

THE POLICY RECAP

A Summary of House Democratic Policy Committee Meetings..... September 5 – 6, 2018

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Rep. Anita Kulik Small Business Development Carnegie | September 5

Rep. Anita Kulik hosted a public hearing on small business development at the Carnegie Borough Municipal Building.

Kulik requested the hearing to discuss the importance of small business development and growth across the commonwealth.

The committee heard testimony from Carol Kilko, deputy secretary of business financing for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development; Gerald Ferguson, associate professor of business at the Community College of Allegheny County; and local business owners in attendance.



Rep. Bryan Barbin Response to Opioid Epidemic

Johnstown | September 6

Rep. Bryan Barbin hosted a public hearing on the state's response to the opioid epidemic at the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown's John P. Murtha Center for Public Service and National Competitiveness.

Barbin requested the hearing to receive an update on state initiatives to combat the opioid epidemic and discuss his H.B. 1987, which would limit fentanyl use to palliative care, medical emergencies, surgical procedures and cancer patients with a two-year sunset to reduce overdose deaths.



Hearing participants included:

- Dr. Ray Wrabley, professor of political science and chair of the Division of Social Sciences at University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown
- Ray Barishansky, commander of the Governor's Opioid Task Force
- Ronna Yablonski, executive director of the Cambria County Drug Coalition
- Jeffrey Lees, coroner for Cambria County
- Tony Sassano, deputy chief of Bureau of Narcotics Investigation and Drug Control, Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office
- Arnold Bernard Jr., assistant district attorney, Cambria County

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.