

RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL Q1 2026 MEETING

March 11-12, 2026

Surface Transportation Board Headquarters

Washington D.C.

Minutes

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (“RSTAC”) held its first quarter meeting, in person, on Wednesday March 11, 2026, and Thursday March 12, 2026, at the Surface Transportation Board Headquarters in Washington D.C.

The following members were present:

- RSTAC Chairman: Mr. Justin Broyles, President & CEO, RJ Corman Railroad Group, LLC.
- RSTAC Vice Chairman: Mr. Richard Erstad, Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, Hawkins, Inc.
- RSTAC Secretary: Mr. Doug Sampson, Chief Commercial Officer, Acme Distribution
- Mr. Lee Shelly, Manager of Rail Operations, H&K Group, Inc.
- Ms. Katie Hower, Group Vice President, Industrial Products, BNSF Railway Co.
- Mr. Stefan Loeb, Vice President First & Final Mile Markets, Norfolk Southern Railway Co.
- Ms. Tammy Middleton, Chief Legal Officer & General Counsel, OmniTRAX Inc.
- Mr. Elliot Pomeranz, Vice President Operations and Development, Synagro
- Mr. Dana Hansen, Assistant Vice President Commercial Rail Freight, Archer Daniels Midland
- Ms. Karenanne Stegmann, Vice President Supply Chain, Occidental Chemical Corporation
- Mr. Gary Plant, Director Supply Chain, Tata Chemicals North America, Inc.
- Mr. Don Itzkoff, Chief Policy Officer, Patriot Rail Co., LLC

- Chairman Patrick Fuchs, Surface Transportation Board
- Vice Chairman Michelle Schultz, Surface Transportation Board
- Board Member Karen Hedlund, Surface Transportation Board

Alternate representatives from companies represented on the RSTAC:

- Ms. Kathy Gainey, Sr. Director and Head of Global Affairs, Canadian National Railway
- Ms. Cassie Dull, Chief Commercial Officer, Pinsky Railroad Co.
- Mr. Jared Cassity, National Safety & Legislative Director, Smart Transportation Division

Also present:

- Mr. Mark Anderson, Economist, Federal Railroad Administration
- Ms. Stephanie Lyons, Attorney-Advisor and RSTAC Liaison, Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, Surface Transportation Board
- Mr. Thomas Quinn, Attorney-Advisor to Chairman Fuchs, Surface Transportation Board
- Ms. Jessica Caine, Attorney-Advisor to Vice Chairman Schultz, Surface Transportation Board
- Mr. Chip Vance, Attorney-Advisor to Board Member Hedlund, Surface Transportation Board

Absent:

- Mr. Jeremy Ferguson, President, Transportation Division of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers
- Mr. Ryan Ratledge, President & CEO, Pinsky Railroad Co.
- Mr. Robert Rogers, Vice President Petroleum and Chemicals, Canadian National Railway

Wednesday March 11, 2026 (Day 1)

1. RSTAC Chairman Justin Broyles called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm at the STB Headquarters.
2. Welcoming remarks were provided by Chairman Fuchs and other Board members, and Chairman Fuchs recognized the newly appointed members of RSTAC: Mr. Gary Plant, Ms. Karenanne Stegmann, Mr. Elliot Pomeranz, Ms. Tammy Middleton and Mr. Mark Anderson.
3. RSTAC Members provided the first round of field reports to STB Board Members and staff.
4. Presentation on Surface Transportation & Logistics by Jason Seidl, Managing Director, Industrials – Airfreight & Surface Transportation, TD Cowen.
5. The first day of meetings was adjourned at approximately 5:00 pm.

Thursday, March 12, 2026 (Day 2)

1. At approximately 8:30 am, the RSTAC members met and discussed future meeting dates.
2. At approximately 9:00 am, the RSTAC Members and STB Board Members reconvened and discussed the formation of working groups.
3. At approximately 9:30 am, the RSTAC Members resumed their field reports.
4. The second day's meetings were adjourned at approximately 12:00 pm.