SRPRA Board Meeting Minutes – APPROVED

Date: June 22, 2026
Time: 3:00 PM
Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Authority Board Attendees
- Marian Moskowitz (Chair)
- Tom DiBello (Vice Chair)
- Christian Leinbach
- Peter Urscheler
- Scott France
- 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 by Chair Marian Moskowitz.

2. Adoption of Minutes: The May 18, 2026 Board Meeting minutes were presented for approval. Commissioner DiBello moved, Mayor Urscheler seconded, and with no opposition, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items: Solicitor Becker reviewed the Authority's public comment procedures. No public comments regarding agenda items were received.

5. Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Committee Chair Mayor Urscheler reported that efforts to finalize the 2026 county contributions remain underway. He reported that four routine monthly bills totaling $208.41 had been prepaid and required ratification. Three additional invoices were due and payable: $903.00 for legal services, $8,362.70 for Executive Director services, and $2,400.00 for Virtual Farm Creative, for a total of $11,665.70. No invoice was received from AECOM because Step 1 of the FRA Corridor ID Program has been completed and consultant work for Step 2 has not yet begun.

The Authority's current account balance was reported as $461,217.52. Upon payment of the outstanding invoices, the projected remaining balance would be $449,551.82. Mayor Urscheler moved to ratify the prepaid bills and approve payment of the outstanding invoices. Matthew Edmond seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Urscheler then presented the proposed 2026–2028 budget, which had been reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee and was included in the Board packet. The Board approved the proposed budget unanimously.

Personnel Committee: No activity to report.

6. CIDP Update and Current Outlook
Executive Director Frawley reported that the Authority continues using in-house resources to advance preliminary Step 2 deliverables while awaiting formal entry into FRA Corridor ID Program Step 2. A revised Statement of Purpose and Need was nearing completion with contributions from the planning staffs of all three counties. Preliminary input had also been received from SEPTA on the draft Route Options Analysis, and work had begun on required outreach plans for host railroads, governmental agencies, and the public.

Amtrak is developing three Step 2 work products for the Authority: a ridership forecast, a corresponding revenue forecast, and an operating and maintenance cost estimate. The work began with agreement on operating assumptions and is expected to be completed later in the summer. Mr. Frawley presented a Memorandum of Understanding with Amtrak that formalizes the parties' intent for Amtrak to serve as the future operator and confirms Amtrak's commitment to perform the identified Step 2 tasks without cost to the Authority. The MOU also establishes a framework for potential future collaboration, subject to negotiation, during Step 3 and subsequent phases of the project.

Commissioner Leinbach moved to authorize the Executive Director to execute the MOU, and Scott France seconded. Board members discussed the significance of the agreement, the value of Amtrak's technical contribution, and the opportunities it creates for future coordination. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Executive Director's Report
Mr. Frawley reported that the Authority continues monitoring the proposed Union Pacific acquisition of Norfolk Southern. Legal counsel is not currently performing work at the Authority's direction while the Executive Director reviews recent filings, including discovery requests submitted by other parties. A summary memorandum will be prepared for the Board, and the Authority will determine when it is appropriate to submit discovery requests and/or testimony as a party of record.

Mr. Frawley recognized the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance for organizing a business sign-on letter to the region's Congressional delegation in support of federal surface transportation reauthorization. Similar outreach is being coordinated with the Tri County Area Chamber of

Commerce. He emphasized that advocacy from businesses, employers, service users, and members of the public can be particularly meaningful to elected officials.

The Authority continues outreach to the federal delegation, including a recent meeting with Congresswoman Madeline Dean and anticipated meetings with Senators Fetterman and McCormick, Congresswoman Houlahan, and Congressman Meuser. Planning is also underway for outreach to Pennsylvania Senate and House members, potentially through an in-person event in Harrisburg, in recognition of the Commonwealth's increasingly important long-term role in the project.

8. Marketing Team Report

Ms. Menet reported that social media content is highlighting Union Pacific Big Boy No. 4014, the world's largest operating steam locomotive, during its stops in Reading and Pottstown en route to Philadelphia for America's 250th anniversary celebration. Additional real-time photographs will be shared through SRPRA's communication channels as they become available.

Marketing materials are also being prepared to explain the Amtrak MOU in accessible language. The milestone will be featured on the SRPRA website, social media platforms, and the project milestones page. The Board discussed issuing a press release and agreed that a draft should first be shared with Amtrak as a professional courtesy and to ensure coordinated messaging. Amtrak may also be invited to provide a statement for inclusion.

Ms. Menet further reported that more than 30 business testimonials supporting restored passenger rail service had been received through the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance. The testimonials may be attributed to the participating businesses and will support future outreach and advocacy. Additional testimonials will be solicited from businesses in Chester and Montgomery Counties to ensure broad regional representation.

9. Planning Team Report

Mr. France reported that the Planning Team continues working with the Executive Director on the revised Statement of Purpose and Need and the Route Options Analysis. These efforts support both the Authority's immediate decision-making and preparation for formal advancement into Step 2.

10. Other Business

No additional business was presented.

11. General Public Comment

No general public comments were received.

12. Adjournment

Chair Moskowitz adjourned the public meeting and announced that the Board would convene in Executive Session using a separate virtual meeting link. The Executive Session was scheduled to address coordination among SRPRA, Norfolk Southern, and FRA; the timing of the Authority's advancement into FRA CIDP Step 2; and near-term funding strategies.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2026 at 3:00 PM and will be conducted virtually.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Morris
Recording Secretary