

AGGREGATE ADVISORY BOARD (BOARD)
Wednesday, November 5, 2025
Hybrid Meeting (via Microsoft Teams)

VOTING MEMBERS OR ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Paul Detwiler, III (Member – New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co., Inc.)
Jonathan Kolbe (Member – Allegheny Mineral Corporation)
John St. Clair (Member – Rosebud Mining Co. / Citizens Advisory Council (CAC))
Ian Irvin (Member – CAC)
Peter Vlahos (Alternate – PA Aggregates and Concrete Association (PACA))
Rep. Kristin Marcell (Member – PA House of Representatives)
Matthew Osenbach (Alternate – PA Senate)

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Greg Greenfield (DEP Bureau of Mining Programs (BMP))
Randy Shustack (DEP – Bureau of District Mining Operations (BDMO))
Sharon Hill (DEP – BMP)
Laura Mensch (DEP – BMP)
Rachel Colyer (DEP – BMP)
Daniel E. Snowden (DEP – BMP/Board Liaison)
Kerry Speelman (DEP – BMS)
Christopher Stewart (DEP – BMP)
Alexandra Eberly (DEP – BMP)
Emily Fisher (DEP – BMP)
Bradley Rhodes (DEP – BMP)
Amy Berrios (DEP – AAMO)
Jennifer McLuckie (DEP - AAMO)
Jack Palumbo (DEP – Policy Office)
Jacob Misal (Guest – PA House of Representatives)
Trent Machamer (Guest – PA Senate)
Jamie Stilley (Guest – Amerikohl Aggregates, Inc.)
Michael Clark (Guest – New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co., Inc.)
Megan Dennis (Guest – PA Aggregates and Concrete Association (PACA))

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Board Co-Chair Paul Detweiler, III, who was chairing the meeting in the absence of Nathan Houtz, the designee on behalf of Secretary Shirley.

ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Board members and Alternates answered to a roll call to determine a quorum, facilitated by Daniel Snowden. Other attendees and Guests in the room then introduced themselves.

PACA ANTI-TRUST STATEMENT

The Board reaffirmed its adherence to PACA's anti-trust statement and confidentiality policies. This requirement extends to industry members and alternates on the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 20, 2025 meeting minutes were voted upon, and approved, with no opposition.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Snowden reported that the CAC appointed Robert Barkanic to the Aggregate Advisory Board, and, that the PA House of Representatives has appointed Representative Greg Vitale to the Board as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was opened for public comments; none were submitted to the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Detweiler reported that the Board's Regulatory, Legislative and Technical (RLT) Committee met on October 7, 2025, to discuss the proposed increase in permit fees. Comments were provided on the Noncoal Civil Penalty Assessment Technical Guidance Document (TGD); these will be discussed at a December 9, 2025 RLT meeting.

DELIVERABLES

Greg Greenfield, BMP Director, stated that there were no deliverables for this quarter.

BUREAU OF MINING PROGRAMS (BMP) UPDATES

The Board was provided with updates from Sharon Hill and Laura Mensch on the following topics:

- **Noncoal Applications Breakdown**

Ms. Hill provided the Board with information regarding the distribution of applications across the District Mining Offices (DMOs). Data encompasses the summary of January 1 to October 1, 2025, the "in process" permit application numbers for each office, including those denied or withdrawn. There is a total of 321 applications in-process applications across all offices.

- **Regulatory and Non-Regulatory Agendas**

Ms. Hill reported that there is nothing on the regulatory agenda and nothing is foreseen to be upcoming. There are upcoming revisions to four water supply replacement Technical Guidance Documents (TGDs). This has been delayed again, but Ms. Hill is working on the drafts to pass to the DMOs for their comments before being presented to both the coal and non-coal advisory committees for recommendations.

- **Permitting Applications and Revisions**

Ms. Hill shared that there are upcoming revisions to small non coal applications and notice of intents (NOIs) for both the GP103 and GP105 non coal permits. The revisions are to fix some errors, clarify some questions, and to make the applications more consistent with each other. Once those have been completed (anticipated in the next week), a draft will be made available to the members of this committee for cursory review before they are finalized for the eLibrary.

Ms. Hill also discussed the GP104, Stormwater General Permit, which is set to expire in March 2026. A mass mailing to all the operators with an existing GP104, with instructions

how to renew their coverage to continue coverage with that package, was completed earlier this week. These operators will have to submit a \$250 fee for renewal and complete the forms to ensure that their coverage is renewed if needed, and they are registered to submit their discharge monitoring reports electronically. She stated that a list of consultants was emailed to give a heads-up on the forthcoming mass. Ms. Hill indicated that there is a website for more info. An email address was provided in the information for questions or assistance. The Pottsville District Office has the most GP104 sites and will be working through the hundreds of renewal applications over the next several months. Ms. Hill indicated that the Board will notice that DMO applications will be heavily skewed in the upcoming applications information due to this process.

- **Bonding and Bond Forfeitures**

Laura Mensch reported on the forfeitures for January 1 to September 30, 2025. There was a total of sixteen small noncoal forfeitures, an additional eight since last quarter. In addition to the large non coal forfeiture, which was reported last quarter, there were three new bluestone forfeitures since last quarter. The current non coal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) fund obligations were then shared with the Board. Ms. Mensch indicated that there had not been much change since last quarter, the numbers have been relatively static, with the number reported as of September 30, 2025.

Ms. Mensch did point out to the Board that the non-coal SMCRA fund from the fiscal report, which is provided by the fiscal office, was impacted by the budget impasse, so that there was not an accurate number from the General Operations Fund which could be reported at that time.

Ms. Mensch then reviewed the amount generated into the Clean Water Program (CWP) mining fee revenue, which includes coal and noncoal, and reflects the current fiscal year, July 1 to September 30, 2025.

The General Operations Fund, covering FY 2025 and FY 2026, was reviewed next. Ms. Mensch reminded the Board that the numbers here were skewed (possibly not accurate), due to the information is coming from the fiscal office, which was also affected by the budget impasse. The hopes are that the numbers will be on track and more accurate by the next meeting. Of the last items shared with the Board, the amount of revenue collected, broken out by fee categories, is more accurately presented and in line with previous years; the expenditures will hopefully be able to reflect more accurate numbers at the next meeting.

Further explanation was made by Mr. Greenfield as to the expiration date for Federal Grant money, and how that has been affected by Federal cutbacks, as well as how the Mining Program is focused on “Mission Critical” expenditures, with staffing being first and foremost, for the time that the impasse is affecting operations.

UPDATE FROM BUREAU DISTRICT MINING OPERATIONS (BDMO)

Randy Shustack, BDMO Director, indicated that he did not have any updates to share with the Board.

The Board did ask Mr. Shustack and Director Greenfield what the current impacts of the budget impasse were for the staffing. Mr. Shustack indicated that the permitting staff were still able to get out into the field for permit reviews and issues, but that travel restrictions were in place, and all of the meetings are being held virtually for the time being. Mr. Greenfield added that anything deemed “mission critical” is still continuing, such as the inspections and permitting, and he confirmed that vacant positions being filled will be on hold until the budget is approved.

The next question that the Board had was directed to Sharon Hill, regarding the Pottsville DMO handling the GP104 permit processing, and whether this situation may overwhelm the staff there. Ms. Hill indicated that she will be monitoring the workload, and if it seems to reach critical levels for the staff in Pottsville, the DMO plans to use other staff from offices to assist and help address that workload. She indicated that Tiffany Folk, Pottsville Permits Chief, has been working closely with her to plan for efficient processing and to ensure that the process is consistent across the offices with instructions provided to the DMOs. Ms. Hill shared that if an operator has not submitted the renewal by around February 1, 2026, there may be a visit from the inspector to remind them that they have until the March deadline; if a March 1, 2026 deadline is missed, there could be compliance action. She indicated that the coverage cannot simply be dropped. The registration for electronic reporting is a federal mandate, and there generally are no waivers. Ms. Hill stated that she should have an update for the Board on how the process is going by the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Aggregate Advisory Board Annual Report for 2024 was brought to vote, and approved by the Board unanimously, with no opposition.

The meeting dates for the Aggregate Advisory Board for 2026 are as follows:

February 18
May 20
August 19
November 18

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

A motion to adjourn was unanimously accepted by the Board. The meeting concluded at 10:30 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting is to be held on February 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in Conference Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building in Harrisburg.