



# Penn State

## Commission for Adult Learners

### General Meeting Agenda

**Date:** May 21, 2025

**Time:** 10:30 – 11:30

**Attendees:** JoAnn Kelly, Biddy Brooks, Trisha Everhart, Bill Fritz, Sheri Matter, Eugene McFeeley, Jessica O'Brien, Michele Rice, Renee Thornton-Roop, Clayton Steen, Gina Wahlen, Michelle Wiley, Andrea Tessier, Renata Engel, Ron Darbeau, Karen Pollock

### Welcome

### Minutes Approval

- No minutes to approve because I forgot to do them ... sorry!

### Renata Engel: Academic Portfolio Review (APPR) #2 Report

- **Provost.psu.edu/appr/report-2/**
- Emphasized the impact of the Commission
  - Office of Prior Learning Assessment
  - Sokoloff-Miller Financial and Wellness Center
  - Addressing Workforce Development needs
  - Consider broader strategies for supporting adult learners in alignment with labor market demands
- **APPR Report**
  - Overseen by Interim Provost Tracy Langkilde
  - Support from Hanover Research and multiple committees
  - Data focuses on PA labor market
    - Counties in PA with PSU Campuses and surrounding areas
  - Report is an informational resource rather than a directive
  - Supports discussions and decisions about workforce development and academic offerings
- **Highlights**
  - Key demographic insights
  - Significant opportunities for adult learner outreach
  - Industry-specific opportunities across counties

- Intended as a tool to spark further questions and guide strategic planning
- Data focuses on occupations rather than degrees
- Helps to identify regional workforce strengths and opportunities
- Helps identify where Penn State might expand or add program offerings
- Data reveals state-wide trends and regional specializations

#### **Bill Fritz – Commission Nominations**

- No nominations have been received for officer roles
- Bill will begin to reach out to individuals directly

#### **JoAnn Kelly and Chuck Greggs – Hendrick Conference**

- Penn State Great Valley in May 2025
- Potential Dates – May 14, 21, 28
- Avoid conflicts with graduation, Memorial Day, Admissions conference

#### **Adjournment**