



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

PK-16 Council Agenda November 18th, 2026

[Zoom Link](#)

Save the Date – Upcoming Meeting:

- March – BLAST IU, Williamsport (Save the date coming soon)

Commonwealth University PK16 Council Objectives:

Commonwealth University aligns this work to the [Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation \(CAEP\)](#) with an emphasis on Standard 2, prioritizing strong partnerships and high-quality clinical experiences to prepare candidates to support diverse P–12 learners. This council meeting aims to gather feedback from partners to strengthen these experiences and address real challenges candidates encounter in schools and communities.

Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 Breakfast Informal Conversations & Introductions

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome from the President’s Office – *Mr. Dan Knorr, Chief of Staff to the President*

9:10-9:15 The Charge for a Unified PK-16 Council & Our Work Together – *Dr. Jennifer Gurski, Director, Office of Teacher Preparation, Clinical Practice and Certification*

9:15 – 9:45 College of Arts, Humanities, Education and Social Sciences (CAHESS)

Introduction, Strategic Priorities and Updates

***Dean’s Office, Dean Ann Larson & Interim Associate Dean Dr. Priya Poehner
Office of Teacher Preparation, Clinical Practice and Certification***

9:45 – 10:00 PK-16 Council Collaboration

10:00 – 10:10 Break

10:10 – 10:20 Department of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs, Early College & Workforce Development Updates – *Mr. Jerome Manley, Executive Director Early College Program*

10:20 – 10:30 McDowell Institute Updates – *Mrs. Danielle Empson-Schultz, Director of McDowell Institute*

10:30 – 10:50 PK-16 Council Collaboration

10:50 – 11:30 Share out & Closing Remarks

11:30 – 12:00 QR Code / [Survey Link](#) & Lunch



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Resources:

[Data and Reports](#)

[Commonwealth University – Office of Teacher Preparation, Clinical Practice and Certification](#)

[Commonwealth University – All Programs](#) (Includes Degree Maps)

[CU Program Assessment](#)

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