

RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL Q3 2026 MEETING

Sept. 9-10, 2026

**Surface Transportation Board Headquarters
Washington D.C.**

Minutes

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (“RSTAC”) held its third quarter meeting, in person, on Wednesday September 9, 2026, and Thursday September 10, 2026, at the Surface Transportation Board Headquarters in Washington D.C.

The following members were present:

- RSTAC Chairman: Mr. Richard Erstad, Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, Hawkins, Inc.
- RSTAC Vice Chairman (effective Sept. 10, 2026): Mr. Lee Shelly, Manager of Rail Operations, H&K Group, Inc.
- RSTAC Secretary: Mr. Doug Sampson, Chief Commercial Officer, Acme Distribution
- Mr. Justin Broyles, President & CEO, RJ Corman Railroad Group, LLC.
- 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, Senior Consultant, Patriot Rail Co., LLC
- Mr. Ryan Ratledge, President & CEO, Pinsly Railroad Co.
- Mr. Jeremy Ferguson, President, Transportation Division of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers
- Chairman Patrick Fuchs, Surface Transportation Board
- Vice Chairman Michelle Schultz, Surface Transportation Board
- Board Member Karen Hedlund, Surface Transportation Board
- Board Member Richard Kloster, Surface Transportation Board

Alternate representatives from companies represented on the RSTAC:

- Ms. Kathy Gainey, Sr. Director and Head of Global Affairs, Canadian National Railway

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
- Ms. Lisa Novins, Chief of Staff to Chairman Fuchs, 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
- Mr. Brian O'Boyle, Attorney-Advisor to Board Member Kloster, Surface Transportation Board

Absent:

- Mr. Robert "Buck" Rogers, Vice President, Petroleum & Chemicals, Canadian National Railway

Wednesday September 9, 2026 (Day 1)

1. RSTAC Chairman Richard Erstad called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm at the STB Headquarters.
2. Welcoming remarks were provided by Chairman Fuchs, and he recognized new Board Member Richard Kloster.
3. RSTAC members provided the first round of field reports to STB Board Members and staff.
4. The RSTAC Demurrage Working Group provided updates and led a discussion.
5. Updates on FRA initiatives and activities provided by guest speaker Administrator David Fink, Federal Railroad Administration.
6. The first day of meetings was adjourned at approximately 5:00 pm.

Thursday, September 10, 2026 (Day 2)

1. At approximately 8:30 am, the RSTAC members met and discussed future meeting dates and elected Mr. Lee Shelly, Manager of Rail Operations, H&K Group, Inc., as the new RSTAC Vice Chairman.
2. At approximately 9:00 am, the RSTAC members and STB Board Members reconvened and received an update on U.S. DOT policies and priorities from Mr. Kyle Fields, Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation.
3. At approximately 10:00 am, the RSTAC members resumed their field reports.
4. The second day's meetings were adjourned at approximately 12:00 pm.