



Regional Convenings – June and July 2026

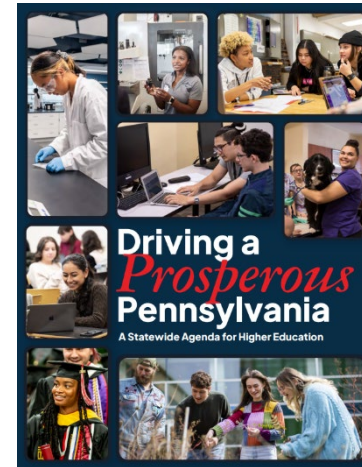
Pennsylvania's [State Board of Higher Education \(SBHE\)](#) recently passed a [strategic plan](#) that includes the goal of addressing postsecondary workforce credential gaps via cross-section, regional collaborations. As the first step in this process, we are writing to *invite your participation in an upcoming regional convening focused on this topic.*

What these regional convenings are and why we are doing them

As part of the State Board of Higher Education's ongoing work to strengthen alignment between postsecondary education, workforce needs, and regional economic priorities, we are hosting regional convenings in the near future designed to bring cross-sector stakeholders together around a shared, data-informed understanding of regional workforce demand and postsecondary credential supply. Our goal is to surface gaps, identify what is working well for industry and higher education partnerships, and collaboratively shape action and recommendations that can inform SBHE strategy, policy development, and technical assistance.

By grounding the conversation in shared data and lived experience, we aim to build a common understanding and consensus on regional priorities and identify opportunities for stronger higher education to employment alignment.

These convenings are being conducted in close coordination with the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education and the Bureau of Career and Technical Education. This partnership reflects a shared commitment to align agency efforts, streamline engagement with overlapping audiences in the coming months, and ensure that our collective work is coordinated, complementary, and supported by strong inter-agency communication and planning



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2026 Regional Convening Schedule

Convenings will be held in June and July 2026 and continue with ongoing coordination with our state partners, as well as regional stakeholders. Each regional convening will include two structured engagements:

- 9:00am-11:00am A **morning roundtable** with industry employers and labor trades to surface workforce needs, barriers, and opportunities.
- 1:00pm-4:00pm An **afternoon stakeholder session** with higher education, workforce, K12, labor management councils, and community partners to react to SBHE strategic priorities, industry insights and identify next steps.

Date/Time	Regions	Location
Monday, June 8	Northern Tier (5) - Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Sullivan, Wyoming; and Northeast (7)- Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Schuylkill, Wayne	Pittston, PA
Wednesday, June 10	North Central (6) - Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean, Potter and Northwest (8)- Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, Warren	Warren, PA
Tuesday, July 21	Southwest (9) - Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Washington, Westmoreland and Southern Alleghenies (6) - Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, Somerset	Greater Altoona Area, PA
Thursday, July 23	Central (10)- Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Juniata, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Union and South Central (8)- Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, York	Greater Harrisburg Area, PA
Tuesday, July 28	Southeast (6)- Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia; and Lehigh Valley (2) - Lehigh, Northampton	Pottstown, PA

Interested in Attending??? Contact Carrie Amann, SBHE Economic & Workforce Development Director, at camann@pa.gov



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