

**Sewage Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
January 29, 2026**

VOTING SEWAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) MEMBERS PRESENT

William Glasser, American Council of Engineering Companies of Pennsylvania
John Wagman, American Society of Civil Engineers
John Peffer, County Departments of Health and Health Agencies
Chris Chapman, Department of Community and Economic Development
Robert Bressler, Pennsylvania Association of Professional Soil Scientists
Cory Warner, Alternate, Pennsylvania Association of Sewage Enforcement Officers
Martin Siegel, Pennsylvania Bar Association
Sarah Miller, Alternate, Pennsylvania Builders Association
Paul Racette, Pennsylvania Environmental Council
Shannon Drosnock, Alternate, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association
Adam Browning, Chair, Pennsylvania Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (POWRA)
Joseph Valentine, Pennsylvania Septage Management Association
Keith Heigel, Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors
Michael Ciocco, Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers
Karen Atkinson, Alternate, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors
Patrick Drohan, Pennsylvania State University
Duane Mowery, Vice Chair, Pennsylvania Water Environment Association (PWEA)
Wayne Gross, Alternate, Pennsylvania Vacation Land Developers Association
John Brady, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Mission

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Members of the public were present but not identified.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) STAFF PRESENT
(CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY)**

Tomisa Kiskadden, Environmental Group Manager, Planning Section, DMF, BCW
Charles Klinger, Water Program Specialist, Planning Section, DMF, BCW
Annamaria De Sanctis, Environmental Engineer, Planning Section, DMF, BCW
Aspen Weitzel, Water Program Specialist, Planning Section, DMF, BCW
Jay Patel, Assistant Bureau Director, DMF, BCW
Adam Duh, Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel
Laura Campbell, Executive Policy Specialist, Policy Office
Jack Palumbo, Policy Aide, Policy Office
Jessica Graybill, Deputy Communications Director, Office of Communications

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Adam Browning at 9:05 A.M. The meeting was conducted both in-person and on-line. No members of the public attended the meeting at the Boyertown location.

A quorum was present.

Motion: Chair Browning (POWRA) called for a motion to approve the minutes for the September 15, September 16, October 17, November 3, November 14, and December 18, 2025 meetings.

Duane Mowery requested that the December 18th minutes be revised. Specifically, the sixth bullet in the list of recommendations from SAC within the Discussion/Information Items section. It currently states, “incorporate timed dosing into all pressurized systems.” Vice Chair Mowery said it should be revised to “incorporate timed dosing into all pressurized systems that utilize a pump.” The minutes will be updated with this amendment.

Motion: Vice Chair Mowery (PWEA) made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with the addition of the amendment above. Michael Ciocco (Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers) seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved by the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- DEP presented an updated listing developed in coordination with Infiltrator. This was presented for informational purposes only. The listing update will recognize the Quick 5 chamber, a product that is one foot longer than the currently approved Quick 4 chamber. The Pennsylvania Infiltrator design manual will also be updated. Member Mowery questioned if Infiltrator worked with DEP to develop the revised listing. DEP indicated yes. The committee invited Infiltrator representative Dich Bachelder to speak. A brief summary was presented; there were no questions or comments from the committee.
 - **Action:** No vote taken.
- The Committee presented an overview of the SAC comment letter to Secretary Shirley summarizing work group discussions held over the past year regarding the Chapter 71, 72, and 73 regulation updates.
 - Letter includes high-priority recommendations, regulation-by-regulation summaries, and supporting meeting minutes.
 - DEP outlined the regulatory process and confirmed SAC will have additional opportunities to review and comment during later rulemaking stages.

- **Action:** Chair Browning called for a motion to the approve letter. Vice Chair Mowery (PWEA) made a motion to approve the letter. Robert Bressler (Pennsylvania Association of Professional Soil Scientists) seconded the motion. Motion approved to submit the SAC comment letter (dated January 28, 2026) to Secretary Shirley. All were in favor, none opposed.
- DEP requested SAC support to advance draft regulations with SAC recommendations included. Request for SAC support submitting the rulemaking to the Environmental Quality Board and next steps. Member Mowery questioned if this was typical. DEP responded, yes, this is typical, but this is not intended to be an endorsement to agree with everything as presented.
 - Members discussed concerns regarding interpretation of support and clarified that the motion was procedural and not endorsement of draft regulations as written.
 - **Action:** Chair Browning called for a motion to support the advancement of draft regulations for Chapters 71, 72 and 73 along with SAC's comments in the January 29th letter to the Secretary. Martin Siegel (Pennsylvania Bar Association) made the motion. Shannon Drosnock (Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association) seconded the motion. Joe Valentine (Pennsylvania Septage Management Association), Patrick Drohan (Pennsylvania State University), Sarah Miller (Pennsylvania Builders Association), and Robert Bressler (Pennsylvania Association of Professional Soil Scientists) voted in opposition to the motion. Motion approved by a vote of 15-4.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SAC REQUESTED ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Chair Browning motioned to adjourn the SAC meeting at 10:15 A.M.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is April 29, 2026. Notice of the meeting and meeting materials will be posted on the SAC webpage.