



Public Hearing: Built in Pennsylvania - Workforce Development in the Trades

This hearing will examine strategies to strengthen workforce development in the skilled trades across the Commonwealth.

March 19, 2026 | 1:00 p.m.

Hearing Overview

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Opening Remarks**
 - Chairman David H. Rowe
 - State Representative Marla Brown
- **Testimony from Invited Experts**
- **Member Discussion with Testifiers**
- **Closing Comments & Adjournment**

Testifiers - Panel One/Industry

- **Anna Barendsfeld**, VP Strategic Initiatives, ELLWOOD
- **Joseph Hughes**, Director of Govenment Relations, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
- **Julie Michael Smith**, Coalition Manager, Lawrence Mercer Manufacturers Coalition

Testifiers - Panel Two/Workforce Development

- **Brendan Hathaway**, Junior/Senior School Principal, Wilmington Area School District
- **Dr. Joe McCormick**, Superintendent, Shenango Area School District
- **Leonard Rich**, Superintendent, Laurel Area School District/Director, Lawrence County Career and Technical Center

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