/CLO, Mr. T Carting Corp.
Nino Tristani, COO, GPB Waste NY, LLC
David Biderman, Executive Director, SWANA (by phone)

Not present

Ron Bergamini, CEO, Action Carting Environmental Services, Inc.
Steven Changaris, Regional Manager, National Waste & Recycling Association
Michele Van Orden, General Counsel, Cardella Trucking Co. Inc.

BIC agenda items:

- 1) Safety in the industry
 - a. There have been two fatal accidents involving trade waste trucks in the last couple of weeks and therefore it is important to remind everyone about the importance of safety in the industry.
 - b. BIC will attend a meeting with City Hall today related to these fatalities.
 - c. A discussion on safety topics followed, including:

- i. An idea was proposed for giving trade waste trucks a right of way similar to ambulances and other emergency vehicles, in order to make sure people are more attentive of trade waste vehicles.
- ii. An idea was proposed to add more lights and new technology to trucks to avoid crashes with pedestrians.
- iii. Even though there has been some discussion regarding the removal of the rear step on trade waste trucks, the helper who rides on the rear step can serve as an extra set of eyes for the driver and can warn pedestrians about the path of the truck.
- iv. A comment was made that, overall, the number of fatalities nationwide have been going up in recent years. This could be the result of both distracted drivers and distracted pedestrians.
- v. San Francisco created a campaign focused on pedestrians who are distracted by technology. A suggestion was made for NYC to start a similar informational campaign.
- vi. Commissioner Brownell made a request to start searching for safety videos and information that TWAB members may have in order to share with the rest of industry.

2) Customer register

- a. BIC is currently reviewing the data it has received.
 - i. Overall, the data is good but there is room for improvement.
 - ii. BIC will create a PowerPoint presentation to showcase its findings as well as common errors and ways to avoid them.
 - iii. BIC will reach out to companies individually in order to provide feedback on the quality of their data.
 - iv. BIC has considered reducing the number of required fields for the customer register and plans on having an ongoing conversation with the industry regarding this.
 - v. Kendall asked a question regarding the state of the industry, the number of haulers currently operating, and at what point BIC will be ready to convert the data it has collected into policy.
 - 1. BIC will include this information in the PowerPoint presentation which will be presented at next month's TWAB meeting.

3) Side guard rebate program update

- a. The side guard rebate program has received 143 total applications so far. 92 trucks have installed side guards and companies have received close to \$100,000 in rebate money.
- b. There are a few trucks (about 20) which are still pending. DOT has requested that all paperwork be submitted before June 30, 2017.
- c. BIC will be sending out a notice to the industry with more information about the program.

- d. The federal funds for this program may not be renewed for next year, so BIC advises everyone who is eligible to take advantage of the rebate program before June 30, 2017.
- 4) NYC Food Waste Fair
 - a. The Foundation for New York’s Strongest will hold the first ever NYC Food Waste Fair.
 - b. BIC is part of the planning committee for this event.
 - c. The event plans to bring together everyone who is involved with organic waste, recovery, and recycling in order to provide information and “catalyze a growing industry.”
 - d. The event will take place at the Brooklyn Expo Center on July 25, 2017.

Non-BIC TWAB member issues:

- 1) DSNY workshop on enforcement of commercial recycling rules
 - a. Kendall Christiansen and Steven Changaris asked DSNY and BIC to conduct a workshop similar to the one that was held last year regarding the collection of organic waste.
 - b. DSNY has agreed to hold the workshop and will be organizing the event, in conjunction with BIC.
 - c. The workshop will take place in June 2017.
- 2) New commercial recycling decals
 - a. Tom asked a question regarding the “Authorized for” section. According to him many carters have been leaving this section blank.
 - i. All licensees must complete this section and it must match the information submitted through the online authorization form.
 - b. Question: “If you are approved for single-stream collection, can you do co-collection as well?”
 - i. Yes, if your company has been approved for single-stream collection, you are also authorized to perform co-collection and source-separated collection. If you are authorized for co-collection, you may also perform source-separated collection, but not single-stream collection. If you are only authorized to perform source-separated collection, you may not perform any other type of collection.
 - c. A question was asked regarding how to fill out the time section of the decal?
 - i. A reasonable and approximate collection time or range of time should be written in the time section.
 - ii. BIC will put together an FAQ document for all carters with more specific answers regarding these questions.
 - d. A question was asked regarding how to deal with on-call customers.
 - i. BIC recommends writing “on-call” directly on the decal.
- 3) Amendments to BIC’s rules and regulations
 - a. BIC has been reviewing its rules and regulations regularly during the current administration. CAPA hearing on June 7th regarding certain rules amendments. Will make amendments as necessary.

- i. BIC asked the industry to put any requests for amendments or rule changes in writing so they can be reviewed and discussed.
- 4) The next TWAB meeting will be held on June 22, 2017.