

## **Food Packaging PDG**

**Names of Attendees:** Abdullahi Idris Muhammad, Allison DeGraffenreid, Amira Ayad, Andrew Morin, Andrew Pantano, Angela Anandappa, Angela Valadez, Ankit Patras, Balasubrahmanyam Kottapalli, Barbara Kowalczyk, Bennett Dzandu, Beth Paras, Betsy Craig, Cameron Parsons, Carlos Jemio Flores, Caroline Yates, Carrie Rigdon, Cecil Barnett-Neefs, Chris Jordan, Cindy Jiang, Craig Jewell, Daun Kim, Dave Hill, David Buckley, David Legan, David Luedeke, David Melton, David Vargas, Diego Casas, Dr. Sultan Al Taher, Elisabetta Lambertini, Emil Joson, Eric Martin, Eric Schweitzer, Erin Ducko, Ewelina Wachnicka, Fabien Matsiko, Florence Postollec, Gabriela Lopez Velasco, Gabriella Pinto, Gopal Gopinath, Gry Terrell, Gustavo Reyes, Hadda Faye, Helen Taylor, Irshad Sulaiman, James Doyle, Jiyeon Yi, Joe Heinzelmann, Joe Holt, John Bassett, Jonathan Basha, Julie Simcox, Jun Nam, Karen Jarvis, Karen Leacock, Katherine Sierra, Kathryn Kadlec, Kristin Sanders, Lisa Robinson, Lucas Cunha, Luis Salazar, Luke Qian, Marcel Zwietering, Marion Shepherd Jr., Mark Flanagan, Martha Kimber, Mary Morris-Donaldson, Matthew Stasiewicz, Megan Jensen, Melanie Firestone, Meri Beth Wojtaszek, Micah Black, Michelle Iannucci, Minji Hur, Monica Osorio-Barahona, Nadia Narine, Nate Banner, Nathan Anderson, Natoavina Faliarizao, Neal Fredrickson, Neal Saab, Niam Abeyesiriwardena, Nicolas Vivanco, Nicolette Hall, Nirmal Thirunavookarasu Sankaranarayanan, Nishela Abeyesiriwardena, Olivia Arends, Panos Skandamis, Pratiksha Shrestha, Rachel Anderson, Ray Elementi, Richard Jacobs, Rigo Soler, Rowaida Khalil, Ryan Blaustein, Sampathkumar Balamurugan, Sangmi Lee, Sarah Murphy, Sarah Smith-Simpson, Sean Montgomery, Sergei Lepeshinki, Seulgi Jeong, Shanmukh Kottapalli, Sitara Cullinan, Staci Richardson, Stefhanie Loaiza, Steve Nason, Steven Foley, Surabhi Wason, Tim Accola, Toni de Senna, Tony Flood, Vianca Tashiguano, Vijay Krishna, YeonJin Jung, Yiyi Li, Zane Xu.

**Total Number of Attendees:** 127

**Meeting Called to Order:** Sunday, July 27, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

**Minutes Recording Secretary:** Aikansh Singh.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Aikansh Singh stepped in to run the meeting since Chair Tamia Martinez and Vice Chair Srinivasasrao Bandla were unable to attend. The attendees discussed topics to add to a future presentation, including microplastics due to consumer health concerns, and the need for more information about it, similar to PFAS and BFAS. They also discussed adding topics related to consumer preferences for packaging and environmental impact, and the industrialization of smart packaging. Other potential topics included recycling of polymers, innovations in packaging, such as plant-based and smart packaging, and new research trends. Attendees suggested holding webinars on these topics.

Collaboration with other PDGs was discussed as a way to generate ideas and increase the chances of proposals being approved. The FSPCA could be a potential collaborator on a path to get certifications for packaging approval. One person from 3A and Nadia Narine offered to participate and share information about 3A's standards to identify any gaps. There was also a suggestion to share definitions of terms to improve communication with smaller manufacturers and to raise awareness among manufacturers about GFSI standards for packaging.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:** None.

**Next Meeting Date:** Sunday, July 26, 2026, New Orleans, LA.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:30 P.M.

**Chairperson Name:** Tania Martinez.