

Agenda

Thursday, September 12, 2024

PA CareerLink® Pittsburgh: Floor #6, Multipurpose Room, 914 Penn Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15222

8:30 a.m.

ACA Meeting Kickoff

Call to Order, Welcome, and Roll Call

- Robert (Rob) Cherry, CEO, Partner4Work, and ACA Chairperson

ETA Opening Remarks

- José Javier Rodríguez, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration
- Manny Lamarre, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration

Welcome from Local Hosts

Opening/Welcoming Remarks

- [Honorable Edward \(Ed\) Gainey](#), Mayor of Pittsburgh
- [Sara Innamorato](#), Allegheny County Executive

Group Photo

9:30 a.m.

Agenda Overview & General Housekeeping

- John Ladd, Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship and ACA Designated Federal Official (DFO)

Apprentice Testimonials

- Dominic (Dom) Ragghianti, Cyber Analyst (Journeyworker), GrayMatter
- Nathan (Nate) McAfee, Polymer Process Technician (Third-Year Apprentice), VEKA Inc.
- Julia Corbett, Polymer Process Technician (First-Year Apprentice), VEKA Inc.

Panel – Pittsburgh Workforce Hub: Lessons Learned and the Role of Pennsylvania's Apprenticeship System in Connecting Workers to Good Jobs

Facilitator:

- [Susie Puskar](#), Chief Operating Officer, Partner4Work

Panelists:

- [Felicity Williams](#), Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor Edward C. Gainey
- [Kerry McQuone](#), Chief Marketing Officer, GrayMatter
- [Rachel Mauer](#), German American Chamber of Commerce Pittsburgh Chapter
- [Tara Loew](#), Director of the Apprenticeship and Training Office, Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry



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10:30 a.m. **BREAK (15 minutes)**

10:45 a.m. **ACA Full Committee Open Discussion: Implications for System Building Efforts**

- Recap and takeaways from site visits
- Takeaways from morning panel
- Prep for sector caucus breakout session

12:15 p.m. **Sector Caucus Breakout Session and Working Lunch (by [Roots Kitchen](#))**

- Employer reps (Room #623)
- Labor reps (Room #624)
- Public reps (Multipurpose Room)

2:00 p.m. **Sector Caucus Report Outs and Discussion: System Building Elements**

- 5-minute report out presentations from each sector caucus
- Full committee discussion

3:00 p.m. **BREAK (15 minutes)**

3:15 p.m. **Ex Officio Report Outs**

3:45 p.m. **OA and NASTAD Updates**

- NASTAD updates
- The Road Ahead: Planning for balance of the term
 - Next Meeting: Virtual winter meeting (tentatively December-February)
- Status of previous term recommendations

4:15 p.m. **Meeting Wrap Up**

- Public comment
- Adjourn

