

AGGREGATE ADVISORY BOARD (BOARD)
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
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)
Robert Barkanic (Member – The Barkanic Group, LLC/Citizens Advisory Council (CAC))
Thaddeus Stevens (Member – Sylvan Glen, Inc. /CAC)
Ian Irvin (Member – CAC)
R. Timothy Weston (Member – K & L Gates, LLP / CAC)
Andrew Gutshall (Alternate – Heidelberg Materials Group)
Megan Dennis (Alternate – PA Aggregates and Concrete Association (PACA))
Emily Eyster (Alternate – PA Senate)
Matthew Osenbach (Alternate – PA Senate)
Glendon King (Alternate – PA House of Representatives)
Evan Franzese (Alternate – PA House of Representatives)
Nathan Houtz (Alternate – DEP – Active and Abandoned Mine Operations (AAMO))

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 Snowden (DEP – BMP/Board Liaison)
Jolie Mangan (DEP – BMP)
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)
Richard Marcil (DEP – Regulatory Counsel)
Trent Machamer (Guest – PA Senate)
Michael Clark (Guest – New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co., Inc.)
Seth Grove (Guest – PACA)
Christopher Masciantonio (Guest – The Masciantonio Firm)
Timothy Marchesani (Guest – Unknown)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Nathan Houtz, who was chairing the meeting on behalf of DEP Secretary Jessica Shirley.

ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Board members and Alternates answered a roll call to determine a quorum, facilitated by Daniel Snowden.

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 November 5, 2025 meeting minutes were voted upon, and approved, with no opposition.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Snowden reported on the appointment of Megan Dennis to the Aggregate Advisory Board, to serve as the alternate for William Ruark, due to Peter Vlahos retiring at the end of 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Paul Detweiler reported that the Board's Regulatory, Legislative and Technical (RLT) Committee met on December 9, 2025 to discuss the Noncoal Civil Penalty Technical Guidance Document (TGD) and had a constructive conversation.

DELIVERABLES

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

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 application numbers in and out for all of 2025, and the table of the "in process" permit application types for each office. She noted the uptick for Knox, Moshannon and Pottsville reflected the influx of GP104 renewals. Ms. Hill indicated that there were 486 applications in this summary.
- **Regulatory and Non-Regulatory Agendas**
Ms. Hill reported that there is nothing on the regulatory and non-regulatory agendas currently. The Water Supply Replacement TGD is still in working draft.
- **Permitting Applications and Revisions**
Ms. Hill shared that the revised small noncoal applications and the Notices of Intent (NOIs) for both the GP103 and GP105 noncoal permits have been placed on eLibrary, so the most recent copy there should be used. The revisions fixed some errors, clarified some questions, and made the applications more uniform to avoid confusion for operators.

Ms. Hill also discussed the GP104 renewals, which are moving along, and the GP103 permit addition to the Streamlining Permits for the Economic Expansion and Development (SPEED) program, which is being worked through, though there is no timeline on that, currently, as a consultant is still being sought for that process.

- **Bonding and Bond Forfeitures**

Laura Mensch reported on the forfeitures for the 2025 calendar year. There was a total of seventeen small noncoal forfeitures, an additional one since last quarter in Susquehanna County. Most of these were sole proprietorships, where the operators passed, and to close out the permit they need to go through the forfeiture process. One large noncoal forfeiture was out of New Stanton and was a compliance issue.

The current Noncoal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (NCSMCRA) fund obligations were then shared with the Board. Ms. Mensch indicated that they are up slightly since last quarter, but the numbers have been relatively stable.

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 December 31, 2025.

The General Operations Fund revenue and expenditures were reviewed next. Ms. Mensch reminded the Board that the numbers shown here were impacted by the budget impasse, they may look off but should stabilize once that situation levels out moving into the rest of the fiscal year.

UPDATE FROM BUREAU DISTRICT MINING OPERATIONS (BDMO)

Randy Shustack, BDMO Director, provided an update for the Board. He indicated that the GP104 applications continue to get processed; there are a considerable amount applications, and other DMOs are being utilized to stay ahead of them. Mr. Shustack believes that the end of March deadline will be met. The Board asked about staff vacancies, and Mr. Shustack replied that there are some openings and that they were in the process of being filled. The DMOs will be closer to their complements.

NEW BUSINESS

An informational item was shared with the Board, that Mike Hawbaker has resigned from the Board's RLT Committee. Then an action item was brought to the Board: Andrew Gutshall was nominated to replace Mike Hawbaker. The Board requested that Mr. Gutshall provide his background for them; he responded that he is the mining permitting manager for Heidelberg Materials and has been with them for nearly 13 years, he is the chair of the environmental community for PACA, has been working with them also those 13 years and, is involved in many permitting projects throughout the state. The motion was then seconded, and Mr. Gutshall was approved with no opposition.

The last item was to announce the meeting dates for the Aggregate Advisory Board for 2027:

February 17
May 19
August 18
November 17

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

A motion to adjourn was unanimously accepted by the Board. The meeting concluded at 10:24 a.m.

The next meeting scheduled is to be held on May 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in Conference Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building in Harrisburg.