

RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL Q2 2026 MEETING

June 3-4, 2026

Surface Transportation Board Headquarters

Washington D.C.

Minutes

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (“RSTAC”) held its second quarter meeting, in person, on Wednesday June 3, 2026, and Thursday June 4, 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, Senior Consultant, Patriot Rail Co., LLC
- Mr. Ryan Ratledge, President & CEO, Pinsly Railroad Co.
- Mr. Robert “Buck” Rogers, Vice President, Petroleum & Chemicals, Canadian National Railway Co.

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

Also present:

- Mr. Prabhdeep Chawla, Industry 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

Wednesday June 3, 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. Chairman Fuchs thanked outgoing RSTAC Chairman Justin Broyles for his service as Chairman and recognized incoming RSTAC Chairman Mr. Richard Erstad.
3. RSTAC Members provided the first round of field reports to STB Board Members and staff.
4. "Economic Outlook" virtual presentation by Dr. Jason Miller, Eli Broad Professor in Supply Chain Management at Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business.
5. RSTAC Members continued field reports.
6. The first day of meetings was adjourned at approximately 5:00 pm.

Thursday, June 4, 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 received a report from the RSTAC demurrage working group.
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.