

**Charleston County Resilience and Sustainability Advisory Committee (RSAC) Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2025**

RSAC ATTENDEES

Rev. Dr. Kylon Jerome Middleton (Charleston County Council Chairman) (Virtual), Stewart Weinberg, Scott Harris (College of Charleston), Scott Curtis (Citadel), Sally Brooks (Zoning and Planning), Nina Miller (BCDCOG).

PUBLIC ATTENDEES

Catherine Min (SCOR)
Kristin Miguez (BCDCOG)

COUNTY STAFF

Molly Caggiano, Alexandra Petruch, Walter Smalls, Kristoff Haspel-Talavera

ABSENT

Adrian Cain (Homebuilders Association)
Scott Runyon (Dominion Energy)

CALL TO ORDER

Stewart Weinberg called the Charleston County RSAC meeting to order at 9:30am
FOIA compliance and media acknowledgement announced.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS' REMARKS

- Approved meeting minutes at 9:38am from September 9, 2025.
 - o Motion to approve introduced by Stewart Weinberg. Motion was approved unanimously.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

New Resilience & Sustainability Staff

- Introduction of Kristoff Haspel (Resilience & Sustainability Intern)

Advisory Committee Membership Review

- Membership Review
 - o Chamber of Commerce - Diamond Curry left her role. RSAC is looking for a replacement from the chamber of commerce.
 - o BCDCOG - Kristen Miguez is stepping in for Nina Miller.
 - o Dominion Energy - Scott Runyon is reapplying and will be appointed at 12/9/25 council meeting.
- Leadership
 - o Committee voted to re-elect leadership and was supported unanimously. Scott Harris will be Vice Chair and Stewart Weinberg will be Chair in 2026.

Resilience Updates

Resilience & Sustainability Symposium

- 180 attendees, 30 NGOs, 20 (Local, regional, State), 10 municipalities, 3 Utility Companies
- 97.2% Landfill Diversion Rate.
- Zero Waste event all of that got composted - 97.2% waste diversion
 - o Waste stream covered, plastic wrap, gloves, duct tape, sternos, coffee lids.
 - o Waste composition from front and back of house, (96.8% compostable, 2.8% landfill, 0.4% recyclable)

RSAC comments on the symposium:

- Walt Smalls: Consider budget cycle for next fiscal year and include funds for another event.
- Stewart Weinberg: Consider hosting a Symposium every other year and an alternative event in between.
 - o How do we educate the public on what everyone is doing and be unified in sharing the message? Instead of hosting one major event, let's look at leveraging smaller events across the municipalities.
- Scott Curtis: Consider which community members to interface with during off year events.

- *Molly Caggiano: Make it topic-specific for the communities' needs and develop the information for that specific community. Go to them rather than them coming to us.*

Resilience Collaborative

- *Goal of collaborative: Organized space to provide the infrastructure for practitioners in local government to connect, coordinate and innovate for the purpose of advancing shared resilience goals.*
- *Resilience inventory (300+ projects, plans, initiatives)*
 - o *This will provide a baseline of resilience initiatives and help prioritize investments.*
- *Launch Date for Resilience Collaborative is February 2026.*

Comments on the collaborative

- *Be considerate to the municipality that might view their #1 priority as priority not lower because its lower on-air table. - Stewart Weinberg*
- *How do you communicate such complex, diverse information? (public & committee) -Scott Harris*
 - o *Combining the Inventory into the AirTable platform and organizing them into the 5 priorities for the public view. – Alexandra Petruch*
- *How do we monitor what's going on at the state level and contribute it to this? -Walter Smalls*

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)

- *Trident United Way (TUW) is Sponsor*
- *VOAD Manager will be housed under TUW, ensures the longevity for VOAD.*
- *Costal VOAD's will have regular calls and communication, Bylaws were drafted, Membership forms are available.*

Grants

- *EPA Brownfield Coalition Grant \$(1,000,000) Application due January 28, 2026.*
 - o *Implement Brownfields Strategic Plan, in partnership with the City of North Charleston, Town of Hollywood, and Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities.*
- *Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation Grant \$(1,000,000)*
 - o *Design backup energy solution in partnership with Joint Base Charleston, to support residents of the base as well as communities neighboring the base.*
- *SC Energy Office Energy Block Grant (\$100,000)*

- *Proposal to conduct 18 energy Audits and least 10 residential homes weatherized.*
- *SC Energy Office Mini Grant (\$50,000)*
 - *Proposal to install new EV chargers at Social Services Hub and Azalea Complex.*

Sustainability Updates

Ordinance/ Weatherization/ Energy Audits

- *October 28th passed ordinance amending single use plastics to close loophole on plastic bags.*
- *Nov 20th, we presented ordinance to City of North Charleston.*
- *12 energy audits done – goal is 20*
 - *Reviewing and screening applications as they arrive*
 - *Planning logistics for phase two, 8 homes out of 20 will be updated.*
- *Green Liaisons have been reinstated – internal group within Charleston County focused on Sustainability.*

Green House Gas Inventory

- *Local pathways: SSG contactor is providing GHGS inventory of all municipalities*
 - *Talk about how we can reduce some of the findings in the inventory.*
 - *SSG Will develop a more comparable data inventory for the county.*

Community Engagement Updates

- *7 events since September 9th, 2025*
 - *Expanding composting program*
 - *MARSH Project – litter sweep – 200 pounds of waste prevention*
 - *Sea Rise Stroll – 10mile*
 - *Dorchester Trunk Or Treat – energy conservation kit given out.*
 - *Pumpkin Smash – Composting event.*
 - *R&S Symposium.*

RSAC 2026 Proposed Meeting Dates

- *March 10th, 2026*
- *June 9th, 2026*
- *September 1st, 2026*
- *December 8th, 2026*

GENERAL COMMENT

Open Discussion for Resilience and Sustainability Symposium
Open Discussion for Resilience and Sustainability Community Engagement

PUBLIC COMMENT

Call for Public Comment by Chair at 10:26am

- Catherine Min - congratulated the Resilience & Sustainability team on the symposium.
- Kylon Middleton - thanked the Resilience & Sustainability team for the work it has done with our communities.

NEXT MEETING

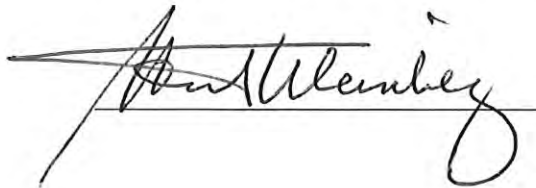
Tuesday March 10th, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair, Stewart Weinberg, adjourned the meeting at 10:30am with unanimous approval.

Ratified by the Charleston County
Resilience and Sustainability Advisory
Committee this 09th day of December 2025.

Advisory Committee Chair



Attest:

Administrative Officer – Resilience



Administrative Officer – Sustainability

