



# Local Elected Official (LEO) Board Meeting

September 17, 2025

Union County Government Center  
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

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## Local Elected Official (LEO) Board Meeting Agenda

Union County Government Center, Lewisburg  
Wednesday, September 17, 2025  
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

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| 9:00 – 9:05 | Call to Order and Approval of Minutes   | Rob Postal      |
| 9:05 – 9:10 | Public Comment  |                 |
| 9:10 – 9:15 | LEO Board Agreement Update  | Erica Mulberger |
|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Action: Approve updated LEO Board Agreement</li></ul> |                 |
| 9:15 – 9:25 | Executive Director's Update   | Erica Mulberger |
| 9:25 – 9:30 | Open Discussion   |                 |
| 9:30        | Adjournment/Date of Next Meeting  | Rob Postal      |
- Executive Committee – October 10, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.
  - LEO Board Meeting – December 17, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
  - WDB/LEO Board Joint Meeting – December 17, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Local Elected Official Board Action Items

### September 17, 2025

1. Motion to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2025 LEO Board meeting.

Motion:

Second:

2. Motion to approve the amended Local Elected Officials Agreement.

Motion:

Second:

# Local Elected Officials (LEO Board)

## Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2025

The Local Elected Official (LEO) Board of Advance Central PA held a meeting Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at Playworld in Lewisburg, PA.

### LEO Board Members Attending

Commissioner Steven Dershem, Centre County  
Commissioner Jeffrey Snyder, Clinton County  
Commissioner Rebecca Dressler, Montour County  
Commissioner Joe Klebon, Northumberland County  
Commissioner David Kovach, Columbia County  
Commissioner Robert Postal, Mifflin County  
Commissioner Chuck Steininger, Snyder County  
Commissioner Stacy Richards, Union County

### LEO Board Members Excused

Commissioner Angela Harding, Clinton County  
Commissioner Mark Mussina, Lycoming County

### Guests Attending

Jon Dewald  
Michele Foust  
Dean Girton  
Dave Zartman

### WDB Staff Attending

Korrie Lucas  
Erica Mulberger  
Kelly Walter

## Call to Order and Welcome

Commissioner Robert Postal opened the meeting at 9:23 a.m. and confirmed a quorum was met.

## Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Postal called for a motion to approve the March 19, 2025 meeting minutes previously sent to all LEO Board members.



**Commissioner Klebon made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2025 LEO Board meeting. Commissioner Steininger seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with no abstentions.**

## Invitation for Public Comments

Commissioner Postal opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

## Workforce Development Board Membership

Commissioner Postal reported the Governance Committee received an application from Joshua Bell, Sekisui Kydex Organizational Development Manager, for private sector membership on the Workforce Development Board (WDB); the Committee endorses the application for LEO Board consideration. The LEO Board discussed Sekisui Kydex having a strong reputation in the manufacturing sector and consistent engagement in workforce development initiatives.



**Commissioner Dressler made a motion to appoint Joshua Bell, Organizational Development Manager at Sekisui Kydex, to the Workforce Development Board as a private sector business representative with a term from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. Commissioner Dershem seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with no abstentions.**

## Executive Director's Update

Erica Mulberger, Advance Central PA Executive Director, provided updates.

### Follow-Up to 'The Rising Storm' Presentation

As requested by the LEO Board, this topic will remain on the agenda. Erica shared that WDB member Jon Ritter may have insight to offer regarding actions Playworld is taking in response to the economic conditions and labor shortages.

### Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Re-Authorization

A letter jointly written by three national workforce associations - the National Association of Workforce Boards, the United States Workforce Association, and the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals - explains potential implications of the President's Executive Order, Make America Skilled Again. The order calls for a thorough review and possible consolidation of existing workforce programs. Federal agencies are required to submit a report identifying which programs could be merged or eliminated and which should remain independent.

### FY26 Budget

The FY26 budget has been developed based on the information currently available. Erica highlighted a substantial reduction in WIOA Title I funding for FY26 which results from the normal allocation calculations. Staffing has been reduced within Advance Central PA Title I programming at PA CareerLink®, all sites are able to remain open.

Commissioner Postal acknowledged the current financial constraints, emphasizing the need to work with the resources available and move forward accordingly with multiple plans of action should adjustments be needed.

## Open Discussion

Commissioner Kovach shared that he received his invitation for PA CareerLink® Awareness Day. He is planning to attend on September 10<sup>th</sup> and encouraged others to attend as well.

Commissioner Kovach discussed the announcement that Amazon is investing billions to establish data centers across the Commonwealth, including neighboring Luzerne County. The LEO Board discussed the opportunities and jobs that will come with these data centers, as well as concerns about electricity supply and cost. Erica mentioned that PPL is preparing a presentation to help better understand the potential impact of the Amazon project and the steps they are taking to address increased energy demands. Commissioner Richards offered there may be a significant rise in the demand for solar, emphasizing that energy production and distribution will be a major focus in the coming years.

## Date of Next Meetings

Commissioner Postal announced the following upcoming meetings:

- Executive Committee Meeting – August 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
- Annual Meeting of the Members – September 17, 2025 at Union County Government Center at 9:00 a.m.
- WDB/LEO Joint Meeting – September 17, 2025 Meeting at Union County Government Center at 10:00 a.m.

## Adjournment

With no further business to attend to, Commissioner Postal adjourned the LEO Board at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Walter



Office/Board Coordinator