

**Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust  
Board of Trustees' Public Meeting (August 21, 2025)  
Seven Springs Mountain Resort | Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**Board of Trustee Attendees (11):**

- Chair Tom VanKirk (In person)
- Tumar Alexander (Zoom)
- Commissioner Kevin Boozel (In person)
- Secretary Latika Davis-Jones (In person)
- Commissioner Patrick Fabian (In person)
- Stuart Fisk (In person)
- Representative Jamie Flick (Zoom)
- Representative Danielle Friel-Otten (Zoom)
- Shea Madden (In person)
- Commissioner Robert Postal (Zoom)
- Senator Dawn Keefer (Zoom)

**Board of Trustees Not Attending (1):**

- Senator Christine Tartaglione

**Other Attendees:**

- Nathan McClellan, Senator Christine Tartaglione's Office (Zoom)
- Joshua Walker, Senator Dawn Keefer's Office (Zoom)
- Neil Mara, Office of Attorney General (Zoom)
- Jayson Wolfgang, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney (In person)
- Jordan Yeagley, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney (In person)
- Lisa Ritter, Maher Duessel (In person)
- Briana Anderson, Trust Administrator, CCAP (In person)
- Ashli Rudy, CCAP (In person)
- Dr. Dennis Scanlon, Penn State University (Zoom)
- Amy Yeung, Penn State University (Zoom)

### **Announcements by Chair Tom VanKirk**

- This meeting of the Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust (“Trust”) has been duly advertised as a public meeting in accordance with the Sunshine Act and is therefore open to members of the public as observers.
- Participation in the meeting is limited to Trustees, representatives from their offices, and invited guests from the Trust’s advisors and partners.
- This meeting is being recorded, and the video will be available on the Trust’s website along with the minutes from this meeting once approved by the Board of Trustees (“Board”).
- An Executive Session was held today immediately prior to this public meeting for the purpose of receiving legal updates and legal advice.
- A quorum of Trustees is present at this meeting.
- Since the Board’s last public meeting on June 5, 2025, there have been several changes in its membership. Commissioner Patrick Fabian, appointed by the Northwestern Pennsylvania Region, has replaced Steve Jasper. Senator Dawn Keefer, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, has replaced Senator Greg Rothman.

### **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the Board’s public meeting held on June 5, 2025, were circulated to the Board in advance of the meeting. Chair Tom VanKirk indicated that he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Kevin Boozel and seconded by Secretary Latika Davis-Jones. With no further discussion, the minutes were approved unanimously by the Trustees in attendance.

### **Report from the Office of Attorney General Regarding Status of Purdue/Sackler and Secondary Manufacturers Settlements**

Neil Mara, Office of Attorney General (“OAG”), provided an update on ongoing litigation and proposed settlements with Purdue Pharma and members of the Sackler family (“Purdue/Sackler Settlements”) and, separately, eight opioid manufacturers not included in prior opioid settlements (“Secondary Manufacturers Settlement”).

Mr. Mara reported that materials for the Purdue/Sackler Settlement have been distributed to Participating Subdivisions, with a deadline of September 30, 2025. After that date, several legal steps must be completed before the settlement can be formally approved by the bankruptcy court and the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania. If approved, Participating Subdivisions would likely not see distributions from these Settlements until 2026.

Regarding the Secondary Manufacturers Settlement, which is separate from the Purdue/Sackler

Settlement, Mr. Mara shared that materials will be distributed to Participating Subdivisions soon, with a deadline of October 7, 2025. If approved, Participating Subdivisions would likely not see distributions from these Settlements until 2026.

Secretary Latika Davis-Jones asked about tentative settlement amounts. Mr. Mara estimated the national Purdue/Sackler Settlements would total billions of dollars, while the Secondary Manufacturers Settlement totals approximately \$700 million nationally. Pennsylvania will receive a portion of these amounts, though Mr. Mara did not have the specific figures available.

Chair Tom VanKirk asked about incentives for Participating Subdivisions. Mr. Mara confirmed that participation provides strong incentives, and Pennsylvania's allocation will depend heavily on the level of participation. Chair Tom VanKirk added that in previous national opioid settlements, Pennsylvania secured higher-than-expected allocations due, in part, to strong participation by its Participating Subdivisions.

### **Report from Penn State University Regarding Pennsylvania Opioid Settlement Data Website**

Chair Tom VanKirk introduced Dr. Dennis Scanlon of Penn State University. Dr. Scanlon gave an update on the development of the Pennsylvania Opioid Settlement Data Website. He explained that the consortium of research universities assisting the Trust compiled and processed reporting data submitted by Participating Subdivisions to the Trust in order to build a public-facing platform. The website went live on August 11, 2025, and has since received significant media attention.

The website currently displays reporting data on expenditures through December 31, 2024 and will be updated with future reporting data. Only spending on approved remediation programs appears on the site. Stakeholders, including Participating Subdivisions, were able to review the website before its launch and provided helpful feedback, noting the site's usefulness for guiding spending decisions and supporting collaboration.

Dr. Scanlon highlighted that Pennsylvania's detailed, line-item reporting on remediation programs positions the Commonwealth as a national leader in transparency. He thanked the Trust, the OAG, and Participating Subdivisions for their efforts.

Dr. Scanlon shared the website address, [www.paopioidsettlementdata.org](http://www.paopioidsettlementdata.org), which is also linked on the Trust's website. It was noted that this website is not owned or controlled by the Trust, but rather is the property of the research universities assisting the Trust.

Chair Tom VanKirk noted that one of the website's greatest strengths is its ability to help Participating Subdivisions learn from and connect with one another. He thanked Dr. Scanlon and his colleagues for their work on the project.

### **Resolution Regarding Approval of Certain Uses of Opioid Settlement Funds as Detailed in March 17, 2025 and Follow-Up Reports**

Chair Tom VanKirk provided an overview of the review process for the March 17, 2025, reports

submitted by Counties and, for the first time, Litigating Subdivisions. This reporting is required by the July 12, 2022, Commonwealth Court Order creating the Trust (“Trust Order”), as amended and restated on October 15, 2024 (“Amended Trust Order”). Because March 15, 2025, fell on a Saturday, the Trust adjusted the due date for the reports to March 17.

On or about March 17, 2025, all 67 counties and 49 of the 51 Litigating Subdivisions submitted their reports to the Trust. Aliquippa City and Mahoning Township were the only Litigating Subdivisions that did not submit reports. At the Board’s June 5, 2025, public meeting, the Board approved a resolution notifying both Litigating Subdivisions of their reporting deficiency and granting them a three-month period to submit their reports. To date, neither has done so. If they fail to submit a report by the end of the cure period, the Trust may take further disciplinary action, including withholding distributions to Aliquippa City and Mahoning Township under the Amended Order. Chair Tom VanKirk clarified that any withheld funds would be redirected to the Commonwealth.

The reports submitted on or about March 17, 2025, detailed spent and committed opioid settlement funds (“OSF”) for specific remediation programs that Participating Subdivisions identified as compliant with Exhibit E. The Working Groups first met throughout April and May to review these submissions. As in previous cycles, each remediation program was categorized as “Recommended for Approval,” “Still Under Consideration,” or “Recommended Non-Compliant.” These determinations were made at the Board’s June 5, 2025, public meeting.

Following that meeting, additional information was requested from certain Participating Subdivisions. The Working Groups reconvened in July and August to review those responses and make recommendations on these remaining programs at today’s meeting.

Chair Tom VanKirk then invited the Working Group leaders to present the remediation programs from the March 17, 2025, reporting cycle that remained under consideration following the Board’s June 5, 2025, public meeting, along with the Working Groups’ updated recommendations. A spreadsheet was displayed during the meeting, listing these remediation programs by Participating Subdivision in alphabetical order. For each remediation program, the Working Group leaders reviewed the following information:

- Participating Subdivision name;
- Remediation program number;
- Organization name;
- Remediation program name;
- Dollars reported as spent/committed; and,
- The Working Group’s recommendation (i.e., approval, still under consideration, or

disapproval).

**Resolution No. 1 – March Reports: Blair, Bucks, Butler, Carbon, Clarion, Crawford, and Delaware County**

The Working Group leaders then summarized the recommendations of their respective Working Groups for remediation programs reported by Bedford, Blair, Bucks, Butler, Carbon, Clarion, Crawford, and Delaware Counties.

Chair Tom VanKirk noted that Bucks County Program No. 47 had been withdrawn. He also clarified, regarding Delaware County Program No. 38, that while the purchase of Naloxone is allowable under Exhibit E, the Trust believes it to be available at no cost through DDAP.

Chair Tom VanKirk then requested the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that, the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust (the “Trust”), based on the recommendations of the Working Groups that met and reviewed the follow-up reports from Counties, hereby approves the following programs as compliant with the applicable settlement terms as set forth in Exhibit E described and incorporated into the July 12, 2022 Order of the Commonwealth Court that created the Trust, as amended:

- Blair County Program No. 5
- Butler County Program No. 10
- Carbon County Program No. 3
- Clarion County Program No. 5
- Crawford County Program No. 9
- Delaware County Program Nos. 37 and 42

Commissioner Robert Postal made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Secretary Latika Davis-Jones seconded the motion. Commissioner Kevin Boozel abstained from the vote for Butler County only; otherwise, he voted yea. Senator Dawn Keefer abstained from voting on the resolution. The motion was approved by a majority of the Trustees in attendance.

**Resolution No. 2 – March Reports: Erie, Forest, Franklin, Greene, Indiana, Lackawanna, Lancaster, and Lawrence County**

The Working Group leaders then summarized the recommendations of their respective Working Groups for remediation programs reported by Erie, Forest, Franklin, Greene, Indiana, Lackawanna, Lancaster, and Lawrence Counties.

Chair Tom VanKirk then requested the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that, the Board of Trustees of the Trust, based on the recommendations of the Working Groups that met and reviewed the follow-up reports from Counties, hereby approves the following programs as compliant with the applicable settlement terms as set forth in Exhibit E described and incorporated into the July 12, 2022 Order of the Commonwealth Court that created the Trust, as amended:

- Erie County Program No. 19
- Forest County Program No. 5
- Franklin County Program No. 17
- Greene County Program No. 1
- Indiana County Program No. 5
- Lackawanna County Program Nos. 1 and 3 through 7.
- Lancaster County Program No. 10
- Lawrence County Program No. 15

Commissioner Kevin Boozel made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Shea Madden seconded the motion. Senator Dawn Keefer abstained from voting on the resolution. The motion was approved by a majority of the Trustees in attendance.

**Resolution No. 3 – March Reports: Luzerne, Lycoming, Montgomery, Northumberland, Schuylkill, and Susquehanna County**

The Working Group leaders then summarized the recommendations of their respective Working Groups for remediation programs reported by Luzerne, Lycoming, Montgomery, Northumberland, Schuylkill, and Susquehanna Counties.

Chair Tom VanKirk encouraged Counties to work with their Single County Authorities (SCAs), noting that SCAs typically possess significant expertise and can assist in developing appropriate uses for OSF.

Shea Madden noted that Montgomery County Program No. 17 had been withdrawn.

Chair Tom VanKirk explained that Montgomery County Program Nos. 31 and 32 were deemed non-compliant at the Board's June 5, 2025, public meeting. Montgomery County subsequently appealed to the Trust's Dispute Resolution Committee ("DRC"). In reviewing the appeal materials, the DRC determined that, had the same information been included in the County's March 17, 2025

report, both remediation programs likely would have been deemed compliant with Exhibit E. Accordingly, at its August 8, 2025, public meeting—and with Montgomery County’s consent—the DRC voted to refer Program Nos. 31 and 32 back to the full Board with a recommendation for approval.

Chair Tom VanKirk then requested the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that, the Board of Trustees of the Trust, based on the recommendations of the Working Groups that met and reviewed the follow-up reports from Counties, hereby approves the following programs as compliant with the applicable settlement terms as set forth in Exhibit E described and incorporated into the July 12, 2022 Order of the Commonwealth Court that created the Trust, as amended:

- Luzerne County Program Nos. 7 and 8
- Lycoming County Program Nos. 2 through 4
- Montgomery County Program No. 17; 20 and 21; 23; 31 and 32; 41 through 43
- Northumberland County Program Nos. 3 and 4
- Schuylkill County Program No. 5
- Susquehanna County Program Nos. 5 and 6

Commissioner Kevin Boozel made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Tumar Alexander seconded the motion. Representative Jamie Flick and Shea Madden abstained from the vote for Lycoming County only; otherwise, they voted yea. Senator Dawn Keefer abstained from voting on the resolution. The motion was approved by a majority of the Trustees in attendance.

**Resolution No. 4 – March Reports: Warren and Washington County, Bensalem Township, Berks County DA, Bristol Township, Bucks County DA, and City Of Lock Haven**

The Working Group leaders then summarized the recommendations of their respective Working Groups for remediation programs reported by Warren County, Washington County, Bensalem Township, Berks County District Attorney, Bristol Township, Bucks County District Attorney, and the City of Lock Haven.

Stuart Fisk clarified that Washington County Program No. 8 funds a police social worker position, noting that the Trust does not consider law enforcement activities allowable under Exhibit E. He also clarified that Washington County Program No. 23 does not provide funding directly to the District Attorney’s Office; rather, it supports a series of mini grants that will be administered through that office.

Before transitioning from Counties to the Litigating Subdivisions, Chair Tom VanKirk noted that

reporting is a new requirement for the Litigating Subdivisions, and many are still working through the learning curve.

Shea Madden reported that Bensalem Township Program No. 3 was recommended as non-compliant because it does not appear to have a clearly established connection to opioid use disorder (“OUD”). She also explained that Berks County District Attorney Program No. 2 was recommended as non-compliant because, based on the information provided to the Working Group, the program was being used to support law enforcement.

Regarding Bucks County District Attorney Program Nos. 1 and 2, Shea Madden noted that both were recommended for partial approval. The portions of each remediation program that support the Drug Diversion Administrative Aide and Drug Diversion Legal Secretary, respectively, were, in the opinion of the Working Group, permissible under Exhibit E.

Commissioner Kevin Boozel added that the City of Lock Haven Program No. 4 was recommended as non-compliant because it does not appear to have a clearly established connection to OUD prevention or treatment.

Chair Tom VanKirk then requested the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that, the Board of Trustees of the Trust, based on the recommendations of the Working Groups that met and reviewed the follow-up reports from Counties, hereby approves the following programs as compliant with the applicable settlement terms as set forth in Exhibit E described and incorporated into the July 12, 2022 Order of the Commonwealth Court that created the Trust, as amended:

- Warren County Program No. 2
- Washington County Program Nos. 2 through 15; 17 through 24
- Bristol Township Program No. 1
- Bucks County District Attorney Program Nos. 1 and 2

Stuart Fisk made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Secretary Latika Davis-Jones seconded the motion. Senator Dawn Keefer abstained from voting on the resolution. The motion was approved by a majority of the Trustees in attendance.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the Board of Trustees of the Trust, based on the recommendations of the Working Groups, hereby disapproves the following programs as non-compliant with the applicable settlement terms as set forth in Exhibit E:

- Bensalem Township Program No. 3
- Berks County District Attorney Program No. 2



- City of Lock Haven Program No. 4

Commissioner Kevin Booze made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Robert Postal seconded the motion. Senator Dawn Keefer abstained from voting on the resolution. The motion was approved by a majority of the Trustees in attendance.

**Resolution No. 5 – March Reports: Clearfield County DA, Dauphin County DA, Delaware County DA, Northampton County DA, Pittsburgh City, SEPTA, Warminster Township, and Wyoming Borough**

The Working Group leaders then summarized the recommendations of their respective Working Groups for remediation programs reported by the Clearfield County District Attorney, Dauphin County District Attorney, Delaware County District Attorney, Northampton County District Attorney, Pittsburgh City, SEPTA, Warminster Township, and Wyoming Borough.

Stuart Fisk explained that the portion of OSF allocated to the Behavioral Health Unit Program Specialist in Dauphin County District Attorney Program No. 1 is, in the Working Group's opinion, permissible under Exhibit E. The remainder of the remediation program's proposed use of OSF to support a Deputy District Attorney is still under consideration.

Shea Madden reported that Warminster Township Program No. 2 did not provide a response to the request for additional information; therefore, compliance with Exhibit E could not be determined.

Chair Tom VanKirk then requested the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that, the Board of Trustees of the Trust, based on the recommendations of the Working Groups that met and reviewed the follow-up reports from Counties, hereby approves the following programs as compliant with the applicable settlement terms as set forth in Exhibit E described and incorporated into the July 12, 2022 Order of the Commonwealth Court that created the Trust, as amended:

- Clearfield County District Attorney Program No. 4
- Dauphin County District Attorney Program No. 1
- Delaware County District Attorney Program Nos. 1 and 2
- Northampton County District Attorney Program No. 1
- Pittsburgh City Program Nos. 1 and 2
- SEPTA Program No. 1
- Wyoming Borough Program No. 1

Secretary Latika Davis-Jones made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Kevin Boozel seconded the motion. Stuart Fisk abstained from the vote for Pittsburgh City only; otherwise, he voted yea. Senator Dawn Keefer abstained from voting on the resolution. The motion was approved by a majority of the Trustees in attendance.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the Board of Trustees of the Trust, based on the recommendations of the Working Groups, hereby disapproves the following programs as non-compliant with the applicable settlement terms as set forth in Exhibit E:

- Warminster Township Program No. 2

Commissioner Robert Postal made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Representative Jamie Flick seconded the motion. Senator Dawn Keefer abstained from voting on the resolution. The motion was approved by a majority of the Trustees in attendance.

Chair Tom VanKirk shared that across the first three reporting cycles, more than 770 remediation programs were approved, while just over 25 were deemed non-compliant. He attributed this low percentage of non-compliant programs to the Counties' increasing familiarity with the process and the Trust's ongoing efforts to provide education around reporting.

#### **Resolution to Authorize September 1, 2025 Notice of Estimated Distributions for December 2025**

Chair Tom VanKirk explained that under the Amended Order, the Trust is required each year to notify Participating Subdivisions by September 1 of the amount of OSF they are expected to receive on or before December 15 of that same year. He noted that the September 1 Notice provides only an estimate, as the expected amounts can and do fluctuate. The draft September 1 Notice was included in the materials distributed to Trustees ahead of the meeting.

Lisa Ritter from Maher Duessel provided an overview of the calculations reflected in the spreadsheet to accompany the September 1 Notice. She reported that the Trust expects to distribute approximately \$103 million to Participating Subdivisions in December. The national opioid settlements and sources included in this estimate are Wave 1, Wave 2, and the Endo bankruptcy, with Endo representing a one-time distribution. Ms. Ritter referenced the Summary tab of the spreadsheet, which lists the estimated distributions for each Participating Subdivision.

She explained that the December 2025 distribution will be the fifth for Wave 1 and the third for Wave 2, as the first and second Wave 2 distributions were combined in December 2024. Ms. Ritter also noted that all OSF amounts the Trust expects to receive have been included, though changes to the final distribution amounts are expected. For Wave 2 specifically, certain funds are being held in escrow; however, these amounts appear in the notice and will be distributed once received.

Chair Tom VanKirk added that the December 2025 distribution will be significantly smaller than the December 2024 distribution, primarily because it does not include two years' worth of Wave 2 payments. He also reminded everyone that each distribution comes with a minimum 18-month

expenditure deadline.

Chair Tom VanKirk then requested the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes Mahel Duessel to finalize and the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, as administrator for the Trust, to timely distribute the September 1, 2025 Notice to all Participating Subdivisions in a form substantially similar to that provided to the Trustees in advance of this meeting. If any adjustments to the estimated distributions become necessary, Maher Duessel is authorized to make such adjustment prior to the distribution of the Notice to Participating Subdivisions.

Stuart Fisk made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Kevin BoozeI seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority of the Trustees in attendance.

Jayson Wolfgang, legal counsel from Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, noted that the September 1 Notice will also be posted on the Trust's website and will therefore be available to the public.

#### **Resolution to File Third Annual Report to Commonwealth Court**

Chair Tom VanKirk explained that, under the Amended Order, the Trust is required to submit an annual report to the Commonwealth Court. In 2023, the Trust filed its first annual report covering the period from July 12, 2022, through June 30, 2023, with the intent that future reports would follow the same one-year reporting structure. The Second Annual Report was filed in September 2024. A draft of the Third Annual Report, covering July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, was included in the materials distributed to Trustees ahead of the meeting. Chair Tom VanKirk noted that Trustees who were recently appointed will not appear in this report due to the reporting period but will be included in next year's report.

Chair Tom VanKirk then requested the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC, as counsel for the Trust, to file the Third Annual Report with the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania in a form substantially similar to the draft included in the materials for this meeting.

Commissioner Kevin BoozeI made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Tumar Alexander seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority of the Trustees in attendance.

Commissioner Kevin BoozeI commented that he believes the report provides a wealth of information and serves as a helpful review. Chair Tom VanKirk agreed, noting that the report is a matter of public record and will be made available on the Trust's website, along with all previously submitted reports to the Commonwealth Court.

### **New Business**

Chair Tom VanKirk announced that a Public Listening Session would immediately follow this meeting and encouraged all meeting attendees to also attend the Public Listening Session.

Chair Tom VanKirk then adjourned the meeting at 11:48 AM.