

THE POLICY RECAP

A summary of House Democratic Policy Committee meetings March 6-8, 2017

Policy Committee Tour Lake Erie College of Medicine Monday, March 6, 2017

At the request of Rep. Ryan Bizzarro, the Policy Committee visited the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) on March 6. The committee toured LECOM's Senior Living Center and School of Dental Medicine. Patients funded by Medicaid account for 70% of LECOM residents. The school's clinical office provides dental care for low-income patients.



The LECOM Senior Center



The LECOM School of Dental Medicine



Jobs

Erie | Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Rep. Ryan Bizzarro hosted a House Democratic Policy Committee hearing to discuss policies to enhance innovation and generate new business development.

The committee heard from testifiers about developing business practices and public policy that could boost job creation in the region.

HEARING TESTIFIERS:

Brian Slawin, Ben Franklin Partnership NW regional director and portfolio manager

Dr. Valerica Vlad, professor of economics, Penn State Behrend Campus

Maggie Horne, director of Small Business Development Center, Gannon University

Janet Anderson, director of Partners for Performance, NWPA Workforce Development Board

Sean Fedorko, co-founder, Radius CoWork

Beth Zimmer, co-founder and managing director, Innovation Collaborative

Matt Wiertel, director of business development, Velocity Network

House Democrats are working hard to develop policy that would add family-sustaining jobs to the economy and help working families. The House Democratic Policy Committee is pleased to be a catalyst for progress.



Renewable Energy

Erie | Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Rep. Pat Harkins welcomed the public and members of the House Democratic Policy Committee to the home to HERO BX, the largest biodiesel production facility east of the Mississippi and one of the top ten in the nation.



Legislators heard from testifiers on how to integrate renewable energy into the mix and maximize the industry's job-creation potential.

Panelists included:

John Nies, vice president of operations at HERO BX

Christopher Peterson, vice president of finance and commodity risk at HERO BX

John Rossi, executive board member of Sierra Club Lake Erie Group

John Pruvis, president of Solar Revolution Erie

Joy Knapp, regional outreach coordinator, Clean Air Council





About the House Democratic Policy Committee

Rep. Mike Sturla is chair of the House Democratic Policy Committee. The Policy Committee holds public hearings and meetings across the state, and serves as the catalyst to enacting major policy initiatives put forth by members of the House Democratic Caucus.

You can find details about upcoming hearings, hearing testimony from previous hearings and Chairman Sturla's Policy Point of the Day by visiting www.pahouse.com/PolicyCommittee.

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