



Public Hearing - Rural Workforce Availability and Population Change

May 25, 2023

Mountain Laurel Room, Thompson Professional Development Center,
Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, Pennsylvania

Agenda

- 9:00 A.M. Call to Order**
Senator Gene Yaw, Chairman, Center for Rural Pennsylvania Board of Directors
- 9:05 A.M. Welcoming Remarks**
- Dr. Michael Reed, President, Pennsylvania College of Technology
- 9:10 A.M. Panel 1: Issues Facing the Rural Workforce**
- Kevin Sunday, Director of Government Affairs, Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry
 - Carrie Amann, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Workforce Development Association
 - Patti Jackson-Gehris, Chief Operating Officer, UPMC North Central Pa., and President, UPMC Williamsport
- 9:45 A.M. Panel 2: The Role of Education and Workforce Development**
- Courtney L. Fasnacht, Executive Director, Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers and Employers Council, and Darlene J. Robbins, President, Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers and Employers Association and Council (via ZOOM)
 - George Stark, Director of External Affairs, Coterra Energy
 - Hope Lineman, Strategic Advisor to the Chancellor for Workforce Innovation, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education
- 10:20 A.M. Panel 3: Strengthening Rural Pennsylvania Communities – Research Perspectives from the Brookings Institution**
- Mark Muro, Senior Fellow, Brookings Metro (via ZOOM)
 - Tony Pipa, Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development, Center for Sustainable Development (via ZOOM)
- 10:50 A.M. Panel 4: New Research on Attracting Residents and Workers to Rural Pennsylvania**
- Dr. Bing Ran, Associate Professor, Public Administration, Penn State University Harrisburg
 - Dr. Joseph Hafer, Assistant Professor, Public and Nonprofit Administration, The University of Memphis
- 11:20 A.M. Concluding Remarks**
Senator Yaw