

Southern Tier Network, Inc.
July 9, 2026
Board Minutes
10:00 AM – 12:00PM
In-Person and Zoom Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Chelsea Robertson, Patty Wahba, Marcia Weber, Carl Hayden, Karen McGonigal, Alan Eusden, Shawn Rosno, John Sharkey, Jack Wheeler

Absent: Jessica Mullins, James Osborn, Brad Boersen, Dave Hopkins, Aaron Dowd

Management: Jeff Gasper

1. Approval of Minutes from the May14, 2026 Meeting

The minutes of the May 14, 2026 meeting were approved on a motion by Patty Wahba, seconded by Alan Eusden, and carried.

2. Finance and Audit Committee Report from June 25, 2026 meeting

The finance committee provided an update on the ongoing review and refinement of the STN Investment Policy.

The finance committee discussed the status of the ConnectALL MIP project Phase 1 and Phase 4 reimbursement status.

The audit committee provided an update on the Auditor RFP. All the audit firms that the RFP was sent out to have interest in responding to the RFP.

3. Governance Committee Report from July 9, 2026 meeting

At its July meeting, the Governance Committee discussed the search for a new board member. The board members discussed some potential candidates and contacts who may have ideas for potential candidates.

The committee provided the board with an update on reaching out to the current board members whose terms expire in 2027 to assess their interest in continuing on the board for another term.

4. ConnectALL MIP Project Update

Jeff Gasper provided the board with an update on the Phase 1 and Phase 4 MIP projects. The status of both the Phase 1 and Phase 4 MIP project milestone reimbursements from ESD was provided. An update on the upcoming community events and marketing efforts was provided.

5. Other

Jeff Gasper provided the board with an update on Avangrid's 2025 RFP award to STN. Jeff reviewed the project's scope, timing, and next steps.

Jeff Gasper provided the board with an update on the ARC POWER grant that was submitted in early July. Jeff relayed that the ARC's grant award notifications will be in the fall of 2026 timeframe, and the awarded projects would initiate in early 2027.

Jeff Gasper presented the board with the Q1 & Q2 Network Break Fix presentation and discussed how the STN management team reviews the break/fix budget to actuals each quarter as a team.

Jeff Gasper provided the board with an update on the recent FBA, Fiber Broadband Association, rep visit to the STN office. Jeff also took the FBA rep out into the field to meet with the STN contractors who were working on the MIP project that day.

The board agreed that there will not be an August board meeting. The next board meeting will be held on September 10, 2026.

6. Adjourn – the meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM on a motion by Carl Hayden, seconded by Shawn Rosno, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Gasper, CEO, STN