

**MEETING MINUTES OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AUTHORITY
07/16/2025**

The Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) met, pursuant to notice, on July 16, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., at the Forum Building – 607 South Drive, Rooms 502/503, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The meeting was also conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams.

The Chairman of the Board, Steven Kline, called the meeting to order.

Chairman Kline informed the Board that there would be 31 applications presented for consideration at this meeting, with funding of \$56.6 million in proposed grant or principal forgiveness loan awards and \$165.6 million in proposed loan awards for a total of \$222.2 million in investment. He noted the applications included nineteen drinking water projects representing a \$136 million investment, nine wastewater projects totaling a \$76.8 million investment, two stormwater projects totaling an \$8.7 million investment and one advance funding project representing a \$540 thousand investment for the Commonwealth.

Chairman Kline asked PENNVEST Executive Director Robert Boos to call the roll to confirm a quorum.

Mr. Steven Kline, **CHAIRMAN**
Designee for Governor Josh Shapiro

The Honorable Jessica Shirley, **VICE CHAIR**
Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection

The Honorable Uri Monson, **MEMBER**
Secretary, Office of the Budget

Mr. Shawn Smith, **ALTERNATE MEMBER**
For the Honorable Reginald McNeil
Secretary, Department of General Services

Mr. Brian Eckert, **ALTERNATE MEMBER**
For the Honorable Rick Siger
Secretary, Department of Community and Economic Development

The Honorable Morgan Cephas, **MEMBER**
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

The Honorable Brian Smith, **MEMBER**
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Mr. Noah Glatke, **ALTERNATE MEMBER**
For the Honorable Wayne Langerholc, Jr.
Senate of Pennsylvania

Mr. Jesse Monoski, **ALTERNATE MEMBER**
For the Honorable Lisa Boscola
Senate of Pennsylvania

Mr. Timothy Moury, **MEMBER**
Allegheny County

Mr. M. Joel Bolstein, **MEMBER**
Bucks County

Mr. Errol Abdulla, **MEMBER**
Allegheny County

A quorum was established with the Board members participating in person and virtually via the teleconference meeting. Staff noted that, in compliance with 35 P.S. § 751.10(i), a super majority of at least nine (9) Board members was present to approve projects over \$20 million.

I. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

A. April 23, 2025 Board Meeting

Chairman Kline solicited Board members for any proposed revisions or questions prior to consideration of the minutes for the April 23, 2025 Board meeting. There were none.

Chairman Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2025 Board meeting was duly made by Secretary Shirley, seconded by Secretary Monson, and approved unanimously by the Board.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Funding Budget

Per Section 963.6(b) of PENNVEST's regulations, the Board is required annually to adopt a budget for the new fiscal year which estimates all monies anticipated to be available to PENNVEST and committed for projects.

Chairman Kline acknowledged that, in advance of the meeting, staff provided Board members with a summary of the proposed updated funding budget for prior review and consideration.

Mr. Boos advised staff is requesting approval of a budget for PENNVEST to fund up to \$1 billion in total funding.

Staff recommended a proposed budget including \$960 million in project funding, plus a loan guaranty capacity of \$40 million, for a total proposed PENNVEST assistance budget of \$1 billion for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Of the \$1 billion in project funding, the proposed budget reflects \$648 million to be awarded in the form of loan or bond purchase funding and \$311 million to be awarded in the form of grant or principal forgiveness loan funding.

Chairman Kline solicited Board members for any proposed revisions or questions prior to consideration of the proposed budget. There were none.

Chairman Kline then asked for any public comments. There were none.

A motion to approve the 2025-2026 Funding Budget as presented was duly made by Secretary Shirley, seconded by Representative Smith, and approved unanimously by the Board.

III. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Chairman Kline asked Mr. Boos to introduce the funding applications to the Board for consideration of award.

Before introducing the projects, Mr. Boos announced that Mr. Abdulla would be abstaining from any voting due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Boos advised that the projects presented before the Board for approval would be as described in the agenda book provided to the Board, unless modified by the Board at the meeting. Additionally, he explained that each project would be subject to the applicable terms and conditions, also provided to the Board in the agenda book.

A. Drinking Water Construction Projects

Mr. Boos introduced the drinking water projects:

- 1. Altoona Water Authority, Blair County:** A \$9,750,000 loan with interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.743% for the period of construction and the first five years of principal repayment and a 2.179% interest rate for the remainder of the term of the loan.
- 2. Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., Montgomery County:** A \$3,506,865 loan and an \$11,728,135 principal forgiveness loan with the repayment of the loan carrying interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.743% for the period of construction and the first five years of principal repayment and a 2.179% interest rate for the remainder of the term of the loan.
- 3. Buckingham Township, Bucks County:** A \$615,089 loan and a \$2,057,063 principal forgiveness loan with the repayment of the loan carrying interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.743% for the period of construction and the first five years of principal repayment and a 2.179% interest rate for the remainder of the term of the loan.
- 4. East Taylor Municipal Authority, Cambria County:** An \$8,754,417 loan and a \$1,165,933 principal forgiveness loan with the repayment of the loan carrying interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the remainder of the term of the loan.

5. **Erie City Water Authority (Lead Service Line Replacement), Erie County:** A \$3,032,351 loan and a \$3,467,649 principal forgiveness loan with the repayment of the loan carrying interest only during construction followed by a 360-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the remainder of the term of the loan.
6. **Erie City Water Authority (ProFi), Erie County:** A \$12,000,000 loan with interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the first five years of principal repayment and a 1.743% interest rate for the remainder of the term of the loan.
7. **City of Lancaster, Lancaster County:** A \$756,132 loan and a \$953,206 principal forgiveness loan with the repayment of the loan carrying interest only during construction followed by a 360-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the remainder of the term of the loan.
8. **Liverpool Municipal Authority, Perry County:** A \$930,000 loan with interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.743% for the period of construction and the first five years of principal repayment and a 2.179% interest rate for the remainder of the term of the loan.
9. **Pennsylvania American Water Company (Coatesville Lead Service Line Replacement), Chester County:** A \$2,939,158 loan and a \$1,260,842 principal forgiveness loan with the repayment of the loan carrying interest only during construction followed by a 360-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the remainder of the term of the loan.
10. **Pennsylvania American Water Company (Maple Lake Dam Rehabilitation), Lackawanna County:** A \$7,370,000 loan with interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the first five years of principal repayment and a 1.743% interest rate for the remainder of the term of the loan.
11. **Pennsylvania American Water Company (Marshwood Dam Rehabilitation), Lackawanna County:** A \$7,326,000 loan with interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the first five years of principal repayment and a 1.743% interest rate for the remainder of the term of the loan.
12. **Pennsylvania American Water Company (Summit Point PFAS Project), Monroe County:** A \$1,115,015 loan and a \$3,728,985 principal forgiveness loan with the repayment of the loan carrying interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the first five years of principal repayment and a 1.743% interest rate for the remainder of the term of the loan.

13. **Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, Allegheny County:** An \$11,275,597 loan and a \$14,214,403 principal forgiveness loan with the repayment of the loan carrying interest only during construction followed by a 360-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the remainder of the term of the loan.
14. **The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Portage, Cambria County:** An \$11,833,693 loan and a \$4,731,307 principal forgiveness loan with the repayment of the loan carrying interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the remainder of the term of the loan.
15. **Roaring Spring Municipal Authority, Blair County:** A \$2,325,000 loan with interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.743% for the period of construction and the first five years of principal repayment and a 2.179% interest rate for the remainder of the term of the loan.
16. **Borough of Slatington, Lehigh County:** A \$993,340 loan with interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the remainder of the term of the loan.
17. **Municipal Authority of Washington Township, Fayette County:** A principal forgiveness loan of \$5,100,000.
18. **Woodbury Water Authority, Bedford County:** A \$984,768 loan with interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the first five years of principal repayment and a 1.743% interest rate for the remainder of the term of the loan.
19. **Youngsville Borough, Warren County:** A \$2,191,511 loan with interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the first five years of principal repayment and a 1.743% interest rate for the remainder of the term of the loan.

Dan Mikesic, Project Manager, provided additional information about the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority project.

Jamie Estep, Project Specialist for Southwest Pennsylvania, provided an overview of The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Portage project.

Chairman Kline requested a motion and second to approve the drinking water projects. A motion was made by Secretary Shirley and seconded by Mr. Eckert.

Chairman Kline solicited the Board for any final comments or questions prior to consideration of the proposed projects. Mr. Bolstein thanked the Board for its continued support of projects in Bucks County and asked for additional information regarding the Buckingham Township project. Staff and Board members held a discussion regarding the project.

Representative Smith noted the support of Representative Lou Schmitt for the Altoona Water Authority project, Representative Perry Stambaugh for the Liverpool Municipal Authority project, Representative Jim Rigby for The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Portage project, Representative Scott Barger for the Roaring Spring Municipal Authority project, Representative Zachary Mako for the Borough of Slatington project, Representative Ryan Warner for the Municipal Authority of Washington Township project, Representative Jesse Topper for the Woodbury Water Authority project, and Representative Kathy Rapp for the Youngsville Borough project.

The Chairman then asked for any public comments. There were none.

The motion to approve the drinking water projects was approved unanimously by the Board.

B. Wastewater Construction Projects

Mr. Boos introduced the wastewater projects:

- 20. Burrell Township Sewer Authority, Indiana County:** An \$831,890 loan and a \$2,098,110 principal forgiveness loan with the repayment of the loan carrying interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the remainder of the term of the loan.
- 21. Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority, Delaware County:** A \$20,000,000 loan with interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.743% for the period of construction and the first five years of principal repayment and a 2.179% interest rate for the remainder of the term of the loan.
- 22. Municipal Authority of the Borough of Edinboro, Erie County:** An \$8,599,636 loan and a \$2,290,364 principal forgiveness loan with the repayment of the loan carrying interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the remainder of the term of the loan.
- 23. Borough of Indiana, Indiana County:** A \$4,829,635 loan with interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the first five years of principal repayment and a 1.743% interest rate for the remainder of the term of the loan.

24. **Lewisburg Area Joint Sewer Authority, Union County:** A \$1,454,000 loan with interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.743% for the period of construction and the first five years of principal repayment and a 2.179% interest rate for the remainder of the term of the loan.
25. **Pennsylvania American Water Company, Butler County:** A \$25,100,000 loan with interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.743% for the period of construction and the first five years of principal repayment and a 2.179% interest rate for the remainder of the term of the loan.
26. **Robesonia-Wernersville Municipal Authority, Berks County:** A \$9,253,750 loan with interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the first five years of principal repayment and a 1.743% interest rate for the remainder of the term of the loan.
27. **Saxton Borough Municipal Authority, Bedford County:** A \$632,000 loan with interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the remainder of the term of the loan.
28. **Schellsburg Municipal Authority, Bedford County:** A \$1,268,511 loan and a \$478,379 grant with the repayment of the loan carrying interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the remainder of the term of the loan.

Rebecca Hayden, Project Specialist for Eastern Pennsylvania, provided the Board with a summary of the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority project.

Leslie Cote, Project Specialist for Northcentral Pennsylvania, provided the Board with an overview of the Lewisburg Area Joint Sewer Authority project.

Chairman Kline requested a motion and second to approve the wastewater projects. A motion was made by Representative Smith and seconded by Secretary Shirley.

Chairman Kline solicited the Board for any final comments or questions prior to consideration of the proposed projects.

Representative Smith noted the support of Representative James Struzzi for the Burrell Township Sewer Authority and Borough of Indiana projects, Representative Jacob Banta for the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Edinboro project, Representatives Marci Mustello and Aaron Bernstine for the Pennsylvania American Water Company project in Butler County, Representative Jesse Topper for the Saxton Borough Municipal Authority and Schellsburg Municipal Authority projects, and Representative Eric Weaknecht for the Robesonia-Wernersville Municipal Authority project.

The Chairman then asked for any public comments. There were none.

The motion to approve the wastewater projects was approved unanimously by the Board.

C. Stormwater Construction Projects

Mr. Boos introduced the stormwater projects:

29. The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Bedford, Bedford County: A \$2,432,629 loan and a \$2,827,371 grant with the repayment of the loan carrying interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the remainder of the term of the loan.

30. Freeland Borough, Luzerne County: A \$3,488,681 loan with interest only during construction followed by a 240-month principal repayment term carrying an interest rate of 1.000% for the period of construction and the remainder of the term of the loan.

Tesra Schlupp, Senior Project Manager for Southcentral Pennsylvania, provided the Board with an overview of The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Bedford project.

Chairman Kline requested a motion and second to approve the stormwater projects. A motion was made by Secretary Shirley and seconded by Chairman Kline.

Chairman Kline solicited the Board for any final comments or questions prior to consideration of the proposed projects. Mr. Bolstein requested additional information regarding how PENNVEST analyzes stormwater revenues to determine whether an increase is necessary. Mr. Boos explained that the target affordable rate is set at .25% of median household income levels, and additional subsidies are introduced if the resulting rate is greater than that target.

Representative Smith noted the support of Representative Jesse Topper for The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Bedford project, and Representative Jamie Walsh for the Freeland Borough project.

The Chairman then asked for any public comments. There were none.

The motion to approve the stormwater projects was approved unanimously by the Board.

D. Advance Funding Drinking Water Projects

Mr. Boos introduced the advance funding project:

31. Wattsburg Borough, Erie County: A grant of \$540,000.

Brendan Linton, Project Specialist for Northwest Pennsylvania, provided the Board with a summary of the Wattsburg Borough project.

Chairman Kline requested a motion and second to approve the advance funding drinking water project. A motion was made by Representative Smith and seconded by Secretary Shirley.

Chairman Kline solicited the Board for any final comments or questions prior to consideration of the proposed project.

Representative Smith noted the support of Representative Jacob Banta for the Wattsburg Borough project.

The Chairman then asked for any public comments. There were none.

The motion to approve the advance funding project was approved unanimously by the Board.

IV. PRIOR-APPROVED PROJECTS

A. Increases/Decreases

Mr. Boos explained that funding increase requests for prior-approved projects are typically the result of actual project costs exceeding the engineering estimates made at application, and the original Board approvals are based on estimates at the time of application. Mr. Boos presented four recommended increases for approval at this meeting.

The first request for additional funding was for the Clintonville Borough Sewer and Water Authority in the amount of \$360,000.00.

The second request for additional funding was for the Mid Mon-Valley Water Pollution Control Authority in the amount of \$3,103,000.00.

The third request for additional funding was for the Palmer Township Stormwater Authority in the amount of \$270,000.00.

The fourth request for additional funding was for the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority in the amount of \$18,948,876.00.

Mr. Boos confirmed that all four of these previously-approved projects received bids that were higher than the original estimates.

Chairman Kline requested a motion and second to approve the four funding award increases. A motion was made by Secretary Shirley and seconded by Representative Smith.

Chairman Kline solicited the Board for any comments or questions prior to consideration of the proposed funding award increase requests.

Mr. Bolstein inquired as to the effect of recent federal executive orders imposing tariffs. Staff and members of the Board discussed project costs and the effects of tariffs.

Chairman Kline inquired as to the justification behind the Mid Mon-Valley increase request. Staff and members of the Board held a discussion regarding the increased costs and Board reconsideration for projects with cost increases.

Chairman Kline then asked for any public comments. There were none.

The motion to approve the four funding award increases was approved unanimously by the Board.

B. Program Initiatives

Two program reports were included in the Board Book and provided to Board members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Boos first referenced the Small Projects Report, which highlights the details of twenty-four projects approved to date through the expedited review process staff has been authorized to conduct for projects estimated to cost \$500,000 or less. Since the April 2025 Board meeting, PENNVEST staff has approved two small projects, The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Boswell and the Borough of Mount Oliver. Total approved funding through the Small Projects Initiative has increased to \$9,236,469.00.

Mr. Boos explained that the second report provides a detailed listing of all projects funded by PENNVEST using Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funds. This report details individual projects by IIJA funding source and total funding amounts for each designated project type, such as emerging contaminant remediation. Mr. Boos advised that, to date, PENNVEST has disbursed \$250.3 million of the obligated funding to communities throughout the Commonwealth.

Both program initiative reports were presented for informational purposes only, requiring no Board action.

C. On-Lot Report

The one-page on-lot memorandum, also included in the Board Book, summarizes the ongoing status of the on-lot septic system funding program, since it was initiated by PENNVEST in 1994. Mr. Boos explained that through this program, PENNVEST, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, assists individual homeowners with unexpected costs associated with addressing malfunctioning or failing on-lot septic systems. The current on-lot report reveals consistent program activity through enhancements and/or replacements of existing systems. Mr. Boos also noted that the continued interest in this program is evidenced by the number of additional requests for funding of new and first-time connections to municipal wastewater collection systems. The updated on-lot program report was presented for informational purposes only, requiring no Board action.

D. Project Statuses

Two other separate reports, also provided to Board members prior to the meeting, presented the number and details of PENNVEST projects in two different statuses. The first, Application to Approval Report, lists those projects with an application submitted to PENNVEST and brought before the Board for approval at this meeting. The second, Approval to Settlement Report, shows projects that have been approved by the Board but have not yet closed on a funding offer. At the end of this report, comparative data is displayed by date – from the current meeting, from the last Board meeting, and from one year ago. These project status reports were presented for informational purposes only requiring no Board action.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Chairman Kline invited Board members, staff, and the public to present any questions or comments. A member of the public asked how staff expect federal funding cuts to affect the state revolving funds. Mr. Boos advised that PENNVEST has not yet seen any funding issues and remains able to fund any and all eligible and technically-ready projects.

A member of the public requested information about the availability of meeting minutes and slides. Mr. Boos advised that minutes for today's meeting will be available after approval at the October 15, 2025 meeting, and that the slides will be made available on the PENNVEST website within 48 hours.

Chairman Kline thanked Mr. Boos and staff for their efforts to make his appointment as chairman of the PENNVEST Board seamless, and he congratulated Secretary Shirley on her confirmation as the DEP Secretary.

It was noted that the next Board meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2025, with project applications for that meeting due by July 30, 2025. In addition to being conducted in-person in Harrisburg, the October 2025 meeting will also be scheduled to include an option for participation in a virtual format.

A motion to adjourn was duly made by Secretary Shirley, seconded by Representative Smith, and approved unanimously by the Board.