



**Steel Valley
Authority**

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes November 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM Zoom Meeting



SEWN

ATTENDANCE

Board:	Clairton	William McElligott (for A. Davis)
	Duquesne	
	East Pittsburgh	Tom Michlovic – Dave Perla
	Glassport	
	Homestead	
	McKeesport	Patrick Bendel
	Munhall	
	Pittsburgh	Rob Witherell – Sabina Dietrick
	Rankin	
	Swissvale	Chris Casavale – Amy Starrett
	Turtle Creek	
	West Homestead	

Proxy Votes:	Homestead	Charles Bennett (Vice Chair)
	McKeesport	Lori Schmidt (Vice Chair)

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

Solicitor: Jay Hornack

Guests: Jennifer Nestor (DLI Oversight);
David Wilhelm

Vice Chair Michlovic called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 September 2021 meeting were approved on motion by Chris Casavale and seconded by Amy Starrett. The motion passed unanimously by members McElligott, Michlovic, Perla, Bendel, Witherell, Dietrick, Casavale and Starrett, with no abstentions.

GUEST PRESENTATION

David Wilhelm, President of Hecate Energy, discussed bringing manufacturing of solar products to the Ohio River Valley Regions. This would produce jobs in the region for minorities and underserved populations with potential apprenticeships. Hecate is currently one of the largest producers in the U.S. with a 100 megawatt production occurring in Cincinnati. Tom Michlovic asked about the projected savings to regions implementing solar. Mr. Wilhelm noted it cost around .38/kilowatt hour.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chris Casavale shared the current the financial statements and that the Authority is on point to meet it's budget for 2021. He also discussed the vetting process for the next 3-year auditor contract. The recommendation was to retain Holsinger.

The Finance Committee report was approved on a motion by Amy Starrett and seconded by Dave Perla. The motion passed unanimously by members McElligott, Michlovic, Perla, Bendel, Witherell, Dietrick, Casavale and Starrett, 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 meetings.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tom Croft noted there were no meetings, but the committee would meet before the next board meeting.

PROGRAM/TECH REVIEW COMMITTEE

Carrie Mihalko provided an update on the by-law meetings with local communities. All resolutions have been received except for the City of Pittsburgh which will be addressed in the next week.

STAFF REPORTS

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

- Marshall Plan for Middle America virtual conference was a success. Elevated SVA's potential proposal for a Sustainable Finance Hub.
- Working on convening a group to address federal layoff aversion policies.
- The Fellowship Program is well underway for the Fall semester and already planning for 2022.
- Working on a California and Ohio "Green Schools" initiative
- Collaborating with Segal Marco Consulting on the Col(labor)atory.

Bob Value provided the following highlights on SEWN:

- Reviewed numbers of active and monitor clients as well as those still being impacted by COVID.
- Eastern Advisory Board meetings are being held in December.
- TMA is reporting slow period of not seeing clients – waiting for an eruption in 1st quarter 2022.
- Rapid Response/SEWN collaboration will take place in 2022.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 21-03 addressed the SVA's 2022 Budget.

The Resolution was approved on a motion by Chris Casavale and seconded by Dave Perla. The motion passed unanimously by members McElligott, Michlovic, Perla, Bendel, Witherell, Dietrick, Casavale and Starrett, with no abstentions.

Resolution 21-04 was to acknowledge City of Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto.

The Resolution was approved on a motion by Rob Witherell and seconded by Amy Starrett. The motion passed unanimously by members McElligott, Michlovic, Perla, Bendel, Witherell, Dietrick, Casavale and Starrett, with no abstentions.

The formal meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.