



Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes

April 15th, 2026:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:03
- Pledge of Allegiance

Members were in attendance:

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| • Aleppo: Art Williams | • Kilbuck: Daryl Hartman |
| • Avalon - Maxwell Swartwout | • Leet: Donna Adipietro |
| • Bellevue: Dan McKelvey | • Leetsdale: Maria Napolitano |
| • Ben Avon - Rick Wagner | • Sewickley: Julie Barnes |
| • Emsworth: Paul Getz | • Sewickley Heights: Nate Briggs |
| • Glen Osborne: Matthew Doebler | • Sewickley Hills Borough: Hunter Hopkins |
| • Haysville: Amanda Muzichuck | |

The following members were not present:

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| • Bell Acres | • Edgeworth |
| • Ben Avon Heights | • Glenfield |

Public Comment:

The Allegheny Forward project is a 25-year comprehensive plan designed to guide future growth, housing, and infrastructure throughout Allegheny County. The initiative is currently in a public launch phase that relies on a stakeholder toolkit to encourage community participation through surveys and meetings. Partners are asked to use these resources to help shape a resilient and equitable future for the region.

Chatham University presented a study on the QVCOG waste contract expiring in 2026, noting that a municipal-pay model could save members nearly \$960,000 over five years. The research highlighted that rising costs are driven by an industry shift toward automated trucks, which financially burdens dense municipalities requiring manual pickup. Key recommendations included increasing contract enrollment and grouping municipalities with similar infrastructure for more efficient joint bids.

Action Items:

Meeting Minutes 3-18-26: Daryl moved, Art seconded the motion, and carried unanimously.

Financial Summary 3-18-26: Donna moved, Art seconded, and carried unanimously.

President's Report:

President Julie Barnes commended the Chatham University students for their excellent work on the waste management study. She noted the high quality of their presentation and the value of their data in helping the QVCOG navigate the upcoming 2026 contract expiration.

Route 65 Update:

Route 65 project is experiencing some delays from the city, causing the timeline to be pushed out slightly. We will continue to monitor the situation, check in with project partners, and provide further updates as they become available.





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:

QVAR: Will be presenting at the next delegates meeting

Closing Business:

Delegate Report:

Kilbuck: *Daryl Hartman:* will join the waste committee.

Leet: *Donna Adipietro:* That two days prior her council passed a unanimous ICE process to include on their website. Merger between fire departments with Leetsdale and Bell Arces.

Leetsdale: *Maria Napolitano:* They're having a public community meeting with DCNR about the boat ramp. Really interested in pursuing cardboard recycling.

Sewickley: *Julie Barnes:* Celebrating 150 years with Fire Department. They adopted resolution the night before that laid out the scope of local enforcement with federal ICE enforcement.

Sewickley Hills: *Hunter Hopkins:* Related his positive response to the waste purchasing group.

Adjourn:

Rick moved, Daryl seconded, and motion carried unanimously at 8:34pm