

Public Water System Technical Assistance Center (PWS-TAC) Advisory Board
Minutes of the May 7, 2026 Meeting

A regular meeting of the PWS-TAC Board was called to order by Chairperson Sharon Fillmann at 9:03 AM. This was the second regularly scheduled meeting of 2026.

The following Board members were present:

Amy Batdorf, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA)
Jeff Bickel, State Board for Certification of Sewage Treatment Plant & Waterworks Operators (SBCSTPWWO)
John Brady, Rural Utilities Service/Rural Development (RUS)
Chip Bilger, Water Works Operators Association of Pennsylvania (WWOAP)
Doug Crawshaw, American Water Works Association, Pennsylvania Chapter (AWWA)
Amy Forsha, RCAP Solutions, Inc (RCAP)
JT Hand, National Association of Water Companies (NAWC)
Greg Herb, Pennsylvania Association of Realtors (PAR)
Matt Lamb, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC)
Nick McCarron, Pennsylvania Rural Water Association (PRWA)
James Steele, Pennsylvania Builders Association (PBA)
Janna Williams, Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA)

The following Alternate members were present:

Mark Agostini, RCAP Solutions, Inc (RCAP)
Matthew Buck, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA)
Ed Chescattie, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
Laura Dimino, Center for Rural Pennsylvania (CRP)
Sharon Fillmann, American Water Works Association, Pennsylvania Chapter (AWWA)
Mary Gaiski, Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association (PMHA) – *joined late*
Joel Jordan, Pennsylvania Rural Water Association (PRWA)
James Kennedy, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC)
Emme Reiser, Pennsylvania Association of Realtors (PAR)
Tesra Schlupp, Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PIIA)
Matthew Walborn, Water Works Operators Association of Pennsylvania (WWOAP)

The following Organizations were not represented:

County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP)
Department Community and Economic Development (DCED)
League of Women Voters, Pennsylvania (LWVPa)
Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD)
Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS)

Members/alternates from 16 organizations were present; therefore, a quorum was achieved.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) staff attending the meeting:

Jeff Allgyer, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Angi Anderson, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Jill Anderson, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Trish Attardo, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Janelle Barry, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Lisa Beatty, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Melissa Crow, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Amanda Ferguson, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Sabrina Haydt, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Mike Hess, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Dawn Hissner, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water

Chad Reisch, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Wendy Lloyd, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Joe Mattucci, SCRO Safe Drinking Water
Sheryl Martin, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Bill McNamara, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Kim Snook, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Megan Stermer, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Laura Campbell, Policy Office
Brian Chalfant, Policy Office
Dave Lapadat, External Affairs

Non-Members attending the meeting:

Amy Borden, Constellation
Sara Crawshaw, Borough of Carlisle/PAAEL
Trent Machamer, PA Senate
Anita Martin, Chester Water/PAAEL

Erik Ross, Milliron & Goodman
Christine Swailes, Veolia Water
Patti-Kay Wisniewski, EPA R3
Carl L Zelter, PA American Water Co.

General Advisory Board business

- The draft minutes from February 12, 2026, PWS-TAC Board meeting were presented for discussion. Doug Crawshaw (PA-AWWA) noted his name was misspelled. Nick McCarron (PRWA) made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction; Laura Dimino (CRP) 2nd the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous “Yay” vote.
- Water and Wastewater Operator Recruitment: nothing to report.

Public Comments

There were no comments during the public comment period.

Discussion of DRAFT Final-form Annex A for CCR Rule Revisions

- The members and alternates requested training and guidance for: the Tier 1 PN required for lead action level exceedances and the plan required for providing assistance to consumers with limited English proficiency. It was noted that the costs for translation services are underestimated. EPA commented that there are plans to translate the mandatory text into several languages.
- The members and alternates acknowledge DEP’s efforts in developing this regulation. JT Hand (NAWC) made a motion that “The PWS-TAC Board supports the Department in moving forward with the Revised CCR Rule rulemaking package.” Chip Bilger (WWOAP) 2nd the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous “Yay” vote.

Review and Discussion of SDW General Permit 2: CWS Finished Water Storage Tank Mixing

The PWS-TAC Board had no questions, comments or recommendations for the SDW General Permit 2: CWS Finished Water Storage Tank Mixing.

Review and Discussion of Revised Draft TGDs 1 & 2: New Source Sampling Requirements for a Groundwater Well for a CWS/NTNC/BVRB Waters System and for a TNC Water System

The PWS-TAC Board requested clarification on whether the proposed edits are new content or revisions to existing content. The proposed edits to both documents are revisions to existing content clarify the required steps.

Review and Discussion of Revised Draft TGD 3: Training Provider Manual

The PWS-TAC Board members and alternates had the following comments on the presentation and proposed revisions to the technical guidance document:

- PA should consider 1:1 (or 1: 1.5) CEUs for general conference hours similar to what other states approve, and PA should allow self-review & approval of course content by associations, especially for the more technical courses to achieve better attendance by certified operators. Some members expressed concern that this may “lower the bar too much” for required content.
- PA should consider how to grant credit for case studies/roundtable discussions.
- The members and alternates discussed the challenges with adult learning, course content and virtual training and noted that DEP could keep the limit for synchronous training at 25 individuals because of the difficulty of tracking student attention. The importance of adult education concepts was discussed and a suggestion was made that training course objectives should be actionable and identify something students will be able to do as a result of taking the course, which is different from a presentation.

Discussion of Technical Guidance to be Rescinded

The Department provided a list of outdated technical guidance documents that will be rescinded. The PWS-TAC Board members and alternates noted appreciation of the advance notice and requested that the rescission notice identify the guidance documents where content has been incorporated or note that the content was not incorporated into other documents.

Adjournment

_____ made a motion to adjourn at _____ AM. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.