

**Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation Board of Directors &  
Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Executive Committee  
SPC Offices – Terminal Building & Teams Meeting  
February 23, 2026  
3:00 p.m.**

The three hundred and eighty-ninth meeting of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation Board of Directors was called to order by Vice Chair Commissioner McClure.

SPC Board Members present: Tony Amadio, Bonni Dunlap, Pat Fabian, Rich Fitzgerald, Dan Kennedy, Betsy McClure, Corey O'Connor, Leslie Osche, Nick Sherman and Vince Vicites.

Executive Committee Members present: Tony Amadio, Bonni Dunlap, Pat Fabian, Rich Fitzgerald, Dan Kennedy, Betsy McClure, Kristin Mulkerin, Corey O'Connor, Leslie Osche, Johnna Pro, Nick Sherman, Laura Sohinki, and Vince Vicites.

Others: Brandon Leach, PennDOT Central Office, Mark Gordon, Butler County Department of Economic Development; Jason Rigone, Westmoreland County Department of Economic Development; Dusty Kirk, Reed Smith LLP; Chuck Kolling and Erin Molchany, Buchanan Ingersoll and Rooney.

Staff: Cate Aaron, Belachew Ayele, Kristin Baum, Mary Brangan, Kirk Brethauer, Melissa Brown, Faith Collins, Ronda Craig, Mason Fish, Lillie Gabreski, Ryan Gordon, Chuck Imbrogno, Daniel Kukula; Jennifer Lasser, Jen Liptak, Jeremy Papay, Faith Pelesky, DJ Ryan, Mason Secretti, Evan Schoss, Ailisa Sobien, and Devon White.

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Commissioner McClure welcomed members and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Vicites was in Washington, DC.

- A. 2. Action on Minutes of December 15, 2025, Board of Directors and Commission Executive
- B. Committee Meeting
- C.

Action on December 15, 2025, meeting minutes of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee were approved on a motion by Commissioner Osche which was seconded by Commissioner Fabian. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

3. Public Comment – None.

4. Message from the Executive Director – Rich Fitzgerald, Executive Director

Welcome to our two new Board members

- Beaver County: Commissioner Amadio
- City of Pittsburgh: Mayor O'Connor

Annual Report released today

NFL Draft meetings continue (transportation/transit-focused)

Data Center Visit – March 6<sup>th</sup> , please let DJ know if you will be attending.  
 Long-Range Plan session #1: March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Steamfitters in Harmony  
 June 1<sup>st</sup> Harrisburg Trip

5. Financial Report—Ailisa Sobien, Finance Director

Revenues	Approved Budget	Actual to Date	Percent of Budget
Total Project Related Revenues	\$29,817,137	\$9,493,062	31.84%
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6. Workforce and Economic Development Update – Jennifer Lasser, Director of Workforce and Economic Development

Ms. Lasser gave a Build Back Better Update:

- February 17<sup>th</sup> 2026 @ ACCED Offices
- BBBRC Overview & Celebration of Successes across 5 grants
- SPC attended and spoke
- Focused on what's next and the remaining months of grant
- Opportunities for future grants and growth

Rural Healthcare Transformation:

- PA Appx 193M awarded of 200M request
  - 5 year renewable program
- DCED PREP Regions will be the service areas
- Five Goals of RHT via CMS:
  - Rural Health
  - Sustainable Access
  - Workforce
  - Innovative Care
  - Technological Innovation
- Inquiry Form & downloadable Plan Updated at [www.pa.gov](http://www.pa.gov)
- What's Next:
  - Awaiting additional instructions
  - Creation of Boards/Groups
  - Hiring of coordinators
  - Collecting Contacts

Ms. Lasser stated that a letter will be sent in the coming weeks to your County offices concerning Loan Review Committee appointments.

7. Other Business

Mr. Ryan asked that County flags be given to SPC for display in the Commission Meeting Room.

8. Reminder of Next Meeting

- Monday, April 27, 2026