



**Steel Valley
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Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Zoom Meeting



SEWN

ATTENDANCE

Board:	Clairton	Austin Davis
	Duquesne	Eric Ewell
	East Pittsburgh	Tom Michlovic
	Glassport	Nick Pisciotano
	Homestead	Charles Bennett
	McKeesport	Lori Schmidt – Patrick Bendel – Tom Maglicco
	Munhall	Tyler Gellasch
	Pittsburgh	Rob Witherell
	Rankin	
	Swissvale	Chris Casavale – Amy Starrett
	Turtle Creek	Colleen Wooten
	West Homestead	

Proxy Votes: East Pittsburgh Dave Perla (Chair)

Staff: Tom Croft; Bob Value; Carrie Mihalko; Deb Lutz; Anita Prizio

Solicitor: Jay Hornack

Guests: John Tkach (Keystone Development Partnership);
William McEligott (Rep Davis Office)

Chairwoman Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. allowing all members to login.

PROXY VOTE REVIEW – CHAIRWOMAN LORI SCHMIDT

Staff member Carrie Mihalko conducted roll call. Quorum was met and proxy votes acknowledged.

MINUTES

Copies of the minutes were made available in member packets.

The minutes of the February 2021 meeting were approved on motion by Tom Michlovic and seconded by Christ Casavale. The motion passed unanimously by members Davis, Ewell, Pisciotano, Bennett, Schmidt, Bendel, Maglicco, Gellasch, Witherell, Starrett, and Wooten with no abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS

New board member Rep. Nick Pisciotano was introduced and gave a few words about his background.

Rep. Davis provided an overview of the U.S. Steel situation in the Mon-Valley. He reiterated an earlier conversation with USW President Tom Conway noting this is not the time for an attack on U.S. Steel. Conversations are still occurring with hopes of getting a greater commitment in the Valley. With potential infrastructure funding from the Biden administration, hoping there can be a positive resolution.

STAFF REPORTS

Tom Croft provided the Executive Director Report noting the following highlights:

- The Sustainable Finance Hub held on Earth Day with attendance from Jigar Shah, DOE Loan Fund Director.
- LATTE work with Cook County Chicago and an upcoming presentation to the state of Louisiana.
- LCS Fellowship program has expanded to year-round.

Bob Value provided the following highlights on SEWN:

- Current client engagements and potential end of year numbers.
- Companies are still using PPP monies.
- Finding jobs is still the largest looming issues for most companies.

Patrick Bendel mentioned New Century Careers is encountering companies who are seeking mid-career people. There are also not enough individuals entering training programs to fill the needs that are out there.

Guest and future board member John Tkach from Keystone Development Partnership did an introduction of his organizations and talked about their apprenticeship and PA Smart Grant Programs.

Carrie Mihalko covered the programs SVA is working on that were not previously mentioned by Tom and Bob.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chris Casavale shared an overview of the 2020 audit which was reviewed by the Committee with the recommendation to the board for approval. Chris also covered the current the financial statements. SVA staff accountant, Nancy Sweeney, was applauded for her hard work on keeping financials in order.

The Finance Committee report was approved on a motion by Chris Casavale and seconded by Tom Michlovic. The motion passed unanimously by members Davis, Ewell, Pisciotano, Bennett, Schmidt, Bendel, Maglicco, Gellasch, Witherell, Starrett, and Wooten with no abstentions.

SECRETARY REPORT

Amy Starrett highlighted correspondence which was provided in advance to all members.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tom Michlovic noted there were no updates – tabled to next meeting.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tyler Gellasch noted there were no updates – tabled to next meeting.

PROGRAM/TECH REVIEW COMMITTEE

Carrie Mihalko provided an update on the by-law meetings – tabled to next meeting.

The formal meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.