

# Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility Advisory Board

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

**Start 1 p.m. - End 4 p.m.**

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**Meeting Location:** Room 100, MPCA St Paul Offices, 520 Lafayette Rd N., St. Paul, MN 55155

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## Agenda

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1 p.m.	Call to order Meeting logistics Welcome and roll call / attendance Approve agenda Approve December 17 meeting summary	Chair Reinhardt	Action	2
1:10 p.m.	Updates from MPCA Updates from CAA	MPCA CAA	Information	
1:20 p.m.	Rulemaking overview – how it works in MN	MPCA Rules coordinator	Information	
1:50 p.m.	Overview of definitions, key components of the law for consideration going into the Needs Assessment	MPCA	Information	
2:10 p.m.	Break			
2:25 p.m.	Subcommittee development and discussion	MPCA	Information	
3:50 p.m.	Public comment			
4 p.m.	Adjourn			

# Packaging EPR Advisory Board

## Meeting Summary

Virtual via Microsoft Teams or in-person at the MPCA St. Paul Office | 3 hours

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 | 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CT

Recording available at: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/events-and-meetings/packaging-extended-producer-responsibility-advisory-board-meeting-2026-01-21>

## Attendance

### Board Member Attendance

Present (9 members required for quorum)			Absent
Gabbie Batzko-Conley	Miriam Holsinger (Vice Chair)	Mac Sellars	Bill Keegan
Sara Bixby	Kirk Koudelka	Jon Steiner	Steve Vrchota
Megan Daum	Gregory Melkonian		
Kate Davenport	Shoshana Micon		
Mike Griffin	Victoria Reinhardt (Chair)		
Sydney Harris	Maggie Schuppert		

**Guest Presenters:** Sarah Edwards, Eunomia; John Carhart, Eunomia; William Shanks, Eunomia; Kris Coperine, CAA; Peter Hargreave, CAA; Bridget Anderson, CAA

**Agency Staff:** Mallory Anderson, Quinn Carr, Molly Flynn, **John Gilkeson, Aubrey Sondrol, Colleen Hetzel, Joshua Hauf, Tina Patton, Dave Benke**

**Participants:** Shannon Pinc, Jeff Standish, Chris Cary, Ryan O’Gara, Walter Reiter, Susan Bush, Amber Backhaus, Janell Schroeder, Kimberly Davis, Carol Patterson, Cathleen Hall, Mike Robertson, Scott Moening, Tony Stoner – IGHQ, Anthony Wittmer, Leah Batstone-Cunningham, Veronica Campanie, Apurupa Gorthi, Valerie Jerich, Will Waggoner, James Vandeputte, Erinne Christman, Joe Birkholz, David Keeling, Peter Bierbaum, David Nickelson, Michelle Hunt, Josh Allen, Todd Hill, Drew Hatzenbihler, Grace Altier, Darla Arians, Chandra Dee Her, Eric Dennis, Tony Kwilas, Callie Lehman, Sam Schlaich, Steve Barthel, Alexandra Rania Aladham, Rachel Hain, DeNeile Cooper, Marissa Heffernan, Hannah Prah, Andrew Morley, Brad Bowers, Amanda Erickson, Taylor Loeber, Annebelle Klein, Jose Calvo Cruz [EMR/ENT/SJO], Lloyd Grooms, Dustin Strickland, Alex Torres, Geralyn Lasher, Annie E Lane, Gabriella Rossow, Brittany Ramos Castellon [EMR/ENT/SJO], Jacqueline Murphy, Amelia K Flintrop, Addison Tansom, Michael Cook, Kala Fisher, Ross Dunsmoor, Marnath Deng, Rick Zultner, Megan Quinn, Joan Popowics, Justin Emmerich, Tim Wilkin, Alex Chan, Brian Martinson, Steven Day (Day Steven), Hugo (CEI-Atlanta) Carmona, Lucy Mullany, Gregg Felber, Emily Sisk, Cafferty Alicia (BSH GCM-NA), Alexander Truelove

## Meeting notes

### Call to order

Mallory Anderson conducted a roll call vote.

**Present:** Batzko-Conley, Bixby, Daum, Davenport, Griffin, Harris, Holsinger, Melkonian, Micon, Reinhardt, Schuppert, Sellars, Steiner

**Absent:** Bill Keegan, Steve Vrchota

### Approve agenda

Mallory Anderson conducted a roll call vote.

Batzko-Conley, Bixby, Daum, Davenport, Griffin, Harris, Holsinger, Keegan, Melkonian, Micon, Reinhardt, Schuppert, Sellars, Steiner, Vrchota

**Yes:** Batzko-Conley, Bixby, Daum, Davenport, Griffin, Harris, Holsinger, Melkonian, Micon, Reinhardt, Schuppert, Sellars, Steiner

**No:** None

**Absent:** Bill Keegan, Steve Vrchota

### Meeting minutes

Steiner motioned and Miriam seconded. Mallory Anderson conducted a roll call vote.

**Yes:** Batzko-Conley, Bixby, Daum, Davenport, Griffin, Harris, Holsinger, Melkonian, Micon, Reinhardt, Schuppert, Sellars, Steiner

**No:** None

**Absent:** Bill Keegan, Steve Vrchota

### Agency updates

Request that folks to submit letters or written requests justifying why specific questions in the draft survey should be classified as not-public. From Minn. Stat. 115A.1450, Subd 6 (b)... "The request must set forth the statutory grounds and the reasons that justify the classification of the data or information as not public data." Request that the board continue to dig in on the scope of the needs assessment and request any support or information the agency or Eunomia can supply to support the board in that work. Agency is still working through final reviews of the preliminary assessment. Agency is working to finalize the approvals of the two new board members.

### Discussion of draft survey

- Add reuse questions throughout the surveys. Also, should survey reuse folks directly.
- This is a lot of questions and would take a lot of time to work through.
- There needs to be more discussion on how to collect information on reuse.
- Return to this after the CAA and Eunomia presentations.

### CAA updates

No new registrants.

### CAA – perspective on Needs Assessment

The Needs Assessment is a core document informing planning and budgeting and CAA needs to be involved with how the data is going to be collected to inform their stewardship plan. Key lessons learned have been that there are inevitable data limitations and there's a need for the PRO to access data and understand the methodology. That early collaboration in the process makes for a more efficient final product.

### **Eunomia – methodology and engagement and outreach plan**

Reviewed the engagement tasks planned for the Needs Assessment and some of the data evaluation, including identifying covered materials and tracking their management, sources for that information. Highlighted the challenging timeline and need for surveys to move forward as a primary source of data collection. Ideally surveys will get out by the end of the month.

Discussion of the board of how to improve the surveys and agreement to have feedback sessions coordinated.

### **Public comment**

Ryan O’Gara, Waste Connections. Expressed concerns about the cost data, particularly questions about routes, tipping fees, and maintenance costs. Non-public data is a major concern and agrees a workshop will help. Has questions about how some of this information [in the hauler survey] are related to this law like routes, set-out rate, how to measure, commercial accounts, cost per student, and education and outreach staffing. Also has concerns about the facility survey.

**Notes compiled by:** Mallory Anderson

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