Board Meeting Minutes – APPROVED

Date: May 18, 2026
Time: 3:00 PM
Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Authority Board Attendees

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

Authority Board Absentees

- Stephanie Henrick
- Eddie Moran

Other Attendees

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

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Marian Moskowitz at 3:00 PM. Commissioner Moskowitz welcomed everyone and commented on the warm weather before proceeding with the agenda.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The April 27, 2026 Board Meeting minutes were presented for approval. Commissioner DiBello moved to approve the minutes and Matthew Edmond seconded the motion. Hearing no comments, questions, or objections, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

3. Board Member Comments

No Board member comments were offered.

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Solicitor Dan Becker reviewed the Authority's public comment procedures. No public comments on agenda items were received.

5. Finance Committee Report

Finance Committee Chair Peter Urscheler presented the Finance Committee report. He reported that work continues on finalizing the annual county contributions, with several contributions still outstanding but actively being coordinated.

Routine prepaid monthly expenses totaling $168.13 were reviewed, including expenses for Adobe, the Authority's answering service, and Google Workspace. Three outstanding invoices requiring Board approval were also presented for legal services, Executive Director services, and Virtual Farm Creative.

The Authority's current account balance was reported as $478,922.89. Following payment of the outstanding invoices, the projected remaining balance will be approximately $460,033.01.

Mr. Urscheler also reported that the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development approved the amendment to the Authority's existing $250,000 LSA grant agreement on May 5, 2026, extending the grant term through June 2027.

The Finance Committee is also reviewing a draft 2026–2028 budget prepared by the Executive Director, with anticipated Board consideration at the June meeting.

Mr. Urscheler moved to approve prepaid bills totaling $168.13 and outstanding bills totaling $18,889.88. Commissioner Leinbach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Personnel Committee Report

No Personnel Committee report was presented.

7. CIDP Update and Current Outlook

Scott France presented the CIDP update on behalf of the Executive Director. Recent discussions with FRA representatives remain positive regarding advancement into Corridor ID Step 2.

Preliminary preparation work continues on key Step 2 deliverables, including the Project Management Plan, Statement of Purpose and Need, and route options analysis. Coordination also continues with SEPTA and Amtrak regarding operational modeling and ridership forecasting.

Mr. France also reported that Union Pacific resubmitted its amended merger application involving Norfolk Southern to the Surface Transportation Board on April 30, 2026, and legal counsel continues monitoring the matter.

An update was also provided regarding federal surface transportation legislation, which continues to include support for passenger rail and Corridor ID activities.

8. Marketing Team Report

Pamela Menet reported that current marketing efforts continue focusing on maintaining public awareness and promoting passenger rail as an economic development opportunity for Reading, Pottstown, and Phoenixville.

Future outreach efforts will include business-focused testimonials and continued advocacy messaging while the Authority awaits formal Step 2 advancement.

9. Planning Team Report

Scott France reported that planning efforts continue in support of ongoing preliminary Step 2 activities, including technical review of route alternatives.

An update was also provided regarding the DVRPC station area planning study in Pottstown, including a recent stakeholder event and anticipated completion of the study later this year.

10. Other Business

Chair Moskowitz congratulated Mayor Peter Urscheler on earning his master's degree through the FELS Institute of Government program. Board members offered congratulations and lighthearted remarks.

11. General Public Comment

One public comment was submitted through the chat suggesting that testimonials regarding the value of passenger rail service could support future advocacy efforts. No additional public comments were received.

12. Adjournment

Commissioner Leinbach moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner DiBello seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

The next SRPRA Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2026 at 3:00 PM and will be conducted virtually.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Morris
Recording Secretary