

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 2, 2025

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at 9:30 a.m. at the Bucks County Community College on October 2, 2025, and called to order by Consortium President, Becki Marencik.

Roll Call, Introductions and Community Updates:

The following Bucks County communities were represented at the meeting:

Randee Mazur, Bristol Township
Megan Abbott, Bristol Township
April Watson, Bristol Township
Dave Kratzer, Lower Makefield Township
Mega Bhandary, Lower Makefield Township
Kellie Frain, Lower Makefield Township
Bob Pellegrino, Northampton Township
Bill Wert, Northampton Township
Ashley Casey, Northampton Township
Joe Murphy, North Wales Water Authority
Larry Kremsky, North Wales Water Authority
Lisa Sobetsky, North Wales Water Authority
Vanessa Heindel, North Wales Water Authority
Mayor Wayne Codner, Richlandtown Borough
Christopher Garages, Solebury Township
Catherine Cataldi, Solebury Township
Becki Marencik, Warwick Township

Sponsors:

Chris Tomlinson, CBIZ InR
Nicole Pizzo, Delaware Valley Trust
John Gault, Millenium Strategies
Steve NOLL, TMA Bucks
Paul Bowman, Ridge Support Technologies
Rod Hawthorne, Univest
David Ohman, Univest
Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, WK2 Consulting

Paul Bowman, Ridge Support Technologies
Thomas H. Droege, Ridge Support Technologies

The meeting began with a warm welcome from Patrick M. Jones, Ph.D., President of Bucks County Community College.

Ms. Marencik thanked Dr. Jones for his remarks and the College's gracious hospitality in hosting this month's meeting.

Presentation:

Bucks County Community College 2026 Update: Valuable Resources for the Individual and Employers

The following Bucks County Community College staff members presented to the membership:

Kate Zimmerman, Director of Cooperative Education and Career Services

Ms. Zimmerman highlighted the advantages of collaborating with Bucks to access a diverse, motivated, and well-trained local talent pool. Employers can engage with students through internships, co-ops, micro-internships, job shadowing, and other experiential learning opportunities that strengthen workforce pipelines and community partnerships. Bucks offers resources such as the Handshake platform, career fairs, and direct faculty connections to support recruitment and employer branding. By partnering with Bucks, employers can enhance hiring efficiency, engage emerging talent early, and contribute to developing a skilled regional workforce.

Megan Meinert, Program Manager, Center for Workforce Development

Daniel J. Loeper, MBA, Senior Consultant, Corporate College & Customized Training

Michael Reil, Executive Consultant, Corporate College & Customized Training

The portion of the presentation highlights the advantages of collaborating with Bucks to access a diverse, motivated, and well-trained local talent pool. Employers can engage with students through internships, co-ops, micro-internships, job shadowing, and other experiential learning opportunities that strengthen workforce pipelines and community partnerships. Bucks offers resources such as the Handshake platform, career fairs, and direct faculty connections to support recruitment and employer branding. By partnering with Bucks, employers can enhance hiring efficiency, engage emerging talent early, and contribute to developing a skilled regional workforce.

See attached full presentations.

Ms. Marencik thanked Ms. Zimmerman, Ms. Meinert, Mr. Loeper, and Mr. Reil for their presentation.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Upon motion by Bill Wert, seconded by Chris Garges, the Treasurer's Report for September 2025, was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Chris Garges, seconded by Bill Wert, September 4, 2025, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

Ms. Marencik reminded the membership about the following important dates:

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Annual Bucks County Consortium Luncheon
11:45 a.m. – Northampton Valley Country Club

Friday, December 5, 2025

Bucks/Montgomery County Consortia Joint Holiday Party
1:00 p.m. – Joseph Ambler Inn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Casey
Consortium Coordinator