

THE POLICY RECAP

A Summary of House Democratic Policy Committee Meetings.....January 16 – 18, 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 planforpa.pahouse.com.

Rep. Adam Ravenstahl Small Business Development & Jobs Bellevue | January 16

State Rep. Adam Ravenstahl hosted a House Democratic Policy Committee roundtable discussion at the Bellevue Borough Building on small-business development and jobs, a key aspect of the Plan4PA. The roundtable format generated meaningful discussion about how local municipalities and state officials can work with small businesses to improve the job market and local economy.

Roundtable participants included:

- Raymond Vargo, director, Small Business Development Center of the University of Pittsburgh;
- Ron Borczyk, director of administrative services, Bellevue Borough;
- Thomas Link, director of innovation and entrepreneurship, Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh;
- Lauren Byrne Connelly, manager of business development, Allegheny County; and
- Mike Kendall, owner, Fred Dietz Floral.





Rep. Rob Matzie Workforce Development Monaca | January 17

State Rep. Rob Matzie hosted a House Democratic Policy Committee roundtable at the Community College of Beaver County to discuss workforce development.

The roundtable focused on job training for employment opportunities in Southwest Pennsylvania. The role community colleges play in workforce training for good-paying jobs for current and future employment needs also was discussed.

Roundtable participants included:

- John Goberish, dean of workforce development and continuing education, Community College of Beaver County;
- Elizabeth McIntyre, director of Tri-State Energy & Advanced Manufacturing (TEAM) Consortium, Community College of Beaver County;
- John Kochanowski, president, IBEW 712; and
- Mike McDonald, president, Beaver County Building and Construction Trades.



Rep. Ed Gainey Quality Schools Wilkinsburg | January 18

State Rep. Ed Gainey hosted a House Democratic Policy Committee hearing at the Hosanna House to discuss how to ensure quality education throughout Pennsylvania. Testimony included the success of Pittsburgh Public Schools, the need for investment in early childhood education, and enhancing K-12 opportunities.

Hearing testifiers included:

- Dr. Anthony Hamlet, superintendent of schools, Pittsburgh Public Schools;
- Ed Donovan, past president, Wilkinsburg Board of School Directors;
- Tiffini Simoneaux, early childhood manager in Bureau of Neighborhood Empowerment, Office of Mayor William Peduto; and
- Angel Gober, lead organizer, One Pennsylvania.



Visit www.pahouse.com/policycommittee for hearing testimony, video and photos.



About the House Democratic Policy Committee

Rep. Mike Sturla is chair 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.

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