Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation Board of Directors &
Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Executive Committee
SPC Offices – Terminal Building & Teams Meeting
June 22, 2026
3:00 p.m.

The three hundred and ninety first meeting of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Commissioner Vicites.

SPC Board Members present: Bonni Dunlap, Pat Fabian, Rich Fitzgerald, Betsy McClure, Leslie Osche, Nick Sherman and Vince Vicites.

Executive Committee Members present: Bonni Dunlap, Pat Fabian, Rich Fitzgerald, Betsy McClure, Kristin Mulkerin, Leslie Osche, Johnna Pro, Nick Sherman, Laura Sohinki, and Vince Vicites.

Others: Brandon Leach, PennDOT Central Office, Kim Geyer, Butler County Commissioner; Mark Gordon, Butler County Department of Economic Development; Jason Rigone, Westmoreland County Department of Economic Development; Dusty Kirk, Reed Smith LLP; Chuck Kolling; Tom Joyce, City of Pittsburgh appointee, Aaron Adams, Allegheny County appointee; John Timney, Allegheny Conference; and Ernest Rajakone, Sara Innamorato's Office.

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, DJ Ryan, Mason Secretti, Evan Schoss, and Devon White.

1. Call to Order

Commission Vicites welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

A. 2. Action on Minutes of February 23, 2026, Board of Directors and Commission Executive Committee Meeting

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Action on February 23, 2026, meeting minutes of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee were approved on a motion by Commissioner Dunlap which was seconded by Commissioner Osche. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

3. Public Comment – None.

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

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he wanted to start off with the data center tour in Loudon County, Virginia. Thanks also to McNees and Allegheny Conference for partnering with us. The County Officials in Loudon County were very helpful, and the tour was great success.

In May SPC will conduct a virtual Long-Range Planning Panel Meeting, and in July will be the last meeting of the Long-Range Plan. A requirement we must do every eight years by statute and good participation is very important.

SPC has a new hire, Catherine Aaron. Catherine is a Data Information Data Analyst. Julia Ferri worked for us for several years, was promoted to the Transportation Transit TDM Program Manager. She took over that position, which had been held by Anthony Hickton. Leanne Chaney also has been with us for several years. She's been promoted to Active Transportation Manager, and Jackie Pacheco, has been promoted to the Workforce and Economic Development as the International Trade Export Assistant Manager. She is replacing Rena Belshe who has retired.

Now the NFL recap. Everybody in this room should be so proud. The region came together and made the draft a huge success. Also, the fact that Pittsburgh set the record. The only place, the only city franchise that's gone over 800,000 fans, breaking the record of Detroit of a couple years ago that was like 750,000 fans. But more importantly, it seemed to go off without any issues with respect to public safety, and with respect to transportation. Our transit agencies depend on public safety, all the agencies, your transit agencies working with PRT really shined. I want to give a special shoutout to our organization and Devon White, SPC Transit Manager. All the 10-counties as well as the City of Pittsburgh. Thank you too all.

Our 2027-2030 TIP is underway. There is a survey out now and public TIP meeting will be starting soon. Please participate if you can. Also, June 1st and 2nd will be a Legislative Breakfast in Harrisburg. Please see DJ if you will be attending.

Ms. Pro stated, is it too early to capitalize on our transit that shined at the draft? A lot of people in the region who went to the draft, may have never used PRT or any other transit from outlying counties and where more willing to pay transit than driving and paying for parking.

Mr. Fitzgerald remarked that was brought up at the Regional Policy Committee meeting and how we can have greater levels of cooperation and collaboration between the transit agencies As the State moves forward with a transportation funding bill, this could be part of the discussion.

5. Transportation Update – Lillie Gabreski, Director of Transportation

Ms. Gabreski explained that she would discuss the 2027-2030 TIP at the Commission Meeting but just wanted to stated that SPC is getting ready to go into formal public comment meetings. FTA and PennDOT have reviewed our draft list of TIP projects. The Transportation Technical Committee has approved the drat TIP project list at the March meeting and advanced it to Air Quality Conformity. So, we are in good shape. At the June Commission meeting, the TIP will be presented for approval.

6. Preliminary 2026-27 Budget Overview – Jennifer Liptak, Deputy Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer

Revenues	**Approved Budget**	**Actual to Date**	**Percent** of Budget
Total Project Related Revenues	$29,817,137	$13,435,750	45.06%
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Expenditures	Approved Budget	Actual to Date	Percent of Budget
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SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORPORATION / COMMISSION
FY 2026 - 27 PROPOSED COMBINED BUDGET

REVENUES :		EXPENDITURES :	
Federal Highway Administration	4,969,000	Program Salaries w/Fringes	4,259,382
Federal Transit Administration	1,453,000	Printing	23,864
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	683,000	Phone Services	8,310
Federal Transit Administration Section 5307	1,636,313	Postage	4,350
SPC Member Local Share	817,577	Software, Software maintenance and supplies	415,570
In-Kind Service Match	1,933,956	Travel	193,740
Appalachian Regional Commission	611,556	Equipment Purchase, Lease and Maintenance	45,500
Economic Development Administration (EDA)	6,399,238	Meetings	133,042
Pa Department of Community & Economic Development	1,171,737	Temp Personnel Services	70,000
EPA	134,006	Legal / Grant Audits	67,550
SPC Member Water Program Funds	244,311	Dues / Data Files / Web Site Development and Maintenance	411,199
Loan Program Admin Fees	4,222	Training and Development	69,165
Other Funding	200,953	In Kind Service Match	1,933,956
		Contractual - Professional Technical Consulting Services	8,967,299
		TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES	**16,602,927**
		Indirect Allocated Expenses	**3,676,480**
		Indirect Allocated Expenses Overage	(20,538)
TOTAL PROJECT RELATED REVENUES	**20,258,870**	**TOTAL PROJECT RELATED EXPENDITURES**	**20,258,870**

SOURCE and USE of MEMBER LOCAL FUNDS

SOURCE		USE	
Member Local Contribution FY 26/27	1,288,100	UPWP Local Match	525,130
		Economic Development Program Local Match	186,947
		Commission General Expenses	39,700
		Corporation General Expenses	65,800
		MEMBER LOCAL MATCH FY 26/27	817,577
		SPC Relocation Overage FY 23/24 ($572,310.00 - to be pd 25/26 and 26/27)	286,155
		SPC Relocation Overage FY 24/25 ($270,465.00 - to be pd 26/27 and 27/28)	135,232
		Indirect Allocated Expenses Overage	20,538
		Reserves	28,598
TOTAL MEMBER LOCAL CONTRIBUTION	**1,288,100**	**TOTAL MEMBER LOCAL MATCH**	**1,288,100**
Member Water Program Contribution FY 26/27	265,601	Water Resource Center Expenses	244,311
		Water Dues Reserves	21,290
TOTAL MEMBER WATER PROGRAM CONTRIBUTION	**265,601**	**TOTAL MEMBER WATER PROGRAM MATCH**	**265,601**
TOTAL MEMBER CONTRIBUTION	**1,553,701**	**TOTAL MATCH**	**1,553,701**

Ms. Liptak remarked that county dues will be the same for the next 5 years.

7. Data Center Recap – DJ Ryan, Director of Communications and Strategic Initiatives

Mr. Ryan thanked the Commissioners who joined us in Virginia. It was a great educational trip. I think it gave our policy makers, here in the region, a real opportunity to see what these buildings look like and what the interest is potentially. As far as the next steps are concerned, SPC is constantly monitoring any developments around new development in your communities.

Commissioner McClure shared her experience of the trip with the data center. She stated in her community she is hearing that data centers are bad, that they're going to pollute the air, pollute the water, and they're going to cause cancer. So I went to Virgina looking for all those things, but what I found was positive response from community folks who lived with the data centers and had no objections living with them.

Commissioner McClure moved to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Osche seconded. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

Executive Session

Commissioner Sherman moved to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Osche seconded. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

8. Corporation Board Action on Resolutions 01-26 and 02-26 to approve two loans was unanimous.

9. Other Business

10. Reminder of Next Meeting
    - Monday, June 22, 2026

11. Adjourn – 3:49 p.m.