



**Steel Valley
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Advisory Board Meeting Minutes February 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM Zoom Meeting



SEWN

ATTENDANCE

Board:

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

Proxy Votes: David Perla (Chair)

Staff: Tom Croft; Bob Value; Carrie Mihalko

Solicitor: Jay Hornack

Guests: Dave Mayernik

Chairperson Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. allowing all members to login.

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 November 16, 2022 meeting were approved on motion by Tom Michlovic and seconded by Chuck Bennett. The motion passed unanimously by members Michlovic, Bennett, Schmidt, and Witherell, with no abstentions.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Lori discussed the need for additional members and a Chair for the Development Committee. Recommendations were made for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary to remain in their respective seats. A Treasurer is still being sought.

GUEST – DAVE MAYERNIK

Mr Mayernik provided updates on meetings with DL&I, the SEWN Directors, Senator Costa, Lt Governor Davis, and Senator Robinson. Discussion revolved around engaging with the Pitt Institute of Politics around policy items.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bob Value provided an overview of the financials. Acknowledged a \$3000 loss for January 2023.

The Finance Committee report and Financial Policies were approved on a motion by Tom Michlovic and seconded by Rob Witherell. The motion passed unanimously by members Michlovic, Bennett, Schmidt, and Witherell, with no abstentions.

SECRETARY REPORT

Carrie Mihalko highlighted correspondence which was provided in advance to all members.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tom Michlovic indicated negotiations were completed, contracts ratified and signed.

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

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Discussion was tabled.

PROGRAM/TECH REVIEW COMMITTEE

Discussion was tabled.

STAFF REPORTS

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

- Requests for company assistance from Dan Kuba (DL&I) and Lt. Governor Davis
- SVA has submitted a proposal to ARC for their ARISE grant program
- The Fellowship is gearing up with applicants for the Summer 2023 program

Bob Value provided the following highlights on SEWN:

- Currently have 17 active and 1 monitor company
- Shared a report from SEWN Consultant Donita Rudy on bank delinquencies
- Chapter 11 filings have increased
- Hoping to have busy 2nd and 3rd quarters in 2023

Carrie Mihalko shared a new SEWN video which will be distributed to all board members for distribution.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 23-01 was approved acknowledging the contract for Jay Hornack as solicitor through June 30, 2023. Discussion for a replacement will be had by Executive Committee.

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

The formal meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.