



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Commonwealth University PK-16 Council

Agenda March 2, 2026

BLaST IU, 2400 Reach Road, Williamsport, PA

8:30 a.m. Check In; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

[Zoom Link](#)

Save the Date – Upcoming Meeting: November 2026 (date forthcoming)

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 and receive systematic feedback from partners to strengthen these experiences and address real challenges educator preparation candidates encounter in schools and communities. Strategic priorities include mutually beneficial partnerships, continuous improvement in educator preparation, and educator workforce employment.

Agenda

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

9:00 – 9:10 am Welcome from Commonwealth University Provost’s Office – *Dr. Ann Larson, Special Assistant to the Provost for Education Initiatives*

9:10 – 9:15 am 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 – 9:40 am CU College of Arts, Humanities, Education and Social Sciences (CAHESS) Introductions, Strategic Priorities and Updates - *Dr. Ann Larson, Special Assistant to the Provost for Education Initiatives, Dr. Priya Poehner, Interim Associate Dean, Dr. Jennifer Gurski, Director, Office of Teacher Preparation, Clinical Practice and Certification*

9:40 – 10:00 am PK-16 Council Collaboration – Highlights and Key Dispositions for Day 1 Readiness & Transition to Employment (Part 1)

10:00 – 10:10 am Break

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



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

10:30 – 11:00 am PK-16 Council Collaboration – Field and Clinical Experiences Partnerships Centered on Key Dispositions to Build Day 1 Readiness and Transition to Employment (Part 2)

11:00 – 11:30 am Share Out, Action Steps, & Closing Activity / Remarks

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

Resources:

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

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

[CU Program Assessment](#)

[CU-Mansfield Education Students Make Science Fun](#) (Triad Publication Highlight)

QR Code Survey

