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VICITES ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

Greene County Commissioner McClure will serve as Vice-Chair; Indiana County Commissioner Dunlap is new Secretary-Treasurer

PITTSBURGH, Pa – Earlier today, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC), the federally-designated regional commission for transportation and economic development, elected Fayette County Commissioner Vince Vicites as its new Chairman for calendar years 2026 and 2027. Commissioner Betsy McClure of Greene County was elected Vice-Chair, and Commissioner Bonni Dunlap of Indiana County was elected as its Secretary-Treasurer. Vicites replaces outgoing Chairman Commissioner Pat Fabian of Armstrong County, whose term expires at the end of the year.

As Chairman, Commissioner Vicites will lead the United States Department of Transportation (DOT)'s designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the ten counties in Southwestern Pennsylvania and the City of Pittsburgh - responsible for oversight, planning, and programming of nearly \$40 Billion in transportation funds through 2050. SPC is also the region's Local Development District and Economic Development District, both of which facilitate access to funding and technical support related to economic and workforce development.

"I am honored to represent the region and my fellow county and city leaders as the new Chairman of SPC," Vicites said. "SPC is the only place where all of us come together to plan for our region's success, and I'm excited to continue the forward momentum Southwestern Pennsylvania has experienced over the past few years."

Vicites' priorities as Chairman include preserving and expanding the region's transportation infrastructure, securing additional federal and state investment in the region, and ensuring the region is prepared to welcome new business, including in emerging markets like Robotics and Artificial Intelligence.

At Monday's meeting, the Commission also named two new members to its Executive Committee: Commissioner Tony Amadio of Beaver County and Mayor-elect Corey O'Connor of the City of Pittsburgh.

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Notes To Editor: The official biographies for all three officers are appended below.

Commission Officer Bios

Vince Vicites, Chairman (Fayette County)

Commissioner Vince Vicites is the Chairman-elect of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission. Chairman-elect Vicites will take office on January 1st, 2026. He previously served two years as the Vice-Chair and two years as Secretary-Treasurer. He is a Fayette County Commissioner and currently serves as the County's Vice-Chair.

Born and raised in Uniontown, Vince is a graduate of Laurel Highlands High School. He graduated from West Virginia University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He continued his education and earned a Master's degree in Human Resources from St. Francis University.

Commissioner Vicites' extensive background in county government spans nearly 30 years. As former Fayette County Recycling Coordinator, he started the Hard to Recycle Events at Fayette County Fairgrounds that have continued for over 30 years. By lobbying State and Federal Employees, Vince was instrumental in creating or retaining over 10,000 jobs during his tenure in office and helped secure \$200 million in economic and infrastructure projects. He has been involved with many business and government organizations at the city, county and state level. He continues to work to make Fayette County better now and for future generations.

Commissioner Vicites is a member of St. Therese Church in Uniontown and is a member of many civic and community organizations. He resides in South Union with his wife Kelly. His son Nick, son Joey, and his wife Arial reside in Uniontown.

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Betsy McClure, Vice-Chair (Greene County)

Commissioner Betsy McClure is the Vice-Chair-elect of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission. She will assume office January 1st, 2026. Vice-Chair-elect McClure previously served two years as SPC's Secretary-Treasurer. She has served as a Greene County Commissioner for six years and is a lifelong resident of Greene County.

A Registered Nurse by profession, Commissioner McClure has dedicated more than 25 years to the nursing field. She earned her BSN from Waynesburg University and her master's in education from California University of Pennsylvania

Her goal as County Commissioner is straightforward: to make Greene County a better place to live for all residents. She maintains an open-door policy and firmly believes that if something is important to you, it is important to her. She strives every day to work for the people she represents.

Commissioner McClure serves on the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) Board of Directors and is the Chair of CCAP's Human Services Committee. In addition, she is a member of the Pennsylvania Rural Population Revitalization Commission.

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Bonni Dunlap, Secretary-Treasurer (Indiana County)

Dr. Bonni Dunlap is the Secretary-Treasurer-elect of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and will take office January 1st, 2026. A County Commissioner representing Indiana County, she brings over 35 years of experience in county government to her position at SPC.

Commissioner Dunlap has spent her entire career in service to the residents of Indiana County. She most notably served as the longtime Director of Human Services for the County, where she facilitated numerous programs to better serve some of Indiana County's most vulnerable populations. She also served as the Director of the Indiana County Housing Authority, where she was responsible for the administration of public housing in the County and coordinated housing for hundreds of local families.

A noted expert in human services, Commissioner Dunlap holds a Ph.D and Master's Degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has served on the faculty at IUP and Westmoreland County Community College. She also serves on several boards and organizations in her home county. As a former Indiana County Auditor, she recognizes the importance of responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars. She is excited to serve as an officer of SPC and to work with her fellow county leaders and SPC staff to facilitate continued growth for the region.

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