



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
Operations Center – Assembly Room | 305 Williams St. | Hendersonville, NC
28792
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – 4:30 PM



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:37 p.m.

Members present: Emily Davidson (Zoom), Jill Carter (Zoom), Virginia Tegel, Richard Harris, Kimberly Blackwell, and Kyla Christensen

Members absent: Alicia Stump

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Emily motioned to approve first followed by Jill with the addition of public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jill motioned to approve the November 2025 meeting minutes first followed by Emily.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jan from Trinity Presbyterian Church attended virtually to collect information to share with her church on what the board is working on.

Kathleen recently submitted an application to be on the board and attended virtually to learn more.

BUSINESS

Welcome new members! - *Emily Davidson, Chair*

Approval of Hendo Green Partnership structure - *Jill Carter, Member*

Jill shared an updated process and parameters for Hendo Green Partnership. Caitlyn is working on scheduling a presentation from ESB to City Council.

Hendo Earth Fest update - *Emily Davidson, Chair*

Sustainability Topic Presentation - *Emily Davidson, Chair*

Emily is sending out updated link for board members to sign up for a sustainability topic presentation.

Status of FY26 board budget - Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison

Potential purchase with extra funds:

Edible garden signage & designation at Grove Street Park (part of current stormwater restoration project). Edible plants include: Persimmon, Paw Paw, Spicebush, Highbush blueberry, and Elderberries

Educational signage: ~\$4,500

Caitlyn is going to find more information from Mike Huffman, Stormwater Director on what is needed for the signage.

Vote on FY27 Budget - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison*

Virginia motioned to approve first followed by Richard.

Sustainability Hero Award planning

Caitlyn is going to start promoting. Kimberly volunteered to review applications.

SDS maintenance schedule - *Virginia Tegel, Member*

Board members signed up for once/month (ideally weekly) checkin on maintenance. Members, please record on sheet below when you checkin on station and follow protocol listed:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hUcxzeGyUD387ihl3VKwvSqOpyuzPL6lIYw6tLJ6E/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.bi11dhoys7ls>

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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