



Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2026:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00
- Pledge of Allegiance

Members were in attendance:

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| • Aleppo: Art Williams | • Kilbuck: Daryl Hartman |
| • Bellevue: Dan McKelvey | • Leet: Donna Adipietro |
| • Edgeworth: Ellen Politi | • Leetsdale: Maria Napolitano |
| • Emsworth: Paul Getz | • Sewickley: Julie Barnes |
| • Glen Osborne: Matthew Doeblor | • Sewickley Heights: Nate Briggs |
| • Glenfield: Gayle Davis | • Sewickley Hills Borough: Hunter Hopkins |
| • Haysville: Amanda Muzichuck | |

The following members were not present:

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| • Avalon | • Ben Avon |
| • Bell Acres | • Ben Avon Heights |

Public Comment:

Kaylee Shebbs Waters (816 Thorn Street, Sewickley) spoke on behalf of a group of citizens regarding potential ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) activity and cooperation within the Quaker Valley municipalities. She encouraged the QVCOG to adopt a uniform policy recommendation for all member bodies to ensure consistency and protect immigrant neighbors. President Barnes suggested that delegates interested in having this as a formal agenda item for next month should email Michelle to request it.

Action Items:

Meeting Minutes 2-18-26: Art Williams moved, Ellen Politi seconded the motion, and carried unanimously.
Financial Summary 2-18-26: Art Williams moved, Daryl Hartman seconded, and carried unanimously.

President's Report:

President Barnes welcomed Michelle Harkins as the new Executive Director. She noted that Michelle has been working closely with Jason and Patrick to transition into the role. President Barnes expressed confidence that this "new beginning" is an opportunity for delegates to bring forth new or returning ideas to shape the future of the COG, noting that Michelle is eager to help implement those visions.

Route 65 Update:

ED reported that she met with Michael Baker International and the Manchester group. She noted that she was already involved with the Route 65 project in her previous position. The Board discussed the project's focus on "placemaking" and creating cohesive design options for municipal signage along the corridor. A design specialist is ready to present options to the delegates; it was suggested she be invited to a future meeting to present these designs.





Grant Status Report:

ED updated the Board on the status of all current grants. She noted that she is in the process of walking through every active project, meeting with municipal managers, and checking in with project leads to get fully up to speed on the specific needs and progress of each community.

Executive Director's Report:

ED reported on the following:

- 2027-2029 Urban County Renewal (CDBG & HOME): An email was sent to municipal managers regarding opting in or out of these programs to ensure federal funding eligibility. She is scheduled to meet with Simone McMeans and her team on March 20th for an introduction.
- Upcoming Meetings: The Quaker Valley Recreation Association (QVRA) is scheduled to attend the April 15th meeting. The Managers and Secretaries Committee will resume on March 25th, hosted by Aleppo Township.
- 2026 Collections: Dates were announced for Household Chemical Collections (May 2, August 15, and September 19) and Hard-to-Recycle Collections (May 9, August 22, and September 26).
 - **Action Item:** Daryl Hartman moved to approve October 17th as an additional date for the Hard-to-Recycle event. Art Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

New Business:

Allegheny County Comprehensive Plan: Information was provided regarding the update (Contact: Zoe Papernick).

Closing Business:

Delegate Report:

Bellevue: *Dan McKelvey:* new public ordinance; the borough is putting together an FAQ for residents. There are currently 40 events scheduled in the borough.

Sewickley Heights: *Nate Briggs:* 2024 LSA grant update: Will begin work on the Backbone Road landslide to reconnect Sewickley Heights and Bell Acres.

Glen Osborne: *Matthew Doebler:* streaming municipal meetings and requested feedback from municipalities.

Glenfield: *Gayle Davis* reported that a landscaping company is moving into a neighboring property. The company addressed the borough's concerns, and the Zoning Committee is planning to vote for final approval.

Haysville: *Amanda Muzichuck:* borough reorganization, welcoming a Vice President and two council members.

Kilbuck: *Daryl Hartman:* Logging in Kilbuck where parties claimed they were unaware of permit requirements, and that surrounding communities lack similar logging ordinances. NOTED: municipal building has office space available for rent.

Leet: *Donna Adipietro:* Researching community alert systems as an alternative to RAID system, which has been renewed(1 year) but is noted as being less user-friendly than other options.

Leetsdale: *Maria Napolitano:* Community meeting on March 23rd for Active Transportation Plan. Highlighted several county and state funding opportunities including the "Main Street" program, "WalkWorks," and "Live Well" program grants. She noted borough received \$9,500 for "Aging in Place" grant for the Henley Park rehabilitation matching funds.

Sewickley: *Julie Barnes* discussed workshop meeting regarding ICE detainment. Sewickley Council will consider a resolution defining how local police interact with ICE.

Sewickley Hills: *Hunter Hopkins:* Delegate contact information; ED to send and add back to the Chatham update list.

Aleppo: *Art Williams:* Will make arrangements to introduce ED to leadership at Masonic Village.

Adjourn:

Paul Getz moved, Art Williams seconded, and motion carried unanimously at 8:12pm