



Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM Hybrid Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Board:	Clairton	Lori Schmidt
	Duquesne	
	East Pittsburgh	Tom Michlovic
	Glassport	
	Homestead	Bernie McShea
	McKeesport	
	Munhall	Jill Foys
	Pittsburgh	Rob Witherell Sabina Dietrick
	Rankin	John McDonough
	Swissvale	Amy Starrett
	Turtle Creek	
	West Homestead	
Staff:	Tom Croft; Bob Value; Carrie Mihalko; Deb Lutz; Anita Prizio; Alaa Mohamed	
Solicitor:	Mike Healey	

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

PROXY VOTE REVIEW

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

MINUTES

Copies of the minutes were made available in member packets.

The minutes of the February 2025 meeting were approved on motion by Jill Foys and seconded by Tom Michlovic. The motion passed unanimously by members Foys, McDonough, Michlovic, Schmidt, Starrett, and Witherell with no abstentions.

HUB UPDATE

Alaa Mohamed provided a detailed update on the recent Finance Hub Summit that was held at the Pittsburgh Glass Center. She outlined next steps for the Hub including application for another grant through the Appalachian Regional Commission.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bob Value presented the financial audit results including the capitalization of a website that now needs to be amortized.

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

SECRETARY REPORT

Secretary Amy Starrett provided an overview of the documents provided by staff in the board packet.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee provided an update that the vacancy in the Southeast has been filled by Anthony Siliano.

The Personnel Committee report was approved on a motion by Sabina Dietrick and seconded by Jill Foys. The motion passed unanimously by members Foys, McDonough, Michlovic, Schmidt, Starrett, and Witherell with no abstentions.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Carrie Mihalko presented an update on the 40th Anniversary Celebration on September 11, 2025, at the Omni William Penn. All board members are encouraged to participate.

PROGRAM/TECH REVIEW COMMITTEE

No updates from the committee

STAFF REPORTS

Tom Croft provided additional narrative about the Finance Hub Summit. He also highlighted the Heartland Governing Board meeting that was held in Washington DC on April 7. The Fellowship continues to grow with 11 students being placed for Summer 2025.

Bob Value provided a report on the current status of 20 active clients in 17 counties. He expects to close several by June 30 which will remain in the monitor phase. Tariffs and federal job cuts are still of concern. He also highlighted the background of new hire, Tony Siliano.

Carrie Mihalko provided an administrative update mentioning the conferences attended, acknowledged the hard work Nancy put into the books with the Audit, and briefly discussed the DOE project she's working on with Tom.

The formal meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.