

## 2023 - 2024 BCAC Policy Committee

Standing Policy/Issues Committees, Resources Partners, and Alliances

**Business & Community Advocacy Council Chair:** John Miravich (Fox Rothschild)

**Business & Community Advocacy Council Vice-Chair:** Bob Harrop (East Penn Manufacturing)

**GRCA Director of Government & Community Relations:** Katie Hetherington Cunfer

**Policy Issues Committees: Priorities/Champions** *(established every odd year based on policy agenda)*

**NOTE:** BCAC members must serve on at least one committee.

- **Labor & Benefits**

*Co-Chairs:*

- Foreign Born Worker Requirements & Immigration
- Benefits & Healthcare Plans
- Labor Policy & Unemployment Compensation

- **Workforce, Education, & Healthcare**

*Co-Chairs:*

- Talent Pipeline & Training
- Workforce Retention
- Education Requirements & Graduation Rates
- Apprenticeships & Funding

- **Budgets/Taxes/Spending**

*Co-chairs:*

- Public Pension Reform
- Business Tax Reform
- State & Federal Budgets
- Streamlining Government Programs/Processes

- **Economic Development**

*Co-chairs:*

- Emerging Industries
- Business Incentives
- Real Estate, Construction, Smart Growth & Zoning
- Broadband Infrastructure Expansion
- Agriculture, Tourism, & the Arts

- **Energy & Environmental Resources**

*Co-Chairs:*

- Regulatory Reform/Permit Process
- Energy & Utilities Infrastructure
- US Energy Independence
- Energy Alternatives

- **Transportation Infrastructure & Transit**

*Co-Chairs:*

- Efficiencies/Funding – Gas Tax Alternative
- Freight & Logistics
- Commuter Resources
- New Technology
- Berks Transportation Projects:
  - Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority
  - Reading Rail Station TOD
  - 222 Bypass

NOTE: These Policy/Issues Committees meet every other month by call of the co-chairs. Chamber policy/issues committees play an integral role in the development of the GRCA's legislative priorities, which are intended to focus policymakers' attention on the economic challenges facing Pennsylvania and Berks County and to offer pro-business solutions.

### **COUNCIL SPECIAL BUSINESS & COMMUNITY ADVOCACY RESOURCE PARTNERS**

BARN	Lolly Leshar
Ben Franklin Partners	Kim Valuntas
Berks Alliance	David Myers
Berks Business Education Coalition	John Weidenhammer
Berks County Conservation District	Dean Druckenmiller
Berks County Department of Ag.	Emily Wangolo
Berks County Industrial Development	Jeremy Zaborowski
Berks County Institutes of Higher Education	(PSU, RACC, Albright, Alvernia, Kutztown, Drexel)
Berks County Intermediate Unit	Daniel Richards
Berks County Latino Chamber	Josie Boykins/Angel Figueroa
Berks County Planning Commission	David Hunter/Ashley Showers
Berks County Workforce Development Board	Dan Fogarty
Berks Latino Workforce Development Corp.	Violet Emory
Center for Excellence: Local Government	Paul Janssen
Community First Fund	Daniel Betancourt
Commuter Service of PA	Matt Boyer
Greater Reading Young Professionals	Jack Gombach
Home Builders Association-Berks	Cathy Sloan
Kutztown Small Business Development Center	Ernie Post/Sonya Smith
Manufacture Resource Center	Bonnie Spayd
Reading-Berks Association Relators	Brittany Baker-Shurr/James Bush
SCORE	Barb Coffin
Science Research Institute	Adele Shade/Ellen Albright
South Central Transit Authority	Greg Downing

### **ADVOCACY ALLIANCES**

Association Chamber Commerce Executives (ACCE)  
Coalition for Sustainable Communities  
Compete PA Coalition  
Grow PA  
Keystone Transportation Funding Coalition  
National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)  
National Skills Coalition  
Pa Association of Chamber Professionals (PACP)  
PA Chamber Business & Industry  
PA Economic Development Association (PEDA)  
PA Economy League (PEL)  
PA Institute Certified Public Accounts (PICPA)  
PA Manufacturers Association (PMA)  
PA Municipal League (PML)  
Regional Chambers Coalition (Reading, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon, & York)  
Southeast Partnership Regional Economic Performance (SE PREP)  
Southeast Chamber Executives  
U.S. Chamber  
US Small Business Administration (SBA)