



**Quaker Valley Council of Governments
Board of Delegates Regular Meeting**

Sewickley Public Library
500 Thorn Street
Sewickley, PA 15143

Wednesday, February 18, 2026
7:00 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order-** President Julie Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m..
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.
- 3. Roll Call:** The following members were in attendance:

- **Aleppo:** Art Williams
- **Avalon:** Max (Zoom)
- **Bell Acres:** Present (Zoom)
- **Bellevue:** Present
- **Ben Avon:** Present
- **Edgeworth:** Present
- **Emsworth:** Paul Getz (Zoom)
- **Glen Osborne:** Present
- **Glenfield:** Present
- **Haysville:** Present
- **Kilbuck:** Daryl Hartman
- **Leet:** Donna Adipietro (with Jessica Sendrich)
- **Leetsdale:** Maria Napolitano
- **Sewickley:** Julie Barnes
- **Sewickley Hills:** Hunter Hopkins
- **Members Not Present:** Ben Avon Heights.

- 4. Public Comment/Guests:** There were no public comments or guests at the meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** To approve the January 21, 2026, meeting minutes.
- **Result:** Motion carried unanimously.

6. Financial Reports

- **January Financials:** Jason (Interim) reported grant pay-downs were made from the CDBG fund and a deposit error to the general fund was corrected.
- **Motion:** To approve the January financial reports, unpaid bills, and payroll summary.
- **Result:** Motion carried.

- 7. President's Report-** President noted that the primary update was regarding the Executive Director search, which would be covered under New Business.

8. Route 65 Update- No updates were reported for the past month.

9. Emergency Preparedness Committee Update- No members from the committee were present to provide an update.

10. Grant Status Report

- **County Pressure:** Jason reported that Allegheny County is pressuring COGs to close out older projects (CD 49) and provide bid schedules and status updates.
- **CDBG Participation:** On required resolution for participation in the next three-year CDBG round. Jason to following up with county for a standard resolution form.

11. Executive Director's Report

- **Office Mail Issues:** Mail sent to the COG is occasionally being returned because directed to the BIU office. COG is working on a suite number to resolve this.
- **Chatham Sustainability Group:** A group of graduate students from Chatham University is evaluating the COG's refuse contract for sustainability and bidding favorability. A detailed report is expected in March.

12. New Business- Update on Executive Director Search

- **Recommendation:** The search committee recommended Michelle Harkins for the position.
- **Contract Discussion:** The board discussed the proposed employment agreement, including a \$90,000, 3% deferred compensation (in lieu of a pension), and PTO.
- **Motion:** To approve the employment agreement for Michelle Harkins, subject to the removal of Section 3 and Executive Committee to handle negotiations if needed.
- **Result:** Motion carried.

13. Old Business- No old business was discussed.

14. Other Concerns by Delegates

- **Avalon:** Reported salt shortages and discussed recourse for liquidated damages against Compass Minerals (50 cents/ton per day). Expressed interest in zoning for business district revitalization.
- **Bellevue:** Mentioned a potential legislative fix regarding public advertising requirements for municipalities lacking a local newspaper.
- **Glenfield:** Reported a landscaping company's zoning application and requested advice on road maintenance programs.
- **Kilbuck:** Transitioning permitting services to Ohio Township.
- **Leet:** Undergoing police negotiations and reported on a park project. Offered to share information on grants for digital speed signs.
- **Sewickley:** Highlighted numerous upcoming 2026 events and the 250th (Semi-quincentennial) celebration.
- **Sewickley Hills:** Inquired about salt storage costs and requested information on the process for codifying ordinances.

15. Adjournment

- **Motion:** To adjourn.
- **Result:** Motion carried; meeting adjourned.