

THE POLICY RECAP

A Summary of House Democratic Policy Committee Meetings.....March 6 · 7, 2018

House Democrats have a Plan4PA, a new way forward that puts people first with good jobs, quality schools and fair taxes. The House Democratic Policy Committee held a series of hearings to further discuss the Plan4PA's focus on fair taxes, putting people first and good jobs.



Additional information about the Plan4PA is available at Plan4PA.pahouse.com.



Rep. Mike Sturla Workforce Development Lancaster | March 6, 2018

Chairman Mike Sturla hosted a roundtable discussion on workforce development at Tec Centro in Lancaster. Members of the committee, community leaders and policy experts joined PA Department of Labor Secretary Jerry Oleksiak and Spanish American Civic Association executive director Carlos Graupera to discuss preparing a workforce for the needs of today and the future.

Roundtable participants included:

- Jerry Oleksiak, secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry;
- Carlos Graupera, executive director, Spanish American Civic Association;
- Bob Shoemaker, project executive, Lancaster City Alliance;
- Tom Baldrige, president and CEO, Lancaster Chamber;
- Scott Fiore, vice president/partner, TriStarr Staffing;
- Tyrone Works, CEO, Lancaster Works;
- Vanessa Philbert, household stability impact team leader, Community Action Partnership;
- Dr. Zoann Parker, vice president for academic affairs, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology;
- Victor Ramos, vice president, Harrisburg Area Community College - Lancaster and Lebanon Campuses;
- Matt Johnson, mayor's chief of staff, City of Lancaster; and
- Cathy Rychalsky, executive director, Lancaster County Workforce Development Board.



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Rep. Carol Hill-Evans Fair Education Funding York | March 7, 2018

Rep. Carol Hill-Evans hosted a hearing on fair education funding in Pennsylvania. The discussion focused on how funding education in an equitable manner would benefit students, educators and the commonwealth as a whole.

The committee heard testimony from

- Dr. Eric Holmes, superintendent, York City School District;
- Richard Snodgrass, business manager, York City School District;
- Dr. Larry Redding, acting superintendent, York Suburban School District;
- Dolores McCracken, president, PSEA; and
- John Callahan, chief advocacy officer, Pennsylvania School Boards Association.



ABOUT THE HOUSE DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Rep. Mike Sturla is chairman of the House Democratic Policy Committee. The Policy Committee holds public hearings and meetings across the state, and serves as the catalyst to enacting major policy initiatives put forth by members of the House Democratic Caucus.

You can find details about upcoming hearings, hearing testimony from previous hearings and Chairman Sturla's Policy Point of the Day by visiting www.pahouse.com/PolicyCommittee.