

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: April 14, 2026

Department: Fire Rescue

Advisory Board: Regional Hazardous Materials Oversight Committee

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: one (1) appointment to the Regional Hazardous Materials Oversight Committee to fill an unexpired term beginning April 14, 2026 through April 8, 2027 followed by a full three (3) year term from April 9, 2027 through April 8, 2030:




<u>Appointment Nominee</u>	<u>Seat No.</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>
Mitch Parker	5	Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County

Summary: The Regional Hazardous Materials Oversight Committee was created by ordinance in 1998 to establish standards and review the effectiveness of the regional hazardous materials emergency response services and teams. Appointments to this five (5) member committee are for three (3) year terms, and members may serve no more than three (3) consecutive three (3) year terms. The committee is comprised of members from specific areas of representation, of which seat #5 must represent the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County. Mitch Parker has been nominated by the Solid Waste Authority to fill the unexpired term for seat #5 which will be vacant due to Robert J. Madden's resignation of his seat on April 13, 2026, due to his pending retirement. **Countywide (SB)**

Background and Justification: The Regional Hazardous Materials Oversight Committee is established in Section 11-130, Palm Beach County Code, which stipulates that all Oversight Committee appointments be nominated by specific entities or areas of interest and be appointed by the County Commission.

Attachments:

1. Board/Committees Application Form, Bio/Resume for Nominee, nomination letters
2. Attendance records
3. Current List of Board Members
4. Article VII Regional Hazardous Materials Response; Section 11-130 Oversight Committee, Palm Beach County Code
5. Current meeting date schedule

Recommended by:		3-2-2026
	Assistant Fire Chief	Date
Approved by:		3-2-2026
	Fire Rescue Administrator	Date
Approved by:		3-9-26
	Assistant County Attorney	Date

II. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. Other Department Review:

Department Director



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 BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION
 301 N Olive Avenue, WPB, FL 33401
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BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION

*The information provided on this form will be used in considering your nomination.
 (Answer "NONE" or "N/A" where appropriate.)*

APPLICANT TO COMPLETE/SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- SECTION II
- CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS
- CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING
- RESUME or BIOGRAPHY

SECTION I (OFFICE USE ONLY) Advisory Not Advisory

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Regional Hazardous Materials Oversight Committee

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: AT-LARGE REAPPOINTMENT DISTRICT #

TERM: 4/14/26 START DATE 04/08/27 NEW APPOINTMENT END DATE

LENGTH OF TERM: 3 YEARS

SEAT #:

SEAT REQUIREMENT: PBC Resident SWA Recommendation

COMPLETING AN UNEXPIRED TERM? YES NO

IF YES: DUE TO: RESIGNATION OTHER

COMPLETING TERM FOR: Robert Madden

ORIGINAL TERM EXPIRES: 4/13/26

**When a person is being considered for reappointment, the number of previous disclosed voting conflicts during the previous term shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners: _____*

SECTION II (to be completed by applicant) ***MUST BE A PALM BEACH COUNTY RESIDENT**

NAME: (First/Middle Initial/Last) Mitchell William Parker

ADDRESS: 3122 Evergreen Lane

CITY: Lake Worth STATE: FL ZIP: 33461

PHONE #: 561-667-9463

EMAIL: mparker@swa.org

BUSINESS/EMPLOYER NAME: Solid Waste Authority of PBC

OCCUPATION: Employee

ADDRESS: 7501 N Jog Road

CITY: West Palm Beach STATE: FL ZIP: 33412

MAILING PREFERENCE: RESIDENCE BUSINESS

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY: YES NO

(conviction of a felony is not an automatic disqualifier from appointment)

IF YES - STATE THE COURT, NATURE OF OFFENSE, DISPOSITION OF CASE AND DATE:

SECTION II - continued (to be completed by applicant)

CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS: _____ NONE NOT APPLICABLE/(Governmental Entity)

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<u>Contract/Transaction No.</u>	<u>Department/Division</u>	<u>Description of Service</u>	<u>Term</u>
Example: (R#XX-XX/PO XX)	Parks & Rec	General Maintenance	10/01/00 - 09/30/2100
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

SERVING ON OTHER ADVISORY BOARDS / COMMITTEES:

Are you currently serving on any other Advisory Boards or Committees within Palm Beach County? _____ YES NO

If YES, please list: _____

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING: COMPLETED DATE: 1/23/26

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SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY) DISTRICT # _____

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: _____ YES _____ NO
 BCC MEETING: _____ DATE _____

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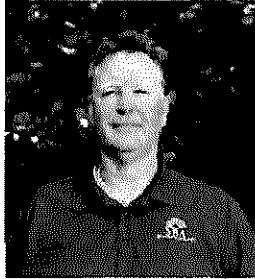
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Mitchell Parker, CHMP
Manager, Hazardous Waste Services
Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County



Mitch Parker is Manager of the Hazardous Waste Services section of the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA), where he has been employed since 1997. Parker is responsible for the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) and other landfill support programs such as special waste, load screening and emergency response.

Parker began his hazardous materials career at the SWA working HHW collection events throughout the county, performing lab packing and hazardous waste transport, including proper storage, labeling and disposal of waste; disposal of asbestos, batteries, mercury containing lamps, paints, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides, used oil and other regulated hazardous waste. Parker is responsible for overseeing the SWA's two staffed Home Chemical & Recycling Centers, as well as five self-serve collection sites.

Parker's prior experience includes two years in environmental well drilling, performing sampling services under various regulatory agencies.

A North American Hazardous Materials Managers Association (NAHMMA) member, Parker has actively participated in Workshop Planning Committees and attended related conferences throughout the years.

Certifications

- Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMP)
- Asbestos Inspector
- Dangerous Goods Advisory Council HMT – 400
- Universal Refrigerant Certified

Solid Waste Authority HCRC Mission Statement:

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's Hazardous Waste Service Department provides responsible disposal of household hazardous waste materials in Palm Beach County for the protection of the environment, people and infrastructure and maintains seven Home Chemical & Recycling Centers for convenient drop-off.



January 27, 2026

Regional Hazardous Materials Oversight Committee
c/o Bob Kropa, District Chief
Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
Special Operations Group
405 Pike Road
West Palm Beach, FL. 33411

RE: Nomination for Regional Hazardous Materials Oversight Committee

Dear District Chief Kropa,

I am pleased to submit Mitchell Parker for consideration to serve as the Authority's representative on the Regional Hazardous Materials Oversight Committee.

Mr. Parker is the Manager for the Hazardous Waste department, and he is familiar with the issues of hazardous waste and materials management.

Sincerely,

Ramana Kari
Executive Director

cc: Mitchell Parker
Patrick Carroll

RHMOC (Reginal Hazmat Oversight Committee) 2021	2/16/2021	5/19/2021	8/19/2021	11/17/2021
Shon Broedell	√	√	√	√
Daniel Comerford	√	√		√
Mike Geier	√	√	√	√
Drovica Gosein	√	√		√
Bob Madden	√	√	√	√

RHMOC (Reginal Hazmat Oversight Committee) 2022	2/17/2022	5/18/2022	8/17/2022	11/16/2022
Shon Broedell	√	√		√
Daniel Comerford	√	√	√	√
Mike Geier	√		√	√
Drovica Gosein	√		√	√
Bob Madden	√	√	√	√

RHMOC (Reginal Hazmat Oversight Committee) 2023	2/15/2023	5/17/2023	10/18/2023
Shon Broedell	√		√
Daniel Comerford	√	√	
Mike Geier	√		√
Drovica Gosein	√	√	
Bob Madden	√	√	

RHMOC (Reginal Hazmat Oversight Committee) 2024	1/31/2024	5/1/2024	8/21/2024	11/13/2024
Shon Broedell	√		√	√
Gregory Freebold (replaced Daniel Comerford)	√	√	√	√
Mike Geier	√		√	
Drovica Gosein	√	√		√
Bob Madden	√	√	√	√

RHMOC (Reginal Hazmat Oversight Committee) 2025	3/26/2025	6/11/2025	9/10/2025	12/16/2025
Glenn Josephs	√	√	√	√
Gregory Freebold		√	√	√
Mike Geier	√	√	√	
Drovica Gosein	√	√	√	√
Bob Madden	√	√	√	



**PALM BEACH COUNTY
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SPECIFIC BOARD MEMBERS
REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

SEAT ID	CURRENT MEMBER	ROLE TYPE	RACE COD	GENDER	BUSINESS / HOME	SEAT REQUIREMENT	APPOINTE D DATE	REAPPOINTED DATE	EXPIRATION DATE	MEMBER TERM
Appointed By : At-Large/Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners										
1	Michael J. Geier mgeier@pbcgov.org Palm Beach County/Division of Emergency Management 20 S Military Trl West Palm Beach FL 33415	Member	CA	M	561-723-5442	PBC Division of Emergency Management	03/17/2020	04/09/2024	04/08/2027	
	NOMINATED BY : Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management									
2	Drovica Gosein-Rodriguez Unknown Florida Department of Health, Palm Beach County - Administration 800 Clematis St West Palm Beach FL 33401	Member	HA	F	--	PBC Health Department Representative	03/17/2020	04/09/2024	04/08/2027	
	NOMINATED BY : Department of Health, Palm Beach County									
3	Gregory Freebold 1435 Caribbean Rd E Lake Clarke Shores FL 33406	Member	CA	M	561-719-4709	PBC League of Cities Representative	04/09/2024		04/08/2027	
	NOMINATED BY : Palm Beach County League of Cities									
4	Glenn Joseph gjoseph@highlandbeach.us Town of Highland Beach	Member	AA	M	561-817-8067	PBC Fire Chief's Association	11/19/2024		04/08/2027	
	NOMINATED BY : Fire Chief's Association of Palm Beach County									

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Appointed By : At-Large/Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

5	Robert J. Madden	Member	CA	M	--	Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County Rep	03/17/2020	04/09/2024	04/08/2027	
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Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County
1417 Shirley Ct
Lake Worth FL 33461

NOMINATED BY : Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County

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Sec. 11-130. - Oversight committee.

The board of county commissioners shall appoint a five-member oversight committee to establish the standards and review the effectiveness of delivering hazardous materials emergency response services on a regional basis.

(1) *Membership.* The committee shall consist of one (1) member, representing each of the following groups:

- a. Palm Beach County Health Department;
- b. Palm Beach County League of Cities;
- c. Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County;
- d. Fire Chief's Association of Palm Beach County; and
- e. Division of Emergency Management.

Appointments shall be based on recommendations submitted by the represented group. Each member shall be appointed to the oversight committee in accordance with Palm Beach County PPM #CW-O-023 "Board Appointments."

(2) *Terms of office.* The members shall serve three-year terms. The members may serve no more than three consecutive three-year terms.

(3) *Meetings.* The Oversight Committee shall meet at least quarterly or more often as determined by the membership.

(4) *Duties and responsibilities.* The responsibilities of the Oversight Committee shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Recommend a solid waste authority fee schedule to provide a partial funding source for the designated hazardous materials response teams.
- b. Oversee funds recovered as a direct result of response actions in accordance with section 11-132 of this article.
- c. Review, recommend, establish, modify, and oversee performance standards for the delivery of regional hazardous materials response services, including initial response zones for the regional hazardous materials response teams. Prior to modifying any initial response zone, the oversight committee shall seek comment and discussion from the regional hazardous materials response teams.
- d. Monitor and evaluate the distribution of funds and supplies to each of the hazardous materials response service providers.
- e. Review the findings of the technical review team to assure effectiveness of the regional delivery of hazardous materials response services.
- f.

Submit a written report, at least annually, to the Board of County Commissioners, on the effectiveness of the regional hazardous materials response program.

- g. The Oversight Committee shall be subject to the uniform policies and procedures established by the Board as currently set forth in Resolution No. 2013-0193, as may be amended by action of the Board.
 - h. Oversight Committee members shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the State Ethics Code and the applicable provisions of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics.
- (5) *Technical review team.* The Oversight Committee shall appoint three (3) members and three (3) alternate members to serve on the technical review team, based upon recommendations from the Fire Chief's Association of Palm Beach County. Each member and alternate member shall be a Chief Fire Officer from a Fire-Rescue Department within the County. No member may serve on the technical review team while the team is reviewing a service provider which employs the member or with whom the member is otherwise directly affiliated. In such case, an alternate member shall serve on the technical review team. An alternate member also may serve on the technical review team when a member is otherwise unavailable to serve. Alternates shall be called to service on a rotational basis.
- (6) *Responsibilities of the technical review team.*
- a. Visit sites of each of the haz-mat service providers once a year to review and report on compliance with the standards of performance as approved by the Oversight Committee.
 - b. Examine service providers' records to document performance criteria such as, but not limited to: Daily staffing of each haz-mat team, turnout time, response time, minimum equipment accessibility, incident documentation, personnel certifications and in-service training programs.
 - c. Participate in each of the significant post incident analysis conducted by the regional hazardous materials response teams.
 - d. Submit a written report annually, to the oversight committee on each team's compliance with the established performance standards.
 - e. Examine the incidence of hazardous materials emergencies within the entire county and report to the oversight committee on the effectiveness of the regional hazardous materials response teams.

(Ord. No. 98-13, § 5, 4-21-98; Ord. No. 01-027, § 2, 6-19-01; Ord. No. 2012-030, § 1, 9-25-12; Ord. No. 2016-051, § 1, 11-22-16)

2026 Meeting Dates
Regional Hazardous Materials Oversight Committee Meetings

- March 11TH, 2026
- June 10th, 2026
- September 09th, 2026
- December 09TH, 2026

*Meetings will be held at Palm Beach County Fire Rescue's Headquarters (405 Pike Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33411) at 10:00AM