

Somerset County Technology Center Joint Operating Committee

Meeting Minutes: 3/19/2026

The monthly meeting of the Somerset County Technology Center Joint Operating Committee was held on Thursday evening, 3/19/2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Dorothy Gindlesperger.

I. Call to Order

A. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Dorothy Gindlesperger led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Roll Call** – Of the eight member districts, roll call showed a total of seven districts were represented as follows:

Members:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Donna Dively	Berlin Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandy Marteney	Meyersdale Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lance Shawley	North Star Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Noah Wareham	Rockwood
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Jenkins - Alt	Shanksville-Stonycreek Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Shockey	Somerset Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Brant	Somerset Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Diehl	Turkeyfoot Valley Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dorothy Gindlesperger	Shade-Central City Area

Introductions/Visitors:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Remick	Administrative Director - SCTC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matthew Danel	Principal - SCTC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Tracey Karlie	Superintendent of Record
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Booth	Fiscal Manager - SCTC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kim Cicmansky	Director of Adult Education - SCTC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joe Smiach	Assistant Principal
	Others:	Thad Kiesnowski Jill Rugg, Denise Grove Pete Putyrski Al Conrad

II. Public Comment**III. Acceptance of Agenda and Agenda Items:**

A motion by Michael Diehl, seconded by Noah Wareham, prevailed to accept the agenda and agenda items as presented. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

IV. Executive Session

A motion by Michael Diehl, seconded by Noah Wareham, prevailed to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 7:05 p.m. – 8:05 p.m. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

V. Minutes:

A motion by Michael Diehl, seconded by Noah Wareham, prevailed to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled Joint Operating Committee meeting held 2/19/2026. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

VI. Financial Reports: Chairperson- Michael Diehl**A. Treasurer's Report as of 3/13/2026 for General and Adult Education Funds.****B. Approval/ratification of bills.**

1. General Fund bills totaling \$178,396.11.
2. Adult Fund bills totaling \$1,072.68.
3. Practical Nursing bills totaling \$5,045.58.
4. Activity Fund bills totaling \$4,923.51.
5. A motion by Michael Diehl, seconded by Brian Brant, prevailed to approve financial reports listed under section VI, Financial Reports, paragraphs A and B as presented. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

VII. Program/Project Reports**Director's Report – Karen Remick****Principal's Report – Matthew Danel****Adult Education Report – Kim Cicmansky****Financial Report – Jennifer Booth****VIII. Committee and Administrative Reports****A. Education & Personnel Report: Chairperson- Brian Brant**

1. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Noah Wareham, prevailed to ratify and approve the staff trips as presented. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.
2. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Noah Wareham, prevailed to ratify and approve the student trips as presented. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.
3. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Noah Wareham, prevailed to approve the 2026-2032 Induction plan. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

4. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Noah Warehman, prevailed to approve the 2026-2029 Professional Development Plan. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.
5. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Noah Warehman, prevailed to approve the 2026-2029 Comprehensive Plan. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.
6. Approve the hiring of _____, as Administrative Director at a salary of \$ _____, effective July 1, 2026. [tabled]
7. Approve the hiring of _____, as Principal at a salary of \$ _____, effective July 1, 2026. [tabled]
8. Approve the hiring of _____, as Assistant Principal / Career Coordinator at a salary of \$ _____, effective July 1, 2026. [tabled]
9. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Noah Warehman, prevailed to approve the Administrative Responses to the OAC Minutes for the Fall 2025 meetings. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.
10. Approve the adoption of the Resolution, effective July 1, 2026, identifying and authorizing the then Administrative Director _____, to sign electronic agreements with the PA Department of Education. [tabled]
11. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Noah Warehman, prevailed to approve the following new OAC Members,
Nate Vamos, Conrad Electric LLC, HVAC.
Kurt May, Army National Guard, Computer Networking
Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.
12. Approve to retain Paul Lalley, Esquire, as special council at an hourly rate of \$245.00. [tabled]

B. Buildings, Grounds, Equipment & Supply Committee: Chairperson- Joe Swank

1. Ratify and approve the obsolete item list. [tabled]

C. Negotiations Committee: Chairperson- Michael Diehl

D. Budget & Finance: Chairperson- Michael Diehl

1. A motion by Michael Diehl, seconded by Brian Brant, prevailed to authorize the administrative team to review the 2026-27 budget and develop a list of possible cost saving measures. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.
2. A motion by Michael Diehl, seconded by Brian Brant, prevailed to authorize the Director to study enrollment trends for past years and projected enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year, study past, present and future program offerings, study the overall staffing needs for the 2026-2027 school year and make recommendations to the Joint Operating Committee regarding staffing and programming needs for Somerset County Technology Center for the 2026-2027 school year. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

E. Policy Committee: Chairperson- Donna Dively**F. Grievance Committee: Chairperson- Donna Dively****IX. Correspondence and Information****X. Executive Sessions****XI. Other Items For Action**

1. A motion by Noah Warehman, seconded by Michael Diehl, was made to require weekly administrative reports to be completed weekly and sent to the JOC. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

XII. Additional Items

1. The April meeting of the Joint Operating Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom of the Somerset County Technology Center.
2. The Spring OAC Meeting will be held March 24th at 6:00 pm.
3. Awards night will be held at 6:00 pm on May 19th.
4. The Certificate Ceremony is on May 22nd at 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM.

Adjournment

A motion by Michael Diehl, seconded by Lance Shawley, prevailed to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.