

PA Chamber Policy Summit

February 19, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey

AGENDA

- 8:30 A.M. Registration, Networking Breakfast**
- 9:30 A.M. Welcome Remarks from the PA Chamber**
 - Luke Bernstein, President and CEO, Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry
 - Andy Bockis, Partner and Environmental Practice Co-Chair, Saul Ewing LLP
- 10:00 A.M. Concurrent Session 1—Breakout Rooms**
- 11:00 A.M. Networking Break**
- 11:10 A.M. Pennsylvania Competitiveness Caucus—Keynote Panel—Main Ballroom**
 - Moderator: Luke Bernstein, President and CEO, Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry
 - Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill
 - Senator Lisa Boscola
 - Representative Paul Friel
 - Representative Josh Kail
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch**
- 12:45 P.M. Concurrent Session 2—Breakout Rooms**
- 1:45 P.M. Networking Break**
- 2:00 P.M. Concurrent Session 3—Breakout Rooms**
- 3:00 P.M. Event Concludes**

CONCURRENT SESSION BLOCK SCHEDULE

TIME	Fir/Elm	Chestnut/ Dogwood	Salon A/B	Salon C	Salon D
Concurrent Session 1 10:00 – 11:00 A.M.	Environmental Policy Council	Tax Policy Council	Insider's Look at PA State Government: A Guide for Business Leaders	Transportation Policy Council	Higher Education Policy Council
Concurrent Session 2 12:45 – 1:45 P.M.	Energy Policy Council	Health Care Policy Council	Unlocking Membership Benefits: How to Get the Most from Your PA Chamber Investment	Financial Services Policy Council	Labor & Employment Policy Council
Concurrent Session 3 2:00 – 3:00 P.M.	Unlocking Membership Benefits: How to Get the Most from Your PA Chamber Investment	Legal Policy Council	Insider's Look at PA State Government: A Guide for Business Leaders	Technology Policy Council	Workers' Compensation Policy Council

**Meeting rooms to be assigned before the event. Session schedule subject to change.*

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<p>Amy Brinton, Director, Government Affairs, PA Chamber of Business and Industry</p> <p>Nikki Jones Esq., Associate, Malady & Wooten, representing ExxonMobil</p> <p>Adam Walters, Sr. Energy Advisor, DCED</p>	<p>Neal Lesher, Director, Government Affairs, PA Chamber of Business and Industry</p> <p>Michael Yantis, Vice President, State Government Affairs, Highmark Health</p> <p>Representative Dan Frankel, Chairman of the House Health Committee</p>	<p>Bill Miller, Vice President of Membership, PA Chamber of Business and Industry</p> <p>Ryan DeMara, Director of Public Affairs and Grassroots Engagement—Duane Morris Government Strategies</p> <p>Julia Minakowski Ross, Senior Strategic Planner and Government Relations Lead—Lockheed Martin</p>	<p>Allie Kutz, Manager, Government Affairs, PA Chamber of Business and Industry</p> <p>Don Mell, America's East Region Lead, JP Morgan Chase</p> <p>Financial Services Policy speaker listed on in-session agenda only</p>	<p>Alex Halper, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, PA Chamber of Business and Industry</p> <p>Adam Long, Attorney, McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC</p> <p>William Trusky, Executive Deputy Secretary, PA Department of Labor and Industry</p> <p>Patricia Blumenauer, Deputy Secretary for Workforce Development, PA Department of Labor and Industry</p>

CONCURRENT SESSION 3 — 2:00 — 3:00 P.M.

Fir/Elm	Chestnut/Dogwood	Salon A/B	Salon C	Salon D
Unlocking Membership Benefits: How to Get the Most from Your PA Chamber Investment	Legal Policy Council	Insider's Look at PA State Government: A Guide for Business Leaders	Technology Policy Council	Workers' Compensation Policy Council
<p>Bill Miller, Vice President of Membership, PA Chamber of Business and Industry</p> <p>Bill desRosiers, Government & External Affairs Manager—Coterra Energy</p> <p>Adam Friscia, Executive Manager, Business Development & Government Relations—Saxton & Stump</p>	<p>Neal Lesher, Director, Government Affairs, PA Chamber of Business and Industry</p> <p>Ben Wren, Deputy Chief of Staff to Attorney General Dave Sunday</p> <p>Thomas Wyatt, Partner, Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippele LLP</p>	<p>Amy Brinton, Director, Government Affairs, PA Chamber of Business and Industry</p> <p>Allie Kutz, Manager, Government Affairs, PA Chamber of Business and Industry</p> <p>Brian Rengert, Director of Political Engagement, PA Chamber of Business and Industry</p> <p>Mallerie Stromswold, Government Affairs Manager, PA Chamber of Business and Industry</p>	<p>Aaron Riggelman, Manager, Government Affairs, PA Chamber of Business and Industry</p> <p>Becky Ford, Manager, Economic Development, Global Infrastructure Expansion, Amazon Web Services</p> <p>Senator Greg Rothman, PA Senate</p>	<p>Alex Halper, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, PA Chamber of Business and Industry</p> <p>Former State Representative Seth Grove (R-York), Former Republican Chair, House Labor and Industry Committee</p>

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Senator Lisa Boscola

State Senator Lisa M. Boscola has spent the majority of her professional career working to improve the lives of Lehigh Valley residents. Born in Bethlehem on April 6, 1962 to Richard and Anna Stofko – Senator Boscola has remained a proud steel worker’s daughter and life-long resident of the Lehigh Valley, a fact which has made her intimately familiar with the issues that face her district and the people she represents.

First elected to the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1994, Senator Boscola served two terms in the state House and is serving her sixth term representing the 18th Senatorial District. Prior to her election to the General Assembly, Senator Boscola served as Deputy Court Administrator with the Northampton County Court. She received her Bachelors and Masters degrees from Villanova University cum laude.

Throughout her legislative career, Senator Boscola has worked tirelessly to bring property tax reform to the forefront of the debate in the General Assembly. Senator Boscola has been a leading proponent of the total elimination of the local school property tax and has been a co-sponsor of Senate Bill 76. Every Session, she has also introduced legislation to freeze property taxes on seniors so that they can remain in their homes.

Redistricting reform has been an issue that Senator Boscola has continued to fight for through the years by introducing legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution, and change the way the Commonwealth conducts the redistricting process by removing politics and creating a truly Independent Citizen’s Commission.

Senator Boscola has also focused on the need for state government to promote economic development initiatives to provide family sustaining jobs to the Lehigh Valley and across the Commonwealth. She has worked diligently to bring the Lehigh Valley region our fair share of state funds for worthwhile local projects. She has been a strong advocate for funding economic development programs with proven track records of job creation and retention such as the Ben Franklin Technology Centers, Small Business Development Center and the Manufacturer’s Resource Center. Working with the private sector to drive growth, job expansion and retention has been a focus for Senator Boscola. Cutting out the red tape, ensuring the State’s incentives are competitive with surrounding states is one way government can help promote growth.

Most recently, Senator Boscola was the proud prime sponsor of the omnibus bill, Senate Bill 421 of 2019-20, which is known, today, as Act 77 of 2019. Act 77 was the largest voting modernization bill in decades that included the elimination of straight party voting, extending the deadline for absentee ballot submissions, and created a no excuse mail-in voting option for all Pennsylvania voters, in which, “kitchen tables and living rooms will be converted in polling places. Researching a candidate can be done while you vote from the comfort of your own home.”

Senator Boscola was instrumental in bringing a City Revitalization and Improvement Zone (CRIZ) designation to Bethlehem. Senator Boscola fought hard to ensure that Bethlehem had an opportunity to submit a CRIZ application and has worked to ensure that the incentive will be a tool that would drive new growth to the region.

It was in Senator Boscola’s recognition that staying competitive required creative incentives to help generate new growth in the region, which is what the CRIZ accomplished. As our region continued to recover from the loss of Bethlehem Steel, the CRIZ looked to leverage new state tax increments to complete difficult development projects in Bethlehem and beyond. The redevelopment of the vacant steel land has proven successful and has created diverse job opportunities that have enabled Bethlehem and the Lehigh Valley to flourish and remain one of the most competitive regions, of size, in the Northeast.

Currently, Senator Boscola serves as the Chair of the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee where she has tirelessly protected consumers from utility rate increases, as well as the Chair for the Game and Fisheries Committee. From 2011 through 2020, Senator Boscola served as Chair of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee, where she lead the fight to bring policies into state government that would create family sustaining jobs, protect the rights of victims of crime, reform and reduce the size of state government and promote school to work opportunities.

Along with Consumer Protection and Game and Fisheries, Senator Boscola is also a member of the Banking & Insurance, Communications and Technology, and Law and Justice committees. Senator Boscola is also involved in a number of legislative caucus’ including serving as co-chair of the Economy, Business & Jobs Caucus, the Community College Caucus, and the Competitive Caucus. She is also a member of the Local & School Property Tax Relief Caucus, Legislative Sportsmen Caucus, Fire & Emergency Services Caucus, Early Childhood Education Caucus, LGBTQ Caucus among others. Senator Boscola is also a member of the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Board. One of her most recent accomplishment was being named the 2021 ‘Legislator of the Year’ by the Lehigh Valley Labor Council. Senator Boscola has also recently been named to the ‘City & State 2024 Power of Diversity: Women 100’, and awarded the ‘2022 State Award for Excellence’ by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, the ‘Victory Through Service Award’ from ASPIRE, and was named ‘Champion of the Industry’ by the Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association.

Senator Boscola resides in Bethlehem Township with her husband, Ed Boscola and their furry felines.



Michael Carroll, Secretary of Transportation, PA Department of Transportation

Mike Carroll, Secretary of Transportation, was first elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 2006 and subsequently re-elected for seven additional terms, and he worked on transportation throughout his time in public office. Mike was Democratic chairman of the House Transportation Committee from 2018 through 2022.

In 2010, Mike was awarded the Boy Scouts of America Minsi Trails Council Distinguished Citizen Award for his work to rehabilitate the Stillwater Dam in Tobyhanna Township. In 2014, he was awarded the Jean Yates Award from the Pittston Memorial Library Board of Trustees based on his dedication and service to the library and the Joseph Battisto Award for his legislative service to the citizens of Monroe County. In 2015, he received the Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries (PCBL) State Elected Official Award. In May 2016, he received the BAYADA Home Health Care Champion award, and in June 2016 he was presented with the Silver Bayonet Award by AMVETS in grateful appreciation of services rendered to the community, state, and nation.

Mike formerly worked as the chief of staff for then-state Rep. John Yudichak, served as legislative liaison for PennDOT under Gov. Robert Casey and served as district office director for Congressman Paul Kanjorski. A graduate of Pittston Area High School, Mike earned a bachelor of arts in liberal studies from the University of Scranton. A lifelong resident of Avoca, he is a member of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick in Pittston, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Avoca Division. Mike is father of three adult children, Matt, Mackenzie, and Ali.



Senator Lynda Culver, Majority Chair, Senate Education Committee

State Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver was elected to serve the residents of the 27th District in a special election in January 2023 and reelected to a full term in November 2024. Lynda was previously elected to serve seven terms representing the people in the 108th District in the state House of Representatives.

She is the chair of the Senate Education Committee and the vice chair of the Health and Human Services Committee. She also serves on the Appropriations, Aging & Youth, Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure, Intergovernmental Operations, and Local Government committees.

Lynda is a lifelong resident of Northumberland County and has dedicated her life to serving others, including family, friends, and the broader community. She served for more than 20 years as the staff leader in the office of former state Rep. Merle Phillips. Lynda learned during that time about the inner workings of state and local government, while she simultaneously provided timely and reliable constituent services to residents who turned to the office for help.

She has extended her dedication to service beyond her work as a state representative and senator. She also offers her time and talents to many local community organizations, including the Early Learning Investment Committee, Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce and Central PA Chamber of Commerce, the Community Giving Foundation, Everyone's Playground Advisory Council, and the United Way of Pennsylvania. Lynda also serves as a member Central Susquehanna Opportunities, Inc. (CSO) Board of Directors and the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) Board of Directors.

Lynda is honored to have been the recipient of several awards including: the 2024 Community Service Citation from the Pennsylvania Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery; 2024 YMCA Legislative Champion Award; the 2023 Elected Official Award from the Pennsylvania Library Association; Guardian of Small Business by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB); the 2021 "Advocate for Excellence" award from the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) in PA Initiative to change the Future for all children in Pennsylvania with Autism Spectrum Disorder; the 2020 Start Strong PA Legislative Champion Award; the 2017 Pre-K for PA Champion Award; the 2017 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Susquehanna Council of the Boy Scouts of America; the 2015 Adam Smith Distinguished Leadership Award from Economics PA; the 2014 Dan Foss Heritage Award from the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, the 2012 Charles H. Coder Leadership in Entrepreneurial Innovation Award from the Bucknell University Small Business Development Center; the 2012 Guy Temple Award from Leadership Susquehanna Valley; and the 2011 Soroptimist International Ruby Award.

She is a Shikellamy High School graduate and earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science with a concentration in public administration from Bloomsburg University. She is also a graduate of the Leadership Susquehanna Valley Program.

Lynda lives in Rockefeller Township with her husband, Tom, and their dog, Rooney. They have an adult son, Joshua. The family is active in their church in Sunbury.



Representative Dan Frankel, Chairman of the House Health Committee

Representative Dan Frankel has been, and always will be, an outspoken advocate for civil rights and public health. He champions legislation to bring equality to Pennsylvania for LGBTQ+ residents, stands in staunch opposition against efforts to limit women's healthcare options, and works tirelessly to end gun violence with common sense measures.

In the wake of the 2018 tragedy at the Tree of Life building, Representative Frankel assembled a coalition of community and faith organizations and others to fight for an update to Pennsylvania's laws to address hate crimes in a modern era.

Currently serving as the Democratic chairman of the House Health Committee, he promotes science-based policies to protect and improve the public health of the Commonwealth. He serves on the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council to contain healthcare costs and support high-value care. In addition, Rep. Frankel is co-chair of the PA SAFE Caucus and the founder and past chair of both the PA Women's Health Caucus and LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus.

Representative Frankel serves the heart of Pittsburgh, representing the neighborhoods of Squirrel Hill, Shadyside, Greenfield, Oakland, Point Breeze, and Regent Square. As the Representative, he leads these communities with the same compassion and activism he sees from his neighbors. An active member of his community, he works to build a thriving region for everyone.

Representative Frankel sits on Allegheny County's Area Agency on Aging's Advisory Council, the State Employee Retirement System board, and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's Board of Directors. He also serves as the governor's representative to the Board of Trustees for the University of Pittsburgh. Representative Frankel previously served as President of the Jewish Family and Children's Service board.

In addition, he's honored to have participated in Pittsburgh's urban renaissance through his past work on the Urban Redevelopment Authority Board of the City of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Convention and Visitors Bureau Board.

Representative Frankel is a graduate of the Pennington School (1974) and Kenyon College (1978). He completed a certificate program for senior executives in state and local government at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government (2000). Formerly an insurance executive, he served as a Vice President at Hilb, Rogal, & Hamilton Co. and a regional insurance brokerage firm, Frankel Co.

Representative Frankel resides in Squirrel Hill, down the street from the house he grew up in. He is married to Debra Frankel, a psychotherapist. Together, they have three grown children.



Representative Paul Friel

Paul Friel was elected to the state PA House of Representatives in November 2022, serving the state's 26th Legislative District in Chester County.

Friel has spent his career innovating and leading in the manufacturing, retail and environmental sectors. Most recently, he was owner of PACE Environmental, an environmental testing and engineering firm.

He has also been highly invested in his community — serving on the executive boards of nonprofits such as Camp Rainbow and the Philadelphia Boys' Choir, coaching wrestling, and serving as president of the Owen J. Roberts School Board.

Friel brings this perspective and experience to Harrisburg and is committed to working on some of the most pressing issues our families face: making sure that high quality public education is available to every child, regardless of where they live and preparing each student in our Commonwealth for college if they choose, a career and civic life, supporting innovative environmental policy that ensures clean air and water for future generations; promoting the development of strong and sustainable local economies and their energy and manufacturing sectors; and safeguarding open space, including the Commonwealth's integral farmland, protecting democracy by upholding voter rights and advocating for reforms that will increase the transparency and efficacy of government.

Friel grew up in Gilbertsville, PA and graduated from St. Pius X High School and Temple University. He married his high school sweetheart, Mary, and together they raised four children in the OJR School District.



Former State Representative Seth Grove (R-York), Former Republican Chair, House Labor and Industry Committee

Hard-working, dedicated and effective are three words to describe former Rep. Seth Grove. Seth tirelessly served the 196th District since 2009, and during his time in office, he consistently advocated for streamlined, more efficient government and commonsense- conservative principles. He stands in support of our gun rights, life, educational choice, election integrity, government accountability, and government transparency. For the 2023-2024 Session, he was elected by his caucus to be the Republican Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, which is also part of the Republican Caucus leadership team. He oversaw the negotiation of the state budget and all fiscal matters on behalf of the House Republican Caucus. His focus has been financial transparency, ending deficit spending, and eliminating government waste and fraud. During the 2021-2022 Session, former Chairman Grove served as the Majority Chairman of the House State Government Committee where he led the Republican efforts in election integrity and Congressional redistricting. He championed the largest overhaul of the Commonwealth's 1937 election law to ensure it provided access to all legal voters, ensured every election process was secure, and modernized an old law. This was the largest election reform package in the country. In his leadership of Congressional redistricting, former Chairman Grove created the most open and transparent process in the history of the Commonwealth leading to the General Assembly selecting a citizen drawn map for the first time in the history of the Commonwealth. In his capacity as Chairman, he tackled tough policy issues and held the most oversight hearings out of any Senate or House Standing Committee. During the 2019-2020 Session, former Chairman Grove was the first Chairman of the House Government Oversight Committee which is charged with completing bipartisan, fact-based investigations of executive agencies and their actions. The committee was created from HB 2026 of 2018, which he was the prime sponsor. Former Chairman Grove was also the first Chairman and only Chairman ever to be elected Chairman of a committee by the members of the Committee. This position allowed him to continue his work on accountability and transparency of government. Former Chairman Grove is married to Dr. Kacey Grove. They have three children and a labrador retriever. They currently reside in Dover Township, York County. Seth graduated from Spring Grove Area School District, York College of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in Public Administration, and the University of Kentucky with a master's degree in public financial management



Nikki Jones Esq., Associate, Malady & Wooten, representing ExxonMobil

Nikki Jones joined the firm in 2023 and has over 22 years of legislative and government relations experience with a focus on energy and utility policy.

Prior to joining the firm Nikki served as Senior Director of Public and Regulatory Affairs at PPL Electric Utilities. Throughout her 12 years with the company Nikki represented PPL Electric Utilities, its parent company PPL Corporation and other subsidiaries before the PA General Assembly and PA Public Utility Commission. In addition to overseeing the government relations and regulatory affairs functions at PPL, Nikki also managed the community relations, rates and regulatory strategy teams. During her time with PPL

Nikki helped lead industry efforts to successful passage of several bills such as the Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC), reauthorization of the Responsible Utility Consumer Protection Act (Chapter 14) and Act 58 of 2018, which authorizes utilities to petition the PUC for alternative ratemaking mechanisms.

Preceding her time with PPL, Nikki worked in the Pennsylvania House Democratic Caucus where she held several positions including staff to former Representative Phyllis Mundy and Legal Counsel to former House Majority Whip and Speaker Keith McCall. During her time with Representative McCall, Nikki represented the caucus in key negotiations on legislation establishing energy efficiency standards for utilities (Act 129 of 2008) and amendments to the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act.

A native of Steelton, Dauphin County, Nikki is a 2001 graduate of Penn State University and 2005 graduate of Widener University School of Law. She resides in the Hershey area with her husband and two children.



Representative Josh Kail

A lifelong resident of Western Pennsylvania, Joshua D. Kail is a legislator who will work to restore law and order, protect taxpayers, defend life and the Second Amendment, reform Harrisburg and bring family-sustaining jobs to the 15th Legislative District.

As a fierce law and order advocate, Josh serves as Republican chairman of the House Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Criminal Justice. He is also the House Republican appointee to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

On top of his work in the House Appropriations Committee, Josh is also a sitting member on the House Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities Committee; Energy and Judiciary committees for the 2025-26 legislative session.

He has long understood the importance of controlling taxes while modernizing education, as well as the need to put an end to job-killing overregulation and to apply conservative solutions to our state's challenges.

Prior to running for office, Josh worked as an attorney representing small and mid-sized businesses and worked as a solicitor for various local governments. He also did work for Beaver County's Children and Youth Services.

Josh is a graduate of Geneva College and Regent University School of Law. He and his wife, Abby, and their eight children live in Beaver, Pennsylvania.



Adam Long, Attorney, McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC

Since 2002, Adam Long has practiced in the Labor and Employment Law Practice Group, assisting employers with labor and employment law compliance and representing employers in defense of claims made against them.

Adam regularly counsels employers on a wide range of labor and employment law issues, including wage and hour compliance, employment discrimination, employee leaves of absence, labor relations, and non-competition agreements.

Adam also represents employers in single plaintiff and class-based employment litigation matters and before various governmental agencies, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, and the National Labor Relations Board. He also represents employers with union-represented workforces in collective bargaining negotiations and grievance arbitrations.

The clients that Adam serves range from publicly traded companies to family-owned businesses. Adam also serves as counsel for a number of colleges and universities.

Adam is admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and in the U.S. District Courts for the Western, Eastern, and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania.

Adam is active in the community and currently serves as a Board member for The LINK Foundation and as the Chair of the Human Resources Committee of the United Way of the Capital Region. He also is a former Board member and Board Secretary for the American Red Cross's Central Pennsylvania Chapter, a former President of the Paxtonia Athletic Association, and a former member of the Board of Directors of the Center of Independent Living of Central PA.

A native of central Pennsylvania, Adam resides in Lower Paxton Township with his wife Alison and their three children.



David Lowdermilk, PE, Associate Vice President, HNTB

David Lowdermilk, PE, is an associate vice president with HNTB in Pennsylvania, where he serves as the Pennsylvania Sales Manager. Over the course of his four-decade career, Dave has guided and delivered major transportation projects and strategic initiatives for a wide range of public-sector clients.

In 2013, while serving as President of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Pennsylvania (ACEC/PA), Dave played a prominent leadership role during the passage of Pennsylvania Act 89. As a leading voice for the state's transportation infrastructure community, he helped advance this landmark legislation, Pennsylvania's first long-term, sustainable funding program dedicated to addressing the

Commonwealth's infrastructure needs. Today, Dave continues his commitment to strengthening Pennsylvania's transportation network via long term sustainable funding through his active involvement on the PA Chamber's Transportation Policy Council.

Dave's contributions to the engineering profession have been recognized throughout his career. He was named the 2009 Delaware Valley Engineer of the Year, the 2009 American Society of Civil Engineers Philadelphia Civil Engineer of the Year and the 2008 Engineer of the Year by the Delaware County Chapter of Professional Engineers. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Pennsylvania State University and is a licensed Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania.



Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill, PA Senate

Kristin Phillips-Hill was elected to serve York County citizens in the Pennsylvania Senate in 2018 and subsequently re-elected in 2022.

In the 2023-24 session and again in the 2025-26 session, Kristin's colleagues elected her to serve as the Senate Majority Caucus Chair, where she leads legislative discussions to advance the Senate's agenda.

As a former small business owner and school board director, Kristin has made government efficiency a cornerstone of her public service career.

She successfully championed legislative initiatives ranging from overhauling the state's permitting process to streamlining the delivery of health care through reforms to the prior authorization process. She also led the efforts on landmark human trafficking reform, overturned a century-old law that prohibited the right to freedom of religious expression, and successfully fought to ban outside, third-party funding from influencing the administration of elections in Pennsylvania.

Throughout her tenure in the Senate, Kristin has been a leader on expanding access to high-speed internet across Pennsylvania, including chairing the Communications & Technology Committee during her first term. She continues this work as vice chair of the Senate Communications & Technology Committee and as a member of the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority, which she helped to establish in 2021, overseeing significant investments to expand broadband access statewide.

Her work has resulted in meaningful bipartisan reforms that address the needs of constituents while ensuring fiscal responsibility.

Kristin's dedication to fiscal transparency extends to her personal conduct. She does not participate in the state's pension or health insurance programs and commutes to Harrisburg in her own vehicle without accepting mileage reimbursement. She has been recognized by government watchdog entities for exceeding expectations in expense reporting for her transparency and accuracy. She also returns the automatic cost-of-living adjustment that is provided to legislators, executive officials, and judges back to the state Treasury.

In addition to her leadership roles, Kristin serves as a member of the Senate Banking and Insurance, Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, State Government, and Appropriations committees. She also chairs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee and serves as a member of the Legislative Data Processing Center.

Kristin earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public policy from Rutgers University. She resides in York Township with her husband Rick. Together, they have three grown children: Victoria, Gavin, and Spencer.



Sam Robinson, Deputy Chief of Staff for Consumers and the Environment, Office of Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro

Sam Robinson grew up in Philadelphia and has served in a variety of roles in the Wolf Administration – including as Deputy Chief of Staff for the four years of Governor Wolf’s second term. In this role, Robinson worked closely with Pennsylvania’s environmental and energy agencies, as well as with a number of administrative and regulatory agencies. Prior to joining the Wolf Administration, Robinson served as an Assistant City Solicitor with the City of Philadelphia Law Department. A proud Philadelphian, Robinson received his law degree from The College of William & Mary and his bachelor’s degree from Earlham College.



Michael Stefan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations

Michael Stefan joined the Office of Government and Community Relations in 2017. His 15 years of experience in Harrisburg include campaign work, lobbying and executive branch service.

Prior to arriving at Penn State’s Government and Community Relations, Michael served as the Director of Legislative Affairs for the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. As Director, Michael served as a liaison between Governor Wolf’s Administration, the Department, and the State Legislature. Michael previously served as Director of Government Affairs for the Office of Attorney General, and Legislative Director for the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO. He began his career with the House Democratic Campaign Committee in 2007.

Michael earned his bachelor’s degree in business management at Penn State in 2007 and obtained his law degree from Widener University Commonwealth Law School in 2012.

Michael is a native of Palmyra, Pennsylvania, and currently resides in State College, Pennsylvania, with his wife Samantha and two small children, Sylvie, and Michael Jr.



Kate Vaccaro, Esq., Partner, Manko Gold Katcher and Fox LLP

With more than 20 years of experience working on regulatory and other matters related to air quality, Kate now co-leads the firm’s air practice group. Across a diverse client base, Kate focuses her time working with complex industrial facilities, including refineries, chemical and other product manufacturers, commercial waste management facilities, and power generators. Her work for these and other clients often involves emergent Clean Air Act issues, including siting and permitting of data centers to support increasing AI-driven computing demands, and issues involving how PFAS compounds in the air are measured and regulated. The firm’s multiple air lawyers work closely with the firm’s in-house technical consultants, and Kate also draws on her undergraduate degree in biology (with concentrations in organic chemistry and genetics) and years of on-the-ground experience in the chemical manufacturing and pharmaceutical sectors to deliver legal advice that accounts for her clients’ technical operations.

Kate regularly advises clients on compliance issues under federal and state air pollution control regulations, including virtually all aspects of the Title V permitting program and state-only air permitting programs. When compliance issues result in enforcement, she works with clients to achieve the best outcome under the circumstances, relying on her years of defending enforcement actions brought by federal, state, and local environmental agencies, as well as her relationships with legal and technical contacts in these organizations. To the extent an acceptable resolution is unavailable, Kate has the experience to handle the resulting administrative litigation, having successfully challenged many objectionable Title V and other permits and enforcement orders.

Kate is the firm’s primary representative in the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry and regularly presents to Chamber members and staff on air issues as a co-chair of the Chamber’s Environmental and Energy Policy Council. In the community, Kate currently donates her time to the Tredyffrin Township Planning Commission, on which she has served for four years, and she has spent the last decade serving on the Board of Directors of the Brandywine Valley SPCA. Kate was previously elected to the Boards of Directors of the Women’s Energy Network Greater Philadelphia Chapter and Delaware Valley Earth Force, and she also previously served on the Upper Merion Township Environmental Advisory Council for several years, including as Chair.

Kate has spent her entire legal career at the firm, beginning as a summer associate. Now she works closely with more junior attorneys at the firm, co-coordinating associate performance evaluations. Previously, Kate served as the firm’s associate workload partner for five years.

In 2014, Kate graduated from LEADERSHIP Philadelphia’s Core Program. In law school, she was a member of the Temple Law Review, and in college at Drexel, Kate was selected for the Honors Program, eventually earning the highest grade point average among all biology majors in her graduating class.

Kate and her husband have a young daughter and a golden retriever, and they enjoy spending time together, especially, at their favorite lake. Kate also enjoys going to concerts and exercising.



Don Mell, America's East Region Lead, JP Morgan Chase

As America's East Region Lead for Corporate Location Management at JPMorganChase Don Mell is responsible for operational readiness and employee experience across the firm's corporate footprint along the East Coast. As a member of the firm's Delaware & Philadelphia Market Leadership Team, Don also oversees strategic planning and execution of initiatives supporting growth and opportunity for JPMorganChase and its 11,000 plus employees in the Delaware market. In addition, he drives cross line of business strategies for the firm's Consumer Bank, Investment Bank, and Private Bank in the Greater Philadelphia, Southeastern Pennsylvania, and Delaware Markets.

Preceding this role, Don served as the firm's government affairs consultant in Delaware, where he built strong relationships and drove impactful public-private partnerships.

Prior to joining JPMC in 2010, Don served as a senior advisor for several Delaware political campaigns, including two gubernatorial contests.

Earlier in his career Don was a journalist with the Associated Press and CNN. Based in Beirut, Lebanon, Rome and New York for much of the 1980s and 1990s, he covered the Lebanese civil war, the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Iran-Iraq War and the first Gulf War. He also covered events in India, northern Africa and in Europe, before supervising the AP's worldwide photo operations from its global headquarters in New York. There, he was responsible for coordinating and executing the company's coverage of ongoing and breaking news stories with photo and editorial staffs worldwide.

Don represented the Associated Press in the company's official and unofficial efforts seeking the release of Terry Anderson during his nearly seven years as a hostage (1985-1991) in Lebanon. He was involved in public and private missions on Anderson's behalf as part of the ongoing private and governmental efforts to end Anderson's captivity and that of his fellow hostages.



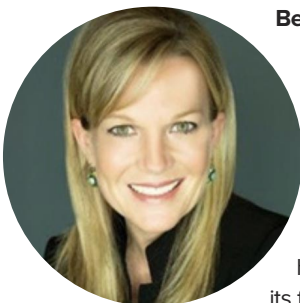
Michael Yantis, Vice President, State Government Affairs, Highmark Health

With more than two decades of experience in health care and public health, Yantis has a wide range of expertise, including commercial health insurance, provider delivery systems, Medicare, Medicaid, and state and local government.

Yantis is Vice president of State Government Affairs for Highmark, Inc., leading the company's State Government Affairs team in Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia and parts of New York.

After earning a master's from Lehigh University, Yantis joined the Pennsylvania Department of Health Policy office, where he was one of the liaisons between the Department and the Governor's office before taking on a leadership role in the Department's legislative office.

In 2007, Yantis left state government for Blue Cross of Northeast Pennsylvania, where he became Vice President of Government Affairs. He eventually moved to Highmark in 2015 after its merger with Blue Cross.



Becky Ford, Manager, Economic Development, Global Infrastructure Expansion, Amazon Web Services

Rebecca ("Becky") Ford joined Amazon Web Services' (AWS) Economic Development team in April 2021 to support the company's global expansion. Ford currently leads AWS's efforts in Virginia and the greater Southeastern US, and recently headed up state and local incentive negotiations on AWS's \$35B January announcement in central Virginia.

Ford has over 20 years of experience in global business outreach and foreign direct investment. Prior to joining AWS, she served as Managing Director of Arkonik Ltd Special Vehicle Operations in Charleston. A UK-based, historic Land Rover restoration importer and distributor who utilized Ford's experiences and guidance to establish its flagship operation in the United States.

Before joining Arkonik, Ford worked recruiting industry to the Palmetto State at the Charleston Regional Development Alliance, with a heavy emphasis (and success rate) in the aerospace industry. Ford has significant experience in making site location recommendations, generating strategic business plans and growth strategies, as well as advising companies on risk evaluation.

Originally from northeastern Pennsylvania, Ford received her B.S. in biology and business administration from Muhlenberg College, and earned MPA from University of South Carolina. She lives in Charleston, SC.



Senator Greg Rothman, PA Senate

Greg Rothman was elected to the State Senate in November 2022 to represent the people of the 34th Senate District, which includes Cumberland and Perry counties and northern Dauphin County. He previously represented the 87th Legislative District in the House of Representatives.

Rothman chairs the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee, which helps manage and protect the commonwealth's natural resources and considers legislation affecting hunting, fishing and conservation. He is also a member of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Banking and Insurance, Education, Finance, Rules and Executive Nominations, and Transportation committees.

He is the former president and CEO of RSR REALTORS, where he began as a real estate sales agent in 1989. Under his leadership, the company grew to become one of the largest real estate businesses in Central Pennsylvania.

Prior to his public service, Rothman enlisted in the Marine Corps during Operation Desert Storm. He served nearly 10 years in the Marine Corps Reserve, rising to the rank of staff sergeant before being honorably discharged in 2001. His service led the president of the United States to appoint him to the National Veterans Business Development Corporation board to encourage veterans to start entrepreneurial ventures.

Rothman is a graduate of Cumberland Valley High School and holds an undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst and a Master of Science degree in real estate from Johns Hopkins University.

He previously served as a trustee at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology and as a board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Harrisburg. He was one of the five founders of the Harrisburg Young Professionals.

Rothman is the proud father of five children.



William desRosiers, Manager of Government and External Affairs, Coterra Energy

William desRosiers serves as the Manager of External Affairs for Coterra Energy, where he leads public relations, government affairs, and community engagement efforts across Pennsylvania, New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma. He also oversees Coterra's philanthropic endeavors, with a particular focus on expanding investments in STEM and energy education, as well as managing the company's endowment at Lackawanna College's School of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

Having initially joined Coterra's precursor, Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, in 2012, William brings a wealth of experience to his current role. Prior to his tenure at Coterra, he played a pivotal role at FTI Consulting, advocating for natural gas development in the Marcellus Shale region of New York and Pennsylvania, effectively engaging and educating stakeholders.

William holds a Bachelor of Science in Management, a Bachelor of Arts in History with a pre-law specialization, and an MBA from Misericordia University. Currently, he is pursuing a Master of Science in Business Analytics, complemented by additional graduate coursework in corporate finance.



Adam Friscia, Executive Manager, Business Development & Government Relations—Saxton & Stump

Adam Friscia is an executive manager of business development and government relations at Saxton & Stump, working with the firm's Regulatory and Government Affairs Group, environmental attorneys and other attorneys involved in targeted business development efforts at the firm. He joined Saxton & Stump after more than three years as a member executive at the PA Chamber of Business and Industry. At the chamber, he developed strategic relationships with high-level clients, promoted membership, and worked with business leaders to achieve their public policy goals. He also moderated educational conferences, developed content, and produced webinars for the chamber's online platforms. He has significant experience building relationships with top executives and businesses in Pennsylvania.

Prior to his work at the chamber, Adam spent more than 15 years in retail management, generating sales of \$26 million per year, hitting his sales goal six years in a row and leading a staff of 150 employees.

In 2021, Adam received his master's degree in public administration from Shippensburg University, where three years prior he graduated summa cum laude with his degree in political science. He now serves on the Shippensburg University Alumni Board of Directors. His strong network reach includes being a member of groups such as the Association of Latino Professionals for America. Grant Ervin currently serves as the Vice President for External Affairs and Sustainability for S&B USA, an infrastructure development and construction firm based in Pittsburgh, PA.



Adam Walters, Senior Energy Advisor, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development

Adam is Senior Energy Advisor for the Department of Community and Economic Development. Adam works across public, private, and non-profit sectors to bring energy-related economic development opportunities to the commonwealth. Previously, he was a William Penn Fellow with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development where he supported the agency's goals of developing business investment and recruitment strategies for the commonwealth in the energy sector. Adam earned his Master of Public Administration from Penn State University and holds a bachelor's degree in International Relations.



Thomas Wyatt, Partner, Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP

Tom chairs the municipal infrastructure and services practice area. He represents local governments and municipal authorities with infrastructure-related matters, such as regulatory compliance, bulk sale and services contract negotiations, establishing public-private partnerships, and water and wastewater system purchases and sales. His prior experience with North America's largest water and wastewater company, as well as his involvement in the sales of the water and sewer systems in numerous Pennsylvania counties, gives him an industry-leading familiarity with Act 12, the PA PUC fair market value statute, and the implementation orders that govern its use. Tom's close collaboration with municipal solicitors and significant practical experience as counsel to municipalities relating to a PUC application under Act 12 and relating to the PA DEP make him a trusted advisor in preparing witness testimonies and drafting water and wastewater planning documents. Beyond his municipal infrastructure and services practice, Tom represents individuals and corporations in contract negotiations (in the testing, food and environmental sector) business and finance, and corporate governance matters.

Growing up in a single-parent household, Tom became his deaf mother's voice from the moment he could speak. By the time Tom was 12, he had really honed his skills as his Mom's ears and consigliere. He brings these unique communication skills to his practice. He actively listens to all the issues that his clients are facing without interruption or pre-conceived "solutions." In Tom's view, solving complicated legal issues never just involves the law, but also a team of skilled people. Because of this, Tom enjoys a number of deep relationships with financial advisors, engineers, and other professionals who can be deployed as resources for his clients.

In his free time, Tom enjoys spending time with his wife and two young children— at the pool, the park, or Friday night movies. He loves watching and talking about Philadelphia sports, particularly the Phillies and Eagles.