

SCHUYLKILL RIVER PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY  
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## Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority

### Meeting Agenda

March 23, 2026, 3:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of February 23, 2026 Minutes
3. Board Member Comments
4. Public Comment on Agenda Items
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Finance – Mayor Peter Urscheler, Chair
    - i. Committee Update
    - ii. Motion to Pay Bills – *Action*
  - b. Personnel – Commissioner Marian Moskowitz, Chair
    - i. Committee Update
6. CIDP Update and Current Outlook – Tom Frawley
7. Executive Director’s Report – Tom Frawley
8. Marketing Team Report – Pamela Menet
9. Planning Team Report – Scott France
10. Other Business
11. General Public Comment
12. Adjourn

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority is planned to be conducted in hybrid format at 3:00 PM on Monday, April 27, 2026, and all are welcome to participate. The in-person meeting will be held in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room at 633 Court Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Reading PA 19601. To participate virtually, registration beforehand is required using the link provided on the Authority website: [www.GoSRPRA.com](http://www.GoSRPRA.com).

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DRAFT MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 23, 2026 MEETING



## **Board Meeting Minutes – DRAFT**

**Date: February 23, 2026**

**Time: 3:00 PM**

**Location: Virtual (Zoom)**

### **Authority Board Attendees**

- Marian Moskowitz (Chair)
- Christian Leinbach
- Tom DiBello
- Scott France
- Peter Urscheler
- Pamela Menet
- Matthew Edmond

### **Authority Board Absentees**

- Eddie Moran
- Stephanie Henrick

### **Other Attendees**

- Thomas Frawley (Executive Director)
- Dan Becker (Solicitor)

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:02 by Chair Marian Moskowitz. Technical adjustments were made to ensure all members were properly connected via Zoom.

**2. Adoption of Minutes:** The January 26, 2026 Board Meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mayor Urscheler made a motion and Scott France seconded. With no opposition, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**3. Board Member Comments:** No board member comments were offered.

**4. Public Comment on Agenda Items:** No public comments were received.

## **5. Committee Reports**

*Finance Committee:* Mayor Urscheler reported four routine monthly auto-paid bills totaling \$208.41 and two routine monthly invoices totaling \$12,311.95. The current account balance was reported as \$415,925.82, with a projected balance of \$403,613.87 upon payment of the outstanding invoices. Updates were also provided regarding LSA grant funding and county contribution requests. Mayor Urscheler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DiBello, to approve the prepaid and outstanding bills. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Urscheler also reported that requests to the constituent counties for their 2026 contributions were scheduled to be sent this week.

*Personnel Committee:* No activity to report.

## **6. CIDP Update and Current Outlook**

Mr. Frawley reported that SRPRA is awaiting formal notification from FRA to advance into Step 2. Selected Step 2 activities, such as drafting the Project Management Plan, are being initiated by SRPRA to accelerate the Step 2 schedule. Recently announced FRA process improvements were described as potentially reducing the duration of Step 2. The anticipated Amtrak Memorandum of Understanding remains pending.

## **7. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Frawley encouraged continued advocacy regarding the Surface Transportation Bill and federal infrastructure funding, and reported continued communication with our Congressional delegation in this regard. An update was provided on the Union Pacific application to acquire Norfolk Southern, noting the Surface Transportation Board rejected the initial application as incomplete. A revised application is expected to be submitted by April 30.

## **8. Marketing Team Report**

Ms. Menet discussed ongoing messaging strategies, including development of updated advocacy talking points for business leaders and increased LinkedIn outreach. Discussion included testimonial opportunities and continued engagement with PennDOT. Commissioner Moskowitz suggested working with larger employers in the region to invite them to participate in an advocacy video and/or to advocate directly.

## **9. Planning Team Report**

Mr. France provided updates on route alternatives analysis for the Bridgeport – Philadelphia segment, budget coordination with the three counties, and preparation for the upcoming in-person meeting in Reading scheduled for April.

## **10. Letter of Support for Coalbrookdale Railroad Grant Application**

In response to a request from the Colebrookdale Railroad, a letter of support was drafted for their federal BUILD grant application benefiting infrastructure improvements that would improve reliability and safety of future passenger rail operations in the vicinity of Pottstown. Commissioner

Leinbach made a motion, seconded by Matt Edwards, to approve sending the letter. The motion carried unanimously.

**11. Other Business**

No other business was presented.

**12. General Public Comment**

One public comment was received suggesting testimonials may be helpful in advocacy efforts. No additional comments were presented.

**13. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Leinbach and seconded by Mr. France. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2026 at 3:00 PM (virtual).

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Morris  
Recording Secretary

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
FROM  
MARCH 18, 2026 MEETING



**SCHUYLKILL RIVER PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY  
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
TO BE PRESENTED AT MEETING HELD MARCH 18, 2026 AT 4:00 PM  
PREPARED MARCH 12 & 16, 2026**

This report summarizes financial actions since the February 18, 2026 Finance Committee Meeting. It is intended to be presented at the March 18, 2026 meeting of the Finance Committee. Actions taken by the Committee on March 18, 2026 will be reported to the SRPRA Board at its March 23, 2026 meeting.

The Finance Committee regularly meets virtually on the third Wednesday of every month at 4:00 PM. Meetings of the Finance Committee are open to the public and registration information is provided on the Authority website at [www.GoSRPRA.com](http://www.GoSRPRA.com).

**2026 County Contributions** – Requests for budgeted contributions for 2026 were sent on February 24. Funds from Chester County were received electronically on March 10. Contributions from Berks and Montgomery Counties remain outstanding.

**Payment of Bills** – Since the February 18, 2026 Finance Committee Meeting, four routine monthly bills have been received and auto-paid; these charges remain to be ratified by the Committee and Board. Payees are Adobe, AnsweringService.com, Intuit, and Google.

*ROUTINE BILLS RECEIVED AND PAID (AUTO-PAY)*

AMOUNT	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT DATE
\$21.19	Adobe	Acrobat Pro Monthly Fee	03/05/2026
\$35.00	AnsweringService.com	Monthly Fee	03/02/2025
\$40.28	Intuit	QuickBooks Monthly Fee	03/16/2026
\$111.94	Google	Google Suite Workspace	03/02/26
\$208.41	TOTAL		

In the same general timeframe, two routine monthly bills have been received and both are due and will become payable upon Finance Committee and Board approval. Payees are the Executive Director and Virtual Farm Creative. There is no bill from AECOM this month due to work having been suspended after completion of FRA CIDP Step 1 and work not yet having begun on Step 2. Copies of the two outstanding bills are included in the Finance Committee meeting packet.

*BILLS DUE AND PAYABLE*

AMOUNT	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	BILL DATE
\$13,042.93	Thomas E. Frawley Consulting	Exec Dir Comp, February 2026	03/05/2026
\$2,400.00	Virtual Farm Creative, Inc	March Fee	02/25/2026
\$15,442.93	TOTAL		

The current total balance of SRPRA’s accounts is \$504,546.06. Upon payment of the two outstanding bills tabulated above and totaling \$15,442.93, the remaining balance in the Authority’s accounts, not including interest earned subsequent to the time of this report, will be \$489,103.13.

**LSA Grants**

*New LSA Grant Award* – The grant agreement for the December 18, 2025 award by the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Finance Agency (CFA) in the amount of \$406,575 was received and executed electronically on February 24.

*Existing \$250k LSA Grant Amendment* – The request sent to PA DCED on January 16, 2026, seeking amendment of the grant agreement to revise the grant term end date from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2029 and to add new language regarding the purpose of the grant that explicitly identifies use as matching funds for the CIDP Step 2 grant, remains under consideration by DCED.

**Grant Opportunities**

Mayor Urscheler has provided information regarding Pennsylvania DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund grants that may be used for the development, rehabilitation, and enhancement of transportation assets. Grants are available for projects with a total cost of \$100,000 or more, and grants shall not exceed \$3,000,000 for any project. Although typically subject to a 30% local match requirement, this has been waived for certain types of applicants, including municipalities and transportation authorities, through this year. Applications are due July 31. The Executive Director is exploring the merits of SRPRA applying itself, as well as encouraging our planned station communities to apply, for funding the planning and design of passenger rail station facilities outside of the FRA Corridor Program.

**Other Business**

*Nothing to Report*

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

FROM: THOMAS E FRAWLEY CONSULTING, LLC

551 Daventry Road  
Berwyn, PA 19312-1740  
Attention: Thomas E. Frawley

Thomas E. Frawley Contact Information:  
Tom@FrawleyConsulting.com  
610-724-5028 (Mobile)

TO: SCHUYLKILL RIVER PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY  
Berks County Courthouse and Government Services Center  
633 Court Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
Attention: Finance Committee

Contract Date: 20SEP2022	Sequential Payment Request Number: 42
Start Date: 26SEP2022	Invoice Number: 2026-02
	Invoice Date: 05MAR2026

Invoice for services performed as Executive Director of the Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority for the period: Sunday, February 1, 2026 through Saturday, February 28, 2026. During February there were no charges related to the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development Program that would be reimbursable under the CIDP.

LABOR, INCLUDING OVERHEAD AND FEE				
ELEMENT DESCRIPTION		TASK HOURS	CONTRACT RATE	TOTAL LABOR CHARGES
February 2026 - SRPRA (Not CIDP Reimbursable)		77.80	\$150.00	\$11,670.00
February 2026 - CIDP Step 1 Reimbursable		0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
		77.80		\$11,670.00

EXPENSES, AT COST			
DESCRIPTON OF EXPENSES		NOTES	EXPENSES INVOICED
February 2026 - SRPRA (Not CIDP Reimbursable)			\$1,372.93
February 2026 - CIDP Step 1 Reimbursable			\$0.00
			\$1,372.93

<b>TOTAL CHARGES THIS INVOICE - LABOR AND EXPENSES</b>	\$13,042.93
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CHARGES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER CIDP GRANT AGREEMENT		
February 2026 Labor - CIDP Step 1 Reimbursable - Task 1		\$0.00
February 2026 Labor - CIDP Step 1 Reimbursable - Task 2		\$0.00
February 2026 Expenses - CIDP Step 1 Reimbursable		\$0.00
February 2026 Total CIDP Step 1 Reimbursable		\$0.00

INVOICE LABOR, EXPENSES, AND HOURS SUMMARY AND STATUS			
	LABOR	EXPENSES	TOTAL
CHARGED PRIOR TO 01FEB2026	\$411,125.41	\$13,419.76	\$424,545.17
CHARGED DURING 01FEB2026 - 28FEB2026	\$11,670.00	\$1,372.93	\$13,042.93
OVERALL CHARGED TO DATE	\$422,795.41	\$14,792.69	\$437,588.10
PREVIOUS INVOICES OUTSTANDING	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INVOICES OUTSTANDING INCLUDING THIS INVOICE	\$11,670.00	\$1,372.93	\$13,042.93

	HOURS
HOURS EXPENDED PRIOR TO 01FEB2026	3,188.65
TOTAL HOURS CHARGED DURING 01FEB2026 - 28FEB2026	77.80
TOTAL HOURS CHARGED 01SEP2022 THROUGH 28FEB2026	3,266.45

I have personally examined this billing statement. All entries are correct and reasonable for the services performed and allowable costs incurred, and no item on this statement has been previously billed.

Thomas E. Frawley, P.E., Esq. - Principal

05-MAR-2026  
DATE

Thomas E. Frawley, P.E., Esq., MBA - Executive Director  
 SRPRA Hours - Sunday, February 1, 2026 through Saturday, February 28, 2026  
 Invoice Number: 2026-02  
 Invoice Date: 05MAR2026

DAY	DATE	HOURS	DESCRIPTION OF PRIMARY ACTIVITIES PERFORMED (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN ATTACHED MONTHLY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT)
Sunday	1	0.00	
Monday	2	1.00	LSA Grant Follow Up; Update Contacts List
Tuesday	3	2.00	Monthly Report and Invoice
Wednesday	4	0.00	
Thursday	5	1.90	Program Acceleration Strategy
Friday	6	4.00	LSA Emails; Draft Step 2 PMP; Step 2 Alternatives Analysis
Saturday	7	0.00	
Sunday	8	5.50	Draft Step 2 PMP; Step 2 Alternatives Analysis
Monday	9	4.75	Planning Team call; Step 2 Materials
Tuesday	10	4.70	Step 2 Materials; Request County Contributions; Travel to Crystal City
Wednesday	11	10.00	AASHTO CORT Conference
Thursday	12	6.50	AASHTO CORT Conference and Return Travel
Friday	13	3.00	AASHTO CORT Conference Notes; Step 2 Alternatives Analysis
Saturday	14	0.00	
Sunday	15	0.00	
Monday	16	0.00	
Tuesday	17	5.60	Monthly Commissioners Briefing; Calls w/ Pam Menet & Angela Watson
Wednesday	18	6.20	Finance Committee; Meeting with Customers Bank
Thursday	19	3.45	Berks Technical Call; PennDOT Scranton Meeting; Review EBGX Grant
Friday	20	4.00	Board Packet; Advocacy Priorities List; Heidelberg Twp Call
Saturday	21	0.00	
Sunday	22	0.00	
Monday	23	3.60	Board Meeting including Prep
Tuesday	24	1.75	Maillie Engagement Letter and Audit Account Materials; LSA Grant
Wednesday	25	4.85	Marketing Team Call; 2025 Audit Materials; Step 2 Alternatives Analysis
Thursday	26	4.00	SEPTA Call; Step 2 Alternatives Analysis; Step 2 PMP
Friday	27	1.00	SRPRA 2026 Calendar
Saturday	28	0.00	
Task Totals:		77.80	



Certified: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thomas E. Frawley, P.E., Esq. - Principal

Date: 05-MAR-2026

Thomas E. Frawley, P.E., Esq., MBA - Executive Director

CIDP Hours - Sunday, February 1, 2026 through Saturday, February 28, 2026

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Sunday	1	0.00	
Monday	2	0.00	
Tuesday	3	0.00	
Wednesday	4	0.00	
Thursday	5	0.00	
Friday	6	0.00	
Saturday	7	0.00	
Sunday	8	0.00	
Monday	9	0.00	
Tuesday	10	0.00	
Wednesday	11	0.00	
Thursday	12	0.00	
Friday	13	0.00	
Saturday	14	0.00	
Sunday	15	0.00	
Monday	16	0.00	
Tuesday	17	0.00	
Wednesday	18	0.00	
Thursday	19	0.00	
Friday	20	0.00	
Saturday	21	0.00	
Sunday	22	0.00	
Monday	23	0.00	
Tuesday	24	0.00	
Wednesday	25	0.00	
Thursday	26	0.00	
Friday	27	0.00	
Saturday	28	0.00	

Task 1 Hours:	0.00
Task 2 Hours:	0.00
Total Hours:	0.00

Certified:   
Thomas E. Frawley, P.E., Esq. - Principal

Date: 05-MAR-2026

Thomas E. Frawley, P.E., Esq., MBA - Executive Director  
 Expenses - Sunday, February 1, 2026 through Saturday, February 28, 2026  
 Invoice Number: 2026-02  
 Invoice Date: 05MAR2026

EXPENSES THIS INVOICE			
DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	NOTES
10-Feb-26	AASHTO CORT Conference Registration	\$650.00	
10-Feb-26	Personal Auto: Berwyn-Wilmington DE	\$22.48	31 Miles @ \$0.725 per mile
10-Feb-26	Amtrak: WIL - WAS	\$22.00	Lowest Available Fare
10-Feb-26	WMATA Metrorail	\$3.10	
10-Feb-26	Hotel Shuttle Van Driver Tip	\$2.00	
10-Feb-26	Travel Meal: Dinner	\$38.20	Doubletree
10-Feb-26	Food & Beverage Credit	-\$15.00	Hilton Honors
10-Feb-26	Hotel Room	\$196.00	Lowest Available Rate
10-Feb-26	Room Sales Tax	\$11.76	
10-Feb-26	Room Occupancy Tax	\$16.17	
10-Feb-26	Housekeeper Tip	\$5.00	
11-Feb-26	Travel Meal: Breakfast	\$0.00	Included in Event Registration
11-Feb-26	Travel Meal: Lunch	\$0.00	Included in Event Registration
11-Feb-26	Travel Meal: Dinner	\$38.20	Doubletree
11-Feb-26	Food & Beverage Credit	-\$15.00	Hilton Honors
11-Feb-26	Hotel Room	\$196.00	Lowest Available Rate
11-Feb-26	Room Sales Tax	\$11.76	
11-Feb-26	Room Occupancy Tax	\$16.17	
11-Feb-26	Housekeeper Tip	\$5.00	
12-Feb-26	Travel Meal: Breakfast	\$0.00	Included in Event Registration
12-Feb-26	Hotel Shuttle Van Driver Tip	\$2.00	
12-Feb-26	WMATA Metrorail	\$3.10	
12-Feb-26	Travel Meal: Lunch	\$13.26	Chik-Fil-A
12-Feb-26	Amtrak: WAS-WIL	\$39.00	Lowest Available Fare
12-Feb-26	Parking: Wilmington Parking Authority	\$24.00	
12-Feb-26	Personal Auto: Wilmington DE - Berwyn	\$22.48	31 Miles @ \$0.725 per mile
18-Feb-26	Personal Auto: Berwyn - Wyomissing RT	\$65.25	90 Miles @ \$0.725 per mile

Task 1 Total: **\$1,372.93**

Total Expenses - SRPRA:	\$1,372.93
Total Expenses - CIDP Step 1 Reimbursable:	\$0.00

Certified:   
 Thomas E. Frawley, P.E., Esq. - Prinicpal

Date: 05-MAR-2026



**VFC, Inc.**  
 31A Ridge Road, Suite One  
 Phoenixville, Pennsylvania 19460  
**VirtualFarm.com**

# Invoice

Date	Invoice No.
2/25/2026	15731

SRPRA  
 Thomas Freawley

Terms
Net 30

Description	Amount
ANNUAL MARKETING PARTNERSHIP: March 2026	2,400.00
Refer to proposal for defined plan elements and reactionary marketing consultation (start date 1/1/2026, end date 12/31/2026)	
Billed monthly \$2400.00	
Sales Tax	0.00
<b>Total</b>	
	<b>\$2,400.00</b>

To remit payment via ACH: Phoenixville Federal Bank and Trust 533 Kimberton Rd. P.O Box 1046 Kimberton, PA 19442  
 ACH# 231374916, Account: Virtual Farm Creative, Account # 0041038845 \*Please email ideas@virtualfarm.com with invoice #'s and invoice amounts  
 paid for ACH payments.  
 INVOICES ARE DUE UPON RECEIPT  
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!