



Commissioner Sarnoski Elected First Vice Chair of NJTPA

By Art Charlton

(NEWARK, NJ - Warren County Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski was elected to a two-year term as First Vice Chair of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) at the January 12 Board of Trustees meeting.

"I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as First Vice Chair of the NJTPA," said Commissioner Sarnoski. "The decisions made here directly affect how communities move people and goods every day. I am especially focused on ensuring that regional planning efforts remain practical, responsive, and grounded in the real transportation needs of our region."

The NJTPA oversees regional transportation planning and partners with local and state agencies to help fund more than \$3 billion in transportation investments annually for 13 counties in northern and central New Jersey.

Commissioner Sarnoski was elected to the Warren County Board of County Commissioners in 2010 and joined the NJTPA Board of Trustees in 2011. He first joined the Executive Committee in 2020. He has served as Second Vice Chair, Third Vice Chair, and Secretary.

During his time on the NJTPA Board, Commissioner Sarnoski has served as Chair of the Planning and Economic Development and Freight Initiatives committees and as Vice Chair of the Project Prioritization Committee, helping guide decisions related to goods movement, infrastructure investment, and the allocation of federal transportation funding. He will Chair the Project Prioritization Committee for the 2026-2027 term.

At the meeting, the NJTPA Board elected Middlesex County Commissioner Charles Kenny as Chair of the Executive Committee. Other members elected to serve alongside Commissioner Sarnoski include Union County Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort as Second Vice Chair and Passaic County Commissioner John W. Bartlett as Secretary. In accordance with the bylaws, Chairman Kenny appointed Morris County Commissioner Stephen Shaw to the position of Third Vice Chair.

The Executive Committee provides guidance and leadership to the full Board on a wide range of planning, policy and administrative issues. It meets as needed to review financial, personnel and policy matters. Board membership is an uncompensated position.

The NJTPA is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for 13 northern New Jersey counties. Under federal legislation, MPOs provide a forum where local officials, public transportation providers and state agency representatives can come together and cooperatively plan to meet the region's current and future transportation needs. It establishes the region's eligibility to receive federal tax dollars for transportation projects.

The NJTPA Board consists of one local elected official from each of the 13 counties in the region (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren), and the cities of Newark and Jersey City. The Board also includes a Governor's Representative, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the Executive Director of NJ TRANSIT, the Chairman of the Port Authority

Area Students Named To Fall 2025 Dean's List At IUP

By Indiana University of Pennsylvania

INDIANA, Pa. - The following students have been named to the fall 2025 dean's list at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Students achieve dean's list status when they are full-time (12 or more credits) students with a grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

The full list of dean's list students is available at www.iup.edu.

Dean's list students, their hometowns, majors and degrees they are seeking are:

Pen Argyl - Riley Paige Wolf, Bachelor of Science in Speech and Language Pathology

Bath - Eliza Marie Rogerson, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Bethlehem - Alexa Altmire, Bachelor of Science in Hotel, Restaurant, Tourism, and Event Management

Paige Isabel Anderson, Bachelor of Science in Finance

Tomi Elizabeth Williams, Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging

Easton - John Gaspare Ferretti, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Naomi Francisco, Bachelor of Science in Finance

Hellertown - Micaela Marie Jebitsch, Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Roberta J. Silverthorn, Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management

Nazareth - Kennady Marie Lorrah-Pfeifer, Bachelor of Arts in Criminology

Isabel Natalia Rodriguez, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Studio

Northampton - Ty W. Merkle, Bachelor of Science in Education in Health and Physical Education, Reia Sanchez, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Since its founding in 1875, IUP has evolved from a teacher-training institution into a doctoral research university recognized for its commitment to student success and achievement. As IUP celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2025 and through the Impact 150 comprehensive campaign, the university honors a legacy of educational excellence while looking to its next 150 years of student success, innovation, leadership in healthcare education, and public service.



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