



**Steel Valley
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Advisory Board Meeting Minutes September 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM Hybrid Meeting



SEWN

ATTENDANCE

Board:

Clairton	
Duquesne	
East Pittsburgh	Tom Michlovic
Glassport	
Homestead	Charles Bennett
McKeesport	Lori Schmidt
Munhall	
Pittsburgh	Rob Witherell
Rankin	
Swissvale	Amy Starrett
Turtle Creek	
West Homestead	

Proxy Votes: David Perla (Chair)

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

Solicitor: Mike Healey

Guests: Rebecca Kiernan

Chairperson Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. allowing all members to login/arrive.

PROXY VOTE REVIEW

Staff member Carrie Mihalko conducted roll call. Quorum was met with attendees and proxies.

MINUTES

Copies of the minutes were made available in member packets.

The minutes of the May 17, 2023 meeting were approved on motion by Tom Michlovic and seconded by Amy Starrett. The motion passed unanimously by members Bennett, Michlovic, Schmidt, Starrett, and Witherell, with no abstentions.

GUEST – REBECCA KIERNAN

Rebecca was the former Director of Sustainability at the City of Pittsburgh. She is working with the SVA on the ARISE proposal and assisting Tom on Heartland related matters.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bob Value provided an overview of the financials and noted that SVA has moved to primarily electronic payments to eliminate paperwork and postage. Tom Michlovic asked about review of backup materials which was discussed.

The Finance Committee report and Audit recommendation was approved on a motion by Tom Michlovic and seconded by Rob Witherell. The motion passed unanimously by members Bennett, Michlovic, Schmidt, Starrett, and Witherell, with no abstentions.

SECRETARY REPORT

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Discussion revolved around changing disability insurance for SVA employees.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SVA will look at hosting a welcome event for the new offices and have postponed an event with Lt Governor Davis until after the new year given the new addition to his family.

PROGRAM/TECH REVIEW COMMITTEE

Resolutions have been received from all municipalities. Mike Healey will review the articles for needed changes.

STAFF REPORTS

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

- 30 Heartland partners for 2023
- The Fellowship program continues to grow
- The ARC ARISE grant is in progress with anticipated submission in the next week or so

Bob Value provided the following highlights on SEWN:

- Closed out program year 2022-23 with 13 companies and 1044 jobs saved
- Companies are experiencing the same pressures with interest rates
- The UAW strike may not have a significant impact, but are looking at the previous auto project SVA conducted with the bailouts

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 23-03 was approved acknowledging changes to the 2023 budget to address an increase in funding from the PA Department of Labor & Industry as well as Heartland increases.

The Resolution was approved on a motion by Rob Witherell and seconded by Amy Starrett. The motion passed unanimously by members Bennett, Michlovic, Schmidt, Starrett, and Witherell, with no abstentions.

The formal meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.