Corporation Board of Directors & Commission Executive Committee

June 26, 2023

3 p.m.

Opening Agenda Items

☑ Agenda Item: 1 - Call to Order
  - Quorum
  - Conflict of Interest Declarations on Action Items

☑ Agenda Item: 2 - Action on the Minutes from April 24, 2023

☑ Agenda Item: 3 - Public Comment

Financial Report
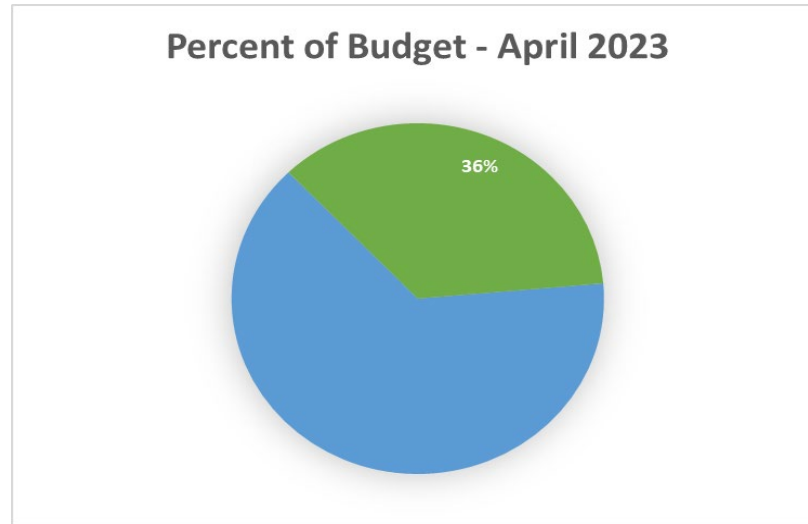## *Ailisa Sobien, Director of Finance*

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Financial Report

FY 22-23 Budget Status – April 30, 2023

- FY22-23 Budget $22,341,055
- Revenue and Expenses: $8,003,025
- Percent of Budget: 36.0%

Percent of Budget - April 2023

36%

Questions?

FY 2023-2024 Annual Combined Budget

FY 23-24 Funding Sources

Total Revenue $23,253,761

Local, $1,548,573

In-Kind, $2,465,116

Other, $547,862

State, $1,791,701

Federal, $16,900,509

- Federal
- State
- Other
- In-Kind
- Local
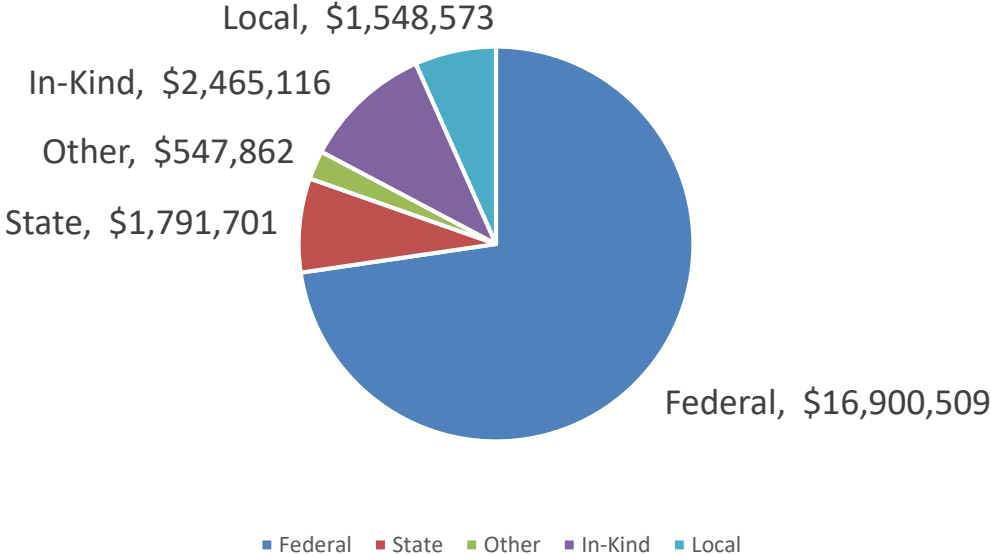
FY 23-24 Expenditures

Total Expenses $23,253,761

Indirect, $2,994,307

Personnel, $4,975,779

Other, $1,116,667

In-Kind, $2,465,116

Consulting, $11,701,892

Personnel   In-Kind   Consulting   Other   Indirect
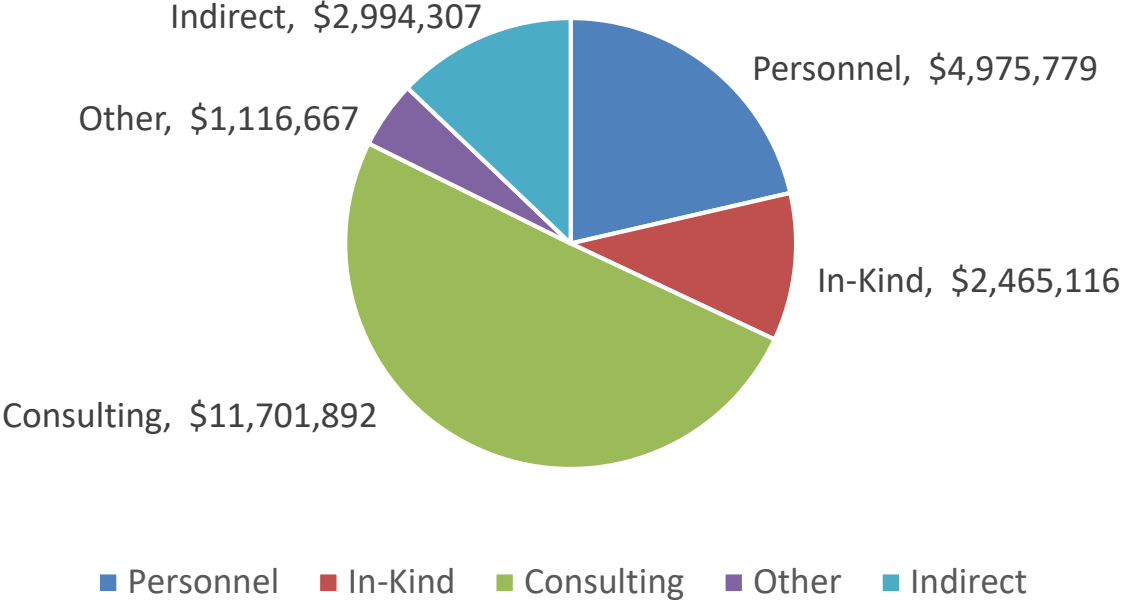
Source and Use of Local Funds

Source:	Amount
SPC Members Local Match	$901,670
SPC Member Water Program Dues	$265,601
Deferred Revenue	$381,302
Total	$1,548,573
Use:	Amount
UPWP Match	$441,259
Commission General Expenses	$81,826
Economic Development Program Match	$180,672
Water Resource Center	$308,214
Corporation Expenses	$85,000
Local Activities/Admin Costs	$126,513
Unallocated Overhead/Indirect Costs	$325,089
Total	$1,548,573

Notes:

➢ FY 23-24 budget is $23,253,761; $912,736 above FY22/23 budget and includes:

- o Grant Support from ARC, DOD/PTAC, EDA, EPA, FHWA, FTA, PA DCED and PennDOT, with additional competitive opportunities being continuously considered.

- o Approved increase in SPC Member Local Dues and unchanged Water Resource Dues

- o 55 full-time staff positions

- o No anticipated changes to current fringe benefits package

- o Staff performance based merit increases effective 7/1/2023

- o Current approved Indirect Costs Allocation Plan of 51.5252%
  - ▪ A new plan will be submitted to PennDOT for review and approval by the end of July.
  - ▪ New plan/rate will cover the unallocated overhead listed above.

Questions?

Action Item: Resolution 6-23
Solicit Proposals and Enter Into Consultant Contracts & Support the Planning Studies (FY23-24 Budget)

Margaret Fonner, Deputy Director, Finance & Operations

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Questions?

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORPORATION

SPC

Transportation Report
Dom D'Andrea, Director of Transportation Planning

Agenda Item: 7

LRP Development Schedule / Milestones

- Policy level review and update of LRP strategies (Fall 2022) Completed

- Work Group Meetings (October- February) Completed

- Meetings with Transit Operators (October-February) Completed

- PPP/Public Meetings (Fall 2022) Completed

- TTC/TOC approval of LRTP project lists (March 2023) Completed

- SPC Conducts the Environmental Justice Analysis (January-April) Completed

- SPC Conducts AQ Conformity (March-April) Completed

- SPC Assembles the LRP Document (March-April) Completed

- 30-day Public Comment Period and Public Involvement (May-June 2023) Completed

- LRP Adoption (June 26, 2023) ⬅ We are here

SmartMoves
For a Changing Region

2025 TIP -Scheduled Work Group Meetings:

District 10 (Armstrong, Butler, and Indiana)
- #1: July 13, 1-3 PM
- #2: August 7, 1-3 PM
- #3: September 18, 1-3 PM
- #4: October 16, 1-3 PM
- #5: November 30, 1-3 PM

District 11 (Allegheny, Beaver, Lawrence)
- #1: July 12, 10-12 Noon
- #2: August 9, 1-3 PM
- #3: September 14, 10-12 Noon
- #4: October 17, 1-3PM
- #5: November 15, 10-12 Noon

District 12 (Fayette, Greene, Washington, Westmoreland)
- #1: July 19, 10-12 Noon
- #2: August 2, 1-3 PM
- #3: September 7, 1-3 PM
- #4: October 12, 1-3 PM
- #5: November 20, 10-12 Noon

SPC Competitive Programs

Competitive

- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Programs (TA)

- SPC Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program

- SPC Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)

Consolidation of the process for TA/CMAQ/CRP for the 2025 TIP selection round.

New Federal Funding

SPC Administered: Carbon Reduction Program

The purpose of the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) is to reduce transportation carbon dioxide emissions through the development of State carbon reduction strategies and by funding projects designed to reduce transportation emissions (See 23 U.S.C. 175 as established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58, also known as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law" (BIL)).

Type: Reimbursement

Match: 20%

Available Funding: Approximately $4.5 million/year, region-wide. Projects selected through competitive application process every two years

Other: Must reduce transportation carbon dioxide emissions. Must be consistent with regional long range transportation plan.

Eligible Applicants: CMAQ & TA Sponsors

Urbanized Areas Boundary Determination
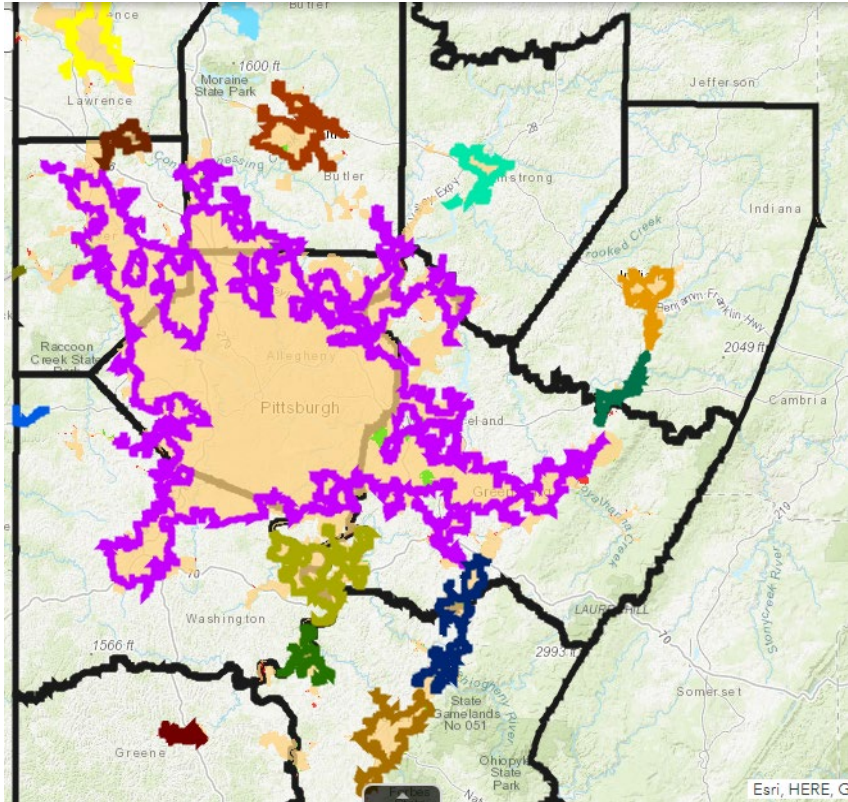
An urbanized area is a geographical area Consisting of a central core and adjacent settled territory that together contain at least 50,000 people with an overall population density of 1,000 people per square mile.

Questions?

Strategic Initiatives Report

DJ Ryan, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Policy

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Strategic Initiatives & Policy – Dept. Update

- General Updates
  - Work continues on Allegheny River Project
  - Interviews in progress for new Water Resource Specialist
  - Co-Hosted Duquesne Light Electric Fleet Expo with Duq. Light – Panel Discussion on Funding opportunities

- Sponsored Programs Development:
  - Application period is now open for CMAQ, TA Set Aside, and Carbon Reduction. Please connect with us if you have project ideas!

- Environmental Programs
  - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) NOIP and Work Plan have been submitted to the EPA. Our consultant scope of work is in draft and we plan to finalize in the next few days.
  - Completed 3 MS4 certification trainings; now a 5-year Certified Stormwater Permit Inspector for PA, with additional "qualified inspector" training for construction permits, low-impact development and green infrastructure.
  - Participating in regional EV discussions with City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny Cty, Quaker Valley COG; attended SWPA Decarbonization Forum, SWPA Electric Fleet Expo and SWPA Energy Summit.

Strategic Initiatives & Policy – Dept. Update

- Freight Planning:
  - Army Corps Meeting held in May, progress being made on Allegheny River including possible SPC lead involvement
  - Next Meeting is in mid-July

- Active Transportation:
  - Continue to support Delmont Borough and the City of Monongahela as they move forward with development of Active Transportation Plans
  - Revision of draft Complete Streets Policy in progress -final draft to be shared with the Commissioners Active Transportation and Complete Streets working group for review/feedback
  - 2023 Nonmotorized Data Collection Program -request for counts received from Pitt and Delmont Borough as of this date

Questions?

Broadband Connectivity Report
Andy Waple, Deputy Executive Director, Programs
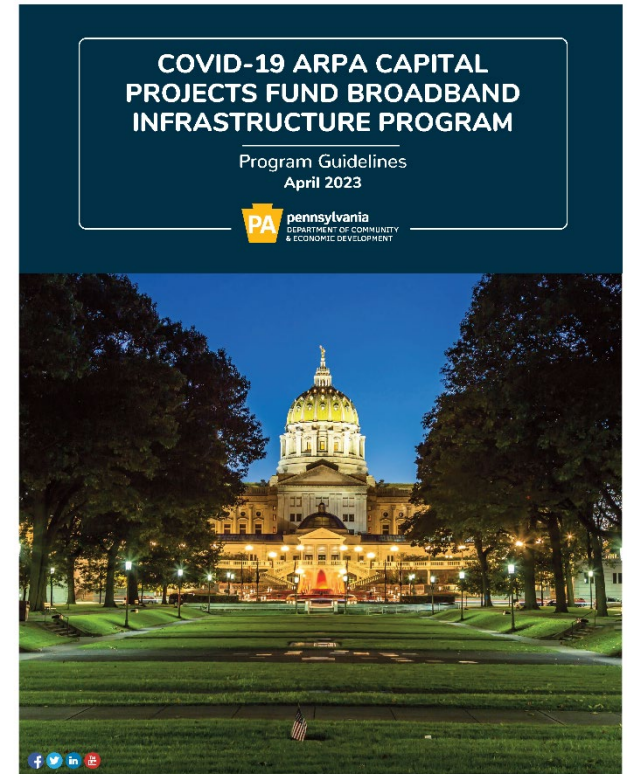
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Small Business Broadband Connectivity Survey and Strategy Guide Update

- Kick off meeting held with PBDA and PREP partners on April 26th .

- Survey in final draft stage and will launch in July.

- Survey Goals (15 questions):

  o Evaluate how businesses use (or don't use) high-speed internet in everyday operations.

  o Understand key factors that hinder business growth.

  o Understand what tools and resources would spur business growth.

- Project on schedule to wrap up by the end of the year.

Funding Opportunities

- [Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority – Capital Projects Broadband Infrastructure Program](#)

  - $200M from federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

  - Open May 10 – July 10, 2023

  - Awards: $500k - $10M (25% match required)

  - Applicants: Businesses, Non-Profits, Local Governments, Economic Development Organizations

  - Projects: Broadband infrastructure projects delivering 100/100 service in unserved or underserved areas

  - DEADLINE EXTENDED: August 9, 2023

COVID-19 ARPA CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Program Guidelines
April 2023

PA pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
& ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania | Josh Shapiro, Governor
PA Department of Community & Economic Development | dced.pa.gov

Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority

Connectivity and Access Survey

- Survey informs the 5-Year Action Plan and Digital Equity Plans, being prepared in 2023 by the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (Authority).

- Survey will provide critical feedback that will help the Commonwealth qualify for over $1 billion in federal funding to invest in our communities.

- 10-15 minutes in length

Upcoming Community Events:

Washington County Community Conversation: Thursday, June 29th, 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m. 150 W. Beau St. Washington, PA

Greater Pittsburgh Digital Inclusion Alliance Broadband Strategy Meeting

- Greater Pittsburgh Digital Inclusion Alliance (GPDIA) is a network of over two dozen regional organizations that serve residents who need access to: devices, affordable internet, digital skills, and economic opportunity

- Session on 6/20, moderated by Kathryn de Wit (Pew Charitable Trust) to discuss upcoming funding opportunities, available resources and ongoing initiatives

- SPC and GPDIA beginning conversations and brainstorming on how to use GPDIA model to engage existing similar organizations in the region to bring awareness, create collaborative networks, share data and information, and prepare for funding opportunities across the region.

- Regional Digital Navigator Program Model – SPC exploring possibility of developing a model for use by the region.

Questions?

Economic and Workforce Development Report

Jenn Lasser, Director of Economic & Workforce Development

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Planning & Development - Strategic Overview

- Continued focus on small business resiliency & growth

- Expanded Pathways to New Economy Careers

- ARC Area Development & Local Access Road – Regional Projects invited for application

- Strategic Planning with Local Government, DCED, EDOs, Workforce Development and Industry for future stimulus dollars

- Continued Broadband Discussions – Small Business Survey

- Actively Recruiting for PTAC Manager and Business Finance Manager

- Data represented for February/March 2023

Business Assistance (PREP) - EXPORT

- Assistance Provided:
  - 23 Companies Assisted
  - 31 Counseling Sessions
- Work Orders:
  - 10 Companies
  - 17 Overseas Work Orders
  - 14 Countries
- Note – special funding applied for via DCED PREP and received to send 4 businesses to the Fancy Food Show in New York City Summer 2023

Business Assistance (PREP) – Gov. Procurement

- Assistance Provided
  - 10 Companies Assisted
  - 10 Counseling Sessions

- Contract Awards
  - 12 companies, 45 awards totaling $4.3M

- Events
  - 4 events (7 attendees)
  - Topics: Doing Business with ALCOSAN, Best Practices in Government Contracting, Strategic Marketing and COSTARS- Boost Customers Base

- Current Opening : PTAC Manager – scheduling interviews now

Business Assistance (PREP) – Commercial Lending

- **Assistance Provided**
  - 26 Companies
  - 30 Counseling Sessions
  - 4 Loan Applications

- Presentation(S)
  - Non-Traditional Lending (40 attendees)

- Current Opening: Manager of Business Lending – Scheduling Interviews

Community Economic Technical Assistance

- Keystone Opportunity Zones (KOZ)

  - Inquiries – 5   - Applications - 2

  - Business Served – 1   - Investment – 3.2M

  - Jobs Created – 710   - Jobs Retained – 65

  - Business Improved - 1

- Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)

  - 5 classes held with 36 Attendees

Grant Technical Assistance: ARC/EDA

ARC Technical Assistance

- Provided Technical Assistance to – 36 Projects (Area Development/POWER/ARISE)

- ARISE still open (multi-state projects)

- Area Development Open

- Local Access Road Open

EDA Technical Assistance

- 3 Projects

- Economic Adjustment Assistance & Public Works Grants Open

ARC – Area Development & Local Access Road Grants

- Webinar 6/28 at 10am for ARC Applicants

- Construction/Non-Construction Projects and Local Access Road

- Can take 9+ months for approval

- Process:
  - Pre-Application (2 pages)
  - Review
  - Projects invited for Full Application
  - Applicant has appx 60 days for full grant (consultant support available)
  - Submission to SPC/DCED and ARC

- Pre-Apps due to SPC Community Capacity Coordinator Faith Collins by 8/7/23 to allow for submission to DCED by deadline.

Questions?

Action Items: Resolutions 7-23 & 8-23 Adoption of the FY 23-24 Meeting Schedule

Vincent Valdes, President, Executive Director and CEO

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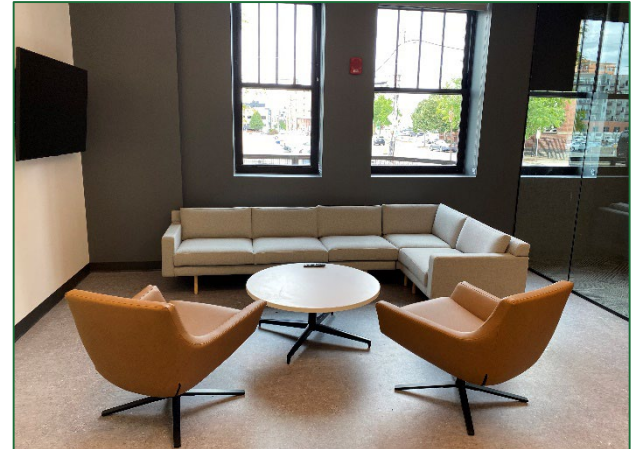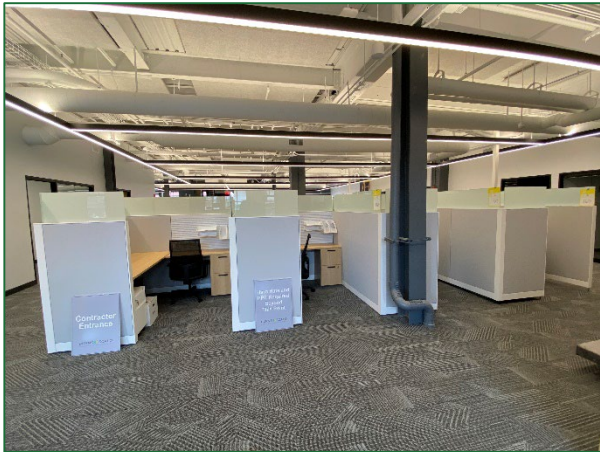# Message

Vincent Valdes, President, Executive Director and CEO

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The Terminal

Questions?

Move into Executive Session

Note: There are loans that need reviewed and voted upon

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Action Items: Resolutions 9-23 & 10-23
Snyder Strength & Conditioning LLC, *EDA Cares*
Eramus Holding LLC, *EDA Cares*
Versa Vault, *EDA Cares*

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Questions?

Other SPC Business
Commissioner Leslie Osche

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