

**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: Tony Amadio, Bonni Dunlap, Pat Fabian, Rich Fitzgerald, Sara Innamorato, Dan Kennedy, Betsy McClure, Corey O'Connor, Nick Sherman and Vince Vicites.

Executive Committee Members present: Tony Amadio, Bonni Dunlap, Pat Fabian, Rich Fitzgerald, Sara Innamorato, Dan Kennedy, Betsy McClure, Kristin Mulkerin, Corey O'Connor, 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; 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.

2. Action on Minutes of April 27, 2026, Board of Directors and Commission Executive Committee Meeting
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Action on April 27, 2026, meeting minutes of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee were approved on a motion by Commissioner Fabian which was seconded by Commissioner McClure. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

3. Public Comment – None.

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

Mr. Fitzgerald spoke on the Harrisburg Trip on June 1st and 2nd:

17 Commissioners attended

All 10 counties represented

Meetings with two cabinet secretaries and several dozen legislators

- Including transportation committee leaders

Legislative breakfast had successful turnout

P3 Legislation and general funding issues being monitored

He also highlighted:

- IUP DO School Accreditation
- Fayette Town Hall
- TIP Public Meetings Completed
 - Full report on TIP in next meeting
- Long Range Plan
 - Final meeting July 17th at 10am – Hilton in Southpointe
 - Please register ASAP
 - Special guest speaker to be announced soon

5. Financial Report – Ailisa Sobien, Finance Director

Revenues	Approved Budget	Actual to Date	Percent of Budget
Total Project Related Revenues	\$29,817,137	\$16,615,531	55.72%
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Expenditures	Approved Budget	Actual to Date	Percent of Budget
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FY 26-27 budget is \$20,774,414 and includes:

- Grant Support from ARC, DOL, EDA, EPA, FHWA, FTA, PA DCED and PennDOT, with additional competitive opportunities being continuously considered
 - SPC has 5 departments: Transportation which includes Transit, (Director – Lillie Gabreski); Economic and Workforce Development (Director – Jenn Lasser); Information and Data (Director – Kirk Brethauer); Strategic Initiatives and Communications (Director – DJ Ryan); and Finance (Director – Ailisa Sobien)
 - 51 full-time staff positions
 - No anticipated changes to current fringe benefits package
 - Staff increases effective July 2026
 - Provisional Indirect Cost Rate of 201.0490% with a Fringe Benefit Rate of 62% and an Over-head Rate of 85.8327%
6. ACTION ITEM on Corporation Board Resolution 03-26 and Executive Committee Resolution 01-26 to Adopt the Annual Budget for FY 2026-2027 – Ailisa Sobien, Finance Director, and Jen Liptak, Deputy Executive Director

A RESOLUTION OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORPORATION AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION to adopt a Combined SPC Annual Budget, as presented, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Directors of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation, and the Executive Committee of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, approve and adopt the FY 2026-27 SPC annual balanced budget of \$20,774,414 (Revenues), and \$20,774,414 (Expenditures), as presented, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026; and

RESOLVED FURTHER that the SPC President and Executive Director, the Vice President and Deputy Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer, and the Secretary-Treasurer and Finance Director,

are hereby authorized to execute all transactions, as delineated in the above-mentioned budget, to carry out the business of SPC.

A motion was made to approve Board Resolution 03-26 and Executive Committee Resolution 01-26 by Commissioner Dunlap which was seconded by Commissioner Fabian. The affirmative vote was unanimous

7. ACTION ITEM on Corporation Board Resolution 04-26 to Solicit Proposals and Enter into Consultant Contracts to Support the Planning Studies included the 2026-2027 Budget – Ailisa Sobien, Finance Director, and Jen Liptak, Deputy Executive Director

A RESOLUTION OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORPORATION, to solicit proposals as needed, and enter into Consultant Professional Services contracts for various anticipated Transportation Planning and Economic Development Program projects and studies, any unanticipated projects and studies, and Corporation business included in the SPC Annual Budget for FY 2026-2027.

WHEREAS, the adopted Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation 2026-2027 Combined Budget, and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's Unified Planning Work Program and Economic Development Work Program, include funding for projects and studies to support the business of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation, on behalf of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, will continue to apply for and secure additional funding, over the course of 2026-2027, to support regional projects and studies not currently included in the Combined Budget and Unified Planning Work Program, and Economic Development Work Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Directors of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation, acting on behalf of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, authorize its President/CEO, the Vice President, and the Secretary-Treasurer to solicit proposals and statements of qualifications, and enter into consultant contracts for the anticipated projects and studies, included in the adopted SPC Annual Budget for FY 2025-26, and any additional projects and studies identified throughout FY 2026-27

A motion was made to approve Board Resolution 04-26 by Commissioner McClure which was seconded by Commissioner Sherman. The affirmative vote was unanimous

8. ACTION ITEM on Corporation Board Resolution 05-26 and Executive Committee Resolution 02-26 to Adopt a Meeting Schedule for FY 2026-2027 – Rich Fitzgerald, Executive Director

A RESOLUTION to adopt a Meeting Schedule for 2026-2027.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law Title 65 requires that a Schedule of all Commission and Executive Committee Meetings for the fiscal year be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission adopts the attached Meeting Schedule.

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION MEETINGS

2026	2027
August 24	February 22
October 26	April 26
December 14	June 28

A motion was made to approve Board Resolution 05-26 and Executive Committee Resolution 02-26 by Commissioner Kennedy which was seconded by Commissioner Fabian. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

9. Other Business

Mr. Fitzgerald gave a final reminder to the Committee members of the July 17th Policy Conference at Southpointe. He stated that he hoped to see everyone in attendance.

10. Reminder of Next Meeting

- Monday, August 24, 2026

11. Adjourn – 3:45 p.m.