



**Steel Valley
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Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM Hybrid Meeting



SEWN

ATTENDANCE

Board:

Clairton	
Duquesne	
East Pittsburgh	Tom Michlovic
Glassport	
Homestead	
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

Solicitor: Jay Hornack / Mike Healey

Guests: Dave Mayernik / John McDonough / Sam Foreman

Chairperson Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:04 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.

John McDonough and Sam Foreman provided introductions and backgrounds as new board members. Approvals are pending from their municipalities.

MINUTES

Copies of the minutes were made available in member packets.

The minutes of the February 15, 2023 meeting were approved on motion by Tom Michlovic and seconded by Rob Witherell. The motion passed unanimously by members Michlovic, Schmidt, Starrett, and Witherell, with no abstentions.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Lori discussed the need for additional members and a Chair for the Development Committee. A Treasurer is still being sought.

GUEST – DAVE MAYERNIK

Mr Mayernik provided updates on meetings with DL&I, the SEWN Directors, Senator Costa, and Lt Governor Davis. Tom, Carrie, and Anita met with the Secretary of Labor, Nancy Walker, and Deputy Secretary Dan Kuba to provide an overview of SEWN.

GUEST – MIKE HEALEY

Jay Hornack introduced Mike Healey as his potential replacement as Solicitor for the SVA started July 1, 2023. Mike provided a brief background on his experience and familiarity with the SVA/USW.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bob Value provided an overview of the financials and acknowledged the operating loss on the books due to timing issues with consulting and payment by DLI. He also noted that the Finance Committee reviewed the SVA Audit from Holsinger and accepted the report.

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

SECRETARY REPORT

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tom Michlovic discussed the personnel committee meeting with staff to establish a Personnel Policy in addition to the Collective Bargaining Agreements in place. Members were provided a copy of the proposed policy for review.

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

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Carrie and Tom provided an update on meetings with Lt Governor Davis' office and DeWitt Walton of the USW/A Philip Randolph Institute. Plans for a fall event will be sent to the board along with a call for assistance in planning/recruiting attendees.

PROGRAM/TECH REVIEW COMMITTEE

An update was provided on a meeting with the City of Pittsburgh Council President and Solicitor regarding the resolution needed for changes. Updates will be provided as they are received.

STAFF REPORTS

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

- The proposal for our next 3 years of funding was written by Carrie Mihalko and awarded last week. A formal press release will be sent by DL&I.
- Tom was invited to speak at the IWG Conference at the White House.
- Heartland hosted their annual meeting in Washington DC in April.
- SVA has submitted follow-up documents to ARC for their ARISE grant program.
- The Fellowship is gearing up for it's 7th year this Summer.
- SVA/Heartland has collaborated with the Milken Institute for a meeting in Cincinnati this June.

Bob Value provided the following highlights on SEWN:

- As of June 30, SEWN should end the program year with 1000-1100 jobs saved.
- The Directors worked hard to achieve those numbers.
- Currently looking at new databases to add to the Early Warning Network.

Carrie Mihalko discussed the proposed Manufacturing Resource Website being developed with an anticipated launch in Fall 2023.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 23-02 was approved acknowledging the contract for Mike Healey as solicitor for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

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

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