
ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION | 2026

OUR STORY

Uniting Leaders. Powering Progress.

For 80+ years, the Allegheny Conference has convened business and civic leaders to solve the region's hardest challenges — from industrial collapse to economic reinvention.

10 counties · 2.5M residents · $220B economy

Renaissance One

1940s – 1970s

- *Clean air & water, stop flooding, redevelop urban communities. Built the institutional infrastructure of modern Pittsburgh.*

The Big Bust & Rebuild

1980s – 1990s

- *18.3% unemployment. 250K population loss. The Conference led the cross-sector response — diversify, invest in talent, build a unified region.*

21st Century Model

2000 – Present

- *Joint venture unifying 4 organizations under one CEO. From G-20 Summit to $1.2T federal infrastructure — Pittsburgh as national model.*

WHAT WE DO

ATTRACT	ADVANCE	ELEVATE	MOBILIZE
transformational projects that create quality jobs and competitive places	**policy solutions that improve business competitiveness**	**the region to businesses and talent with a credible value proposition**	**business and civic leadership to deliver durable, region-wide impact**
▪ **$19B+ capital investment** influenced across **120+ projects** ▪ **27,000+ jobs** created or retained over 5 years	▪ **Corporate net income tax** cut in half ▪ **Net operating loss** deduction limit doubled ▪ **$500M secured** for site development via PA SITES	▪ Regional talent & investment **marketing** ongoing ▪ Data-driven **research** demographics, migration, workforce, employment	▪ **$600M Downtown revitalization** advanced with state and local partners ▪ **$63M federal funding** secured to scale the robotics ecosystem

2026 WORK PLAN

Where We're Focused This Year

Four interconnected priorities that create the conditions for sustained regional growth — all areas where Citizens' engagement drives direct impact.



DOWNTOWN & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT



BUSINESS ATTRACTION, RETENTION & EXPANSION



POLICY & ADVOCACY



THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

OUR LEADERSHIP

David Holmberg
Chair, Allegheny Conference
CEO, Highmark Health

Bryan Salesky
Chair, Growth
CEO, Stack AV

Timothy Knavish
Vice Chair, Allegheny Conference
Chairman and CEO, PPG

Daniel Fitzpatrick
Chair, Policy
President, Citizens Mid-Atlantic Region

Eric Boughner
Treasurer, Allegheny Conference and
Chair, Audit & Finance Committee
Chairman, BNY PA

Steve Blanco
Chair, Federal Investments
President and CEO, MSA, The Safety Company

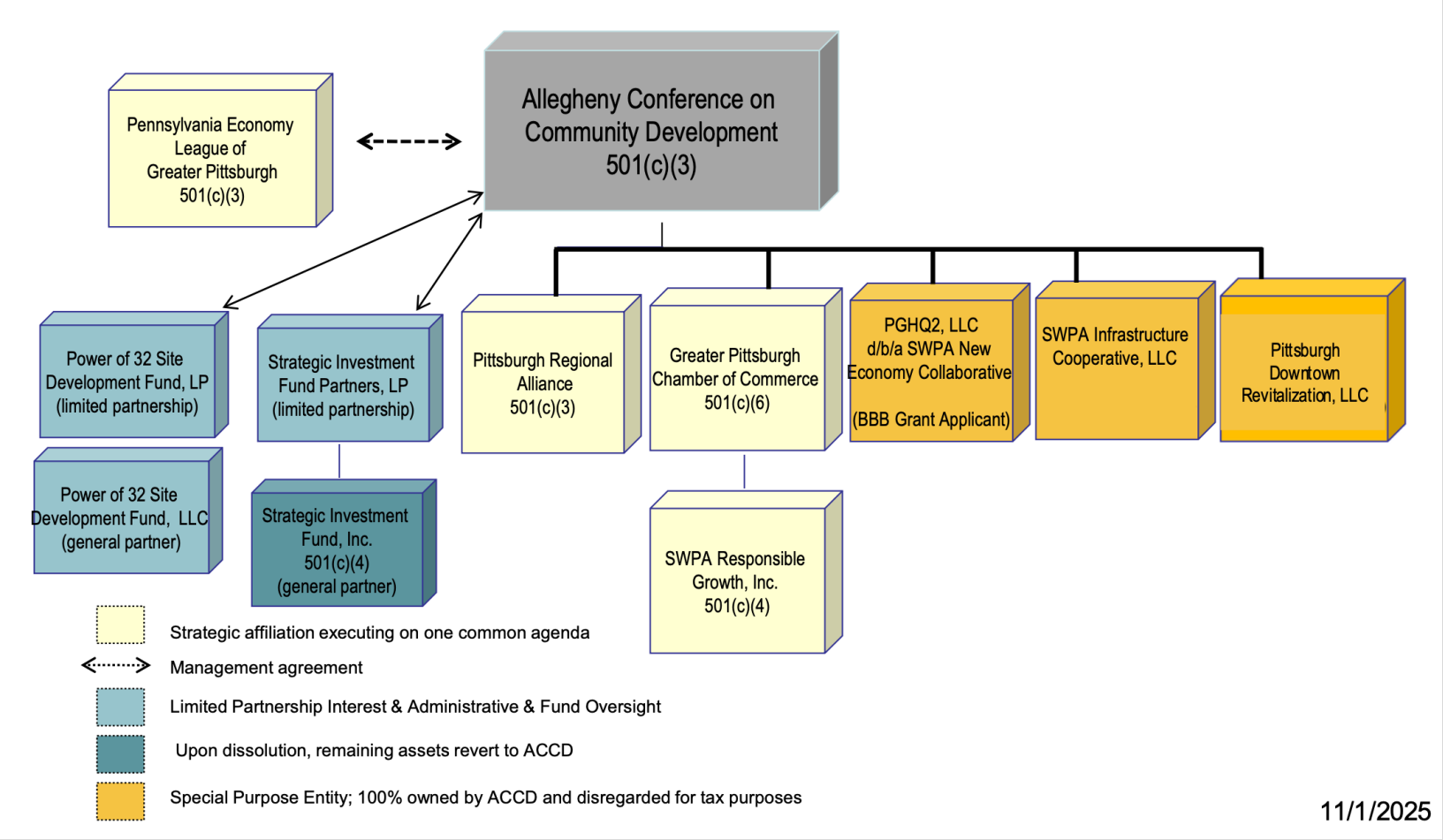
Rebekah Byers Kcehowski
Secretary, Allegheny Conference and Chair, Thought Leadership Committee
Partner-in-Charge, Jones Day, Pittsburgh

Kevin Walker
Chair, Energy Cluster
President and CEO, Duquesne Light Company

Casey Ryan
Chair, Personnel & Compensation Committee
Global Managing Partner, Reed Smith LLP

Farnam Jahanian
Chair, Robotics Cluster
President, Carnegie Mellon University

LEGAL ENTITY STRUCTURE



OUR TEAM

Stefani Pashman Chief Executive Officer *Supported by Executive Assistant*			
Kolt Codner Chief Operating Officer	**Vera Krekanova** Chief Strategy & Research Officer	**Willy McKain** Chief Financial Officer	**Matt Smith** Chief Growth Officer
Supported by 6 Team Members	*Supported by 3 Team Members*	*Supported by 6 Team Members*	*Supported by 11 Team Members*

FT Staff Total: 34*

*Includes 2 BBBRC-funded positions.

OUR FUNDING

- **Membership-Based Model**: The Allegheny Conference operates as a membership-based nonprofit organization, with the Regional Investors Council (RIC) as the core of our revenue, made up of nearly 250 corporate and foundation partners critical to driving regional economic growth.

- **Diversification of Funding**: Recently, we have broadened our funding sources to include state and federal grants, positioning us to leverage additional opportunities for regional growth.

2026 REVENUE

