



Wednesday, September 30 Agenda

Meeting with Senator McCormick's Chief of Staff and Legislative Director

9 to 10 AM

Capitol Visitor Center, SVC-215

*****Please note that RSVPs were required in advance for inclusion in this meeting.*****

Once through security at the Visitor Center, head down the escalator towards the Senate Appointments desk. You will show your driver's license at the desk and a McCormick staffer will be there upon check in to guide to SVC 215.

Southwestern PA Spotlight

10 AM to 12:30 PM

[Cannon House Office Building](#) - Cannon Caucus Room, Cannon 390

This showcase provides an opportunity to highlight the unique position that Southwestern PA's is in to help solve national priorities. We'll couple that with a focus on federal priorities including policy, permitting, research funding, infrastructure investments, agency engagement and more.

Welcome and Open

Steve Blanco, President and Chief Executive Officer, MSA Safety
Chair, Federal Relations Committee

Creating a Tech Ecosystem in Pittsburgh

Brian Kennedy, Senior Vice President Operations and Government Affairs, Pittsburgh Technology Council

Panel Discussion: Pittsburgh as a National Testbed for Defense Tech, Robotics, Autonomy & Physical AI

Moderator:

Matt Smith, Chief Growth Officer, Allegheny Conference on Community Development

Panelists:

Tara Murphy Dougherty, Chief Executive Officer, Air

Mike Embrescia, Chief Development Officer, Carnegie Robotics

John E. Barnes, Founder and President, The Barnes Global Advisors

Lindsay Ries, Vice President of Government Affairs, Eos Energy Enterprises

Ensuring Strong Connections/Federal Transportation Funding

Rich Fitzgerald, Executive Director, Southwestern PA Commission

Panel Discussion: Expanding America's Nuclear & Advanced Manufacturing Supply Chain

Moderator:

Briggs White, President, Keystone Ascent

Panelists:

Margaret Cosentino, Executive Vice President, External Affairs, Westinghouse

Josh Brittingham, Senior General Manager of EMD, EMS Division, Curtiss-Wright

Brian Hoover, President, North American Forgemasters

Sola M Talabi, Ph.D., President, Pittsburgh Technical Consultants

Energy as a Catalyst for Regional Prosperity

Scott Dunn, Chairman of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners

Panel Discussion: Powering America's Industrial & AI Future

Moderator:

Kevin Walker, President and Chief Executive Officer, Duquesne Light Company

Panelists:

Adele Borne, U.S. Government Affairs and Policy, GE Vernova

Neil Churman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Woolpert

Brent Bobsein, Vice President of Sustainable Development, CNX

Sam Matias, Executive Director of Integrated Infrastructure, NextEra Energy
Resources

Closing Remarks

Stefani Pashman, Chief Executive Officer, Allegheny Conference on Community
Development

Following the spotlight, participants are on their own to make visits to Congressional offices, depart, or take care of other business.