



PAACC Pennsylvania Update

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PAACC State Capitol Snap Shot

The House and Senate held their leadership elections on November 13 and 14. Following are the new leadership for the 2019-2020 session:

PA Senate Leadership (Majority):

President Pro Tempore – Joe Scarnati – Jefferson County

Majority Leader – Jake Corman – Centre County

Appropriations Chair – Pat Browne – Lehigh County

Majority Whip – John Gordner – Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Luzerne Counties

Majority Caucus Chairman – Bob Mensch – Berks, Bucks, Montgomery Counties

Majority Caucus Secretary – Richard Alloway – Franklin County

PA Senate Leadership (Minority):

Senate Minority Leader – Jay Costa – Allegheny County

Senate Minority Whip – Anthony Hardy Williams – Philadelphia County

Minority Appropriations Committee Chair – Vincent Hughes – Philadelphia County

Minority Caucus Chair – Wayne Fontana – Allegheny County

Minority Caucus Secretary – Larry Farnese – Philadelphia County

Minority Policy Committee Chair – Lisa Boscola – Northampton County

Minority Caucus Administrator – John Blake – Lackawanna County

PA House Leadership (Majority)

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE DESIGNEE: Rep. Mike Turzai - Allegheny County

MAJORITY LEADER: Rep. Bryan Cutler - Lancaster County

WHIP: Rep. Kerry Benninghoff - Centre and Mifflin counties

APPROPRIATIONS CHAIRMAN: Rep. Stan Saylor - York County

CAUCUS CHAIRMAN: Rep. Marcy Toepel - Montgomery County

POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Rep. Donna Oberlander - Armstrong, Clarion and Forest counties

CAUCUS ADMINISTRATOR: Rep. Kurt Masser - Columbia, Montour and Northumberland counties

CAUCUS SECRETARY: Rep. Mike Reese - Westmoreland and Somerset counties

PA House Leadership (Minority):

Democratic Leader - Frank Dermody - Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties

Democratic Whip - Jordan Harris - Philadelphia County

Democratic Caucus Chair - Joanna McClinton - Delaware and Philadelphia Counties

Democratic Caucus Secretary - Rosita Youngblood - Philadelphia County

Democratic Caucus Administrator - Neal Goodman - Schuylkill County

Democratic Policy Committee Chairman - Mike Sturla - Lancaster County

Democratic Appropriations Committee Chairman - Matt Bradford - Montgomery County

Grant and Funding Opportunities

Pre-Apprentice and Apprenticeship Grant Program

[The Pre-Apprentice and Apprenticeship Grant Program](#) (Apprenticeship Program) is a statewide program which offers assistance to registered apprenticeship programs. The program's goal is to increase apprenticeship availability to Pennsylvania employers to assist them with their talent recruitment and development. Sponsors may request funding for plans not to exceed three years, at \$3,000 per apprentice per year. Costs incurred above this amount are the responsibility of the employer. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until funds are expended.

Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority (PMBDA)

[PMBDA](#) program provides low-interest loan to businesses owned and operated by ethnic minorities. Uses include: Land and building acquisitions; Building construction and renovations; Machinery and equipment costs including acquisition and installation; Working capital Costs. PMBDA can finance up to 90% of the eligible total project costs, or \$250,000, whichever is less. Funds from other sources must equal at least 10% of PMBDA eligible project costs. Interest rate for PMBDA loan will be fixed at 2% at the time the loan is approved and will remain fixed for the duration of the repayment term. Interest rates are subject to change from time to time; Up to 15-year term for land and buildings; Up to 10-year term for machinery and equipment; Up to 3-year term for working capital; May subordinate lien position; \$50,000 cost per job for new job created, and \$35,000 cost per job for job retained.

Alternative and Clean Energy Program (ACE)

[The Alternative and Clean Energy Program](#) (ACE) provides financial assistance in the form of grant and loan funds that will be used by eligible applicants for the utilization, development and construction of alternative and clean energy projects in the state. The program is administered jointly by the Department of Community and Economic

Development (DCED) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). Uses include: Activities to promote the utilization, development and construction of alternative and clean energy projects, infrastructure associated with compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas fueling stations, plus energy efficiency and energy conservation projects in the state. Loans for manufacturers of alternative and/or clean energy generation equipment or components shall not exceed \$40,000 for every new job created within three years after approval of the loan. Loans for any alternative energy production or clean energy project shall not exceed \$5 million or 50 percent of the total project cost, whichever is less. Grants for manufacturers of alternative and/or clean energy generation equipment or components shall not exceed \$10,000 for every job projected to be created by the business within three years after approval of the grant. Grants for any alternative energy production or clean energy project shall not exceed \$2 million or 30 percent of the total project cost, whichever is less. Grants shall not exceed \$5 million and have a term of not more than five years. In the event of a default, the grant will pay up to 75 percent of the deficiency.

Infrastructure

Pennsylvania ASCE Report Card Released

On Nov. 14, the Pittsburgh Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) held a news conference at the Carnegie Science Center to release the [2018 Report Card for Pennsylvania's Infrastructure](#). Evaluating 18 categories of infrastructure, the group gave Pennsylvania an overall grade of "C-." This is the same grade Pennsylvania received in the previous report card issued in 2014 across 16 categories. The report evaluated the 18 categories with the following grades: aviation (C+), bridges (D+), dams (C), drinking water (D), energy (C), freight rail (B), hazardous waste (B-), inland waterways (D), levees (C), parks and recreation (B-), passenger rail (C-), ports (C+), roads (D+), schools (C-), solid waste (C+), storm water (D), transit (D), and wastewater (D-).