

**BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, April 2, 2026**

**Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at 9:20 a.m. at Northampton Valley Country Club on April 2, 2026, and called to order by Consortium President, Chris Garges.

**Roll Call, Introductions and Community Updates:**

The following Bucks County communities were represented at the meeting:

Heather Satterly, Bristol Township  
April Watson, Bristol Township  
Kevin Dippolito, Bristol Township  
Shawn Curran, Chalfont Borough  
John Davis, Doylestown Borough  
Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough  
Caitlin Hernandez, Doylestown Borough  
Rose Molle, Falls Township  
Deanna Ferry, Hilltown Township  
Jennifer W. Smethers, Lafayette Manor  
Vijay Rajput, Lower Bucks Joint Municipal Authority  
Dave Kratzer, Lower Makefield Township  
Kellie Frain, Lower Makefield Township  
Craig Totaro, Newtown Township  
Joe Murphy, North Wales Water Authority  
Larry Kremsky, North Wales Water Authority  
Lisa Sobetsky, North Wales Water Authority  
Robert Pellegrino, Northampton Township  
Ashley Casey, Northampton Township  
Stacey Mulholland, Plumstead Township  
Sarah Markley, Richlandtown Borough  
Chris Garges, Solebury Township  
Cathi Cataldi, Solebury Township  
Zach Zubris, Solebury Township  
Caitlin Pederson, Telford Borough Regional Authority  
Steve Noll, TMA Bucks  
Gregg Schuster, Upper Makefield Township  
Judy Caporiccio, Upper Makefield Township  
Savanna Bolger, Upper Southampton Municipal Authority  
Barbara O'Neill, Upper Southampton Municipal Authority  
Mike Walsh, Warminster Township  
John Ramey, Warminster Township  
Brandon Yett, Warminster Township  
Daulton George, Warminster Township Municipal Authority  
Colleen Keith, Warminster Heights  
Becki Marencik, Warwick Township

Skye Sorresso, Warwick Township  
Stacy Crandell, Wrightstown Township  
Paula Johnson, Yardley Borough  
Patty Sargent, Yardley Borough

**Sponsors:**

Mike Italia, Barry Issett & Associates  
Caitlin Mest, Barry Issett & Associates  
Karen Duerholz, Boyle Construction  
John Dugan, Boyle Construction  
Amanda Giamlais, Carroll Engineering  
Zack Vigneault, CS McKee Asset Management  
Jeff Calhoun, Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority  
Mark Harris, Delaware Valley Trusts  
Nicole Pizzo, Delaware Valley Trusts  
Beth Kaufman, Equitable Advisors  
Charles Coyle, Equitable Advisors  
Ryan Calhoun, Equitable Advisors  
Tom Hough, Hough Associates  
Chuck Raudenbush, Hough Associates  
John Gault, Millennium Strategies  
Dan O'Brien RBC Capital Markets  
Thomas Droege, Ridge Support Technologies  
Paul Bowman, Ridge Support Technologies  
Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, WK2 Consulting

**Presentations:**

Mr. Garges welcomed State Senator Frank Farry; State Representatives Tim Brennan, Joe Hogan, James Prokopiak, and Kathleen "KC" Tomlinson; Senator Steve Santarsiero staff member David Goldstein; Senator Jarrett Coleman Chief of Staff Leo Knepper; Representative Brian Munroe Deputy Chief of Staff Ryan Leighton; Representative Kristin Marcell; and staff member Patricia Caimano. Each of the panelists provided a brief introduction to the membership.

The State Legislature Q&A Panel featured a series of questions, with panel members taking turns to share their responses.

Question #1: Has the state consider implementing a mandatory real estate tax reassessment timeframe for Counties? What about at other specific intervals such as at the time of re-sale?

*State Senator Frank Farry remarked that such a measure would be mutually beneficial for the County.*

*State Representative Hogan indicated that he anticipates action on this in the near future.*

Question #2: Is the state willing to amend the Second-Class Township Code to increase the general purpose millage rate cap (14 mills) to match that provided for in the First-Class Township Code and Borough Code (30 mills). We understand that PSATS is looking for a sponsor in the General Assembly.

*Representative Kathleen “KC” Tomlinson noted that the House of Representatives is currently seeking sponsors for this initiative.*

*State Senator Frank Farry provided an update on ongoing actions in Harrisburg, including recent legislative efforts and developments related to the proposal.*

Question #3: Has the General Assembly considered Emergency Medical Services (EMS) legislation for issuing insurance checks to EMS provider rather than serviced individuals?

*Representative Hogan noted House Bill 1152, which would direct insurance payments to EMS providers rather than individuals, and mentioned that the bill is seeking co-sponsors. He expressed hope to see action soon due to concerns about losing volunteers.*

*Representative James Prokopiak indicated that progress is unlikely in the near term, as the bill still needs a sponsor.*

Question #4: Are there any updates on oversight legislation for Data Centers?

*Representative Prokopiak noted that he is collaborating with other staff to ensure protections for local residents.*

*Representative Hogan stated that oversight legislation is moving forward regardless, highlighting that it will aid with climate-related issues, generate minimal traffic, provide significant income to communities, and create high-paying jobs.*

*Senator Farry mentioned that impact fees beyond property taxes are being considered.*

*Senator Jarrett Coleman Chief of Staff, Leo Knepper shared that the Pennsylvania Utility Commission noted that they are reviewing studies and allocating more funds to assistance programs.*

Question #5: Can you provide an update on whether the Pennsylvania General Assembly plans to revisit or reform the Sterling Act, particularly in light of its continued impact on local tax authority and regional economic competitiveness?

*Senator Farry provided an update on the status of the Sterling Act.*

*Representative Kristin Marcell, Staff Member, Patricia Caimano explained that there is a companion Bill being coordinated with Representative Marcell’s office and Representative KC Tomlinson noted that passage of the bill would require support from Philadelphia legislators.*

Question #6: Following the passage of Act 54 of 2024 which allowed higher millage rates for Fire and EMS, are there plans to extend similar authority for other municipal priorities such as storm sewer or MS4?

*Representative KC Tomlinson explained that many townships have already addressed these needs on their own and noted that a House bill is currently in development to provide broader legislative authority.*

Question #7: PA House Bill 1291 regarding legal notices does not address the issue that municipal governments are denied the opportunity to place legal ads on digital platforms or free newspapers such as the Bucks County Herald. Is there support to revise the bill to offer more cost effective and flexible options to municipalities?

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Representative Brennan provided an update on his work with the Office of Open Records (OOR).

State Senator Frank Farry shared an update on the Skilled Games initiative.

Mr. Garges thanked the panelist for taking the time to attend the discussion and for their thoughtful responses to the membership's questions.

**Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:**

Upon motion by Becki Marncik, seconded by Bob Pellegrino the Treasurer's Report for April 2026, was unanimously approved.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Upon motion by Caroline Brinker seconded by Bob Pellegrino, the March 5, 2026 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Casey  
Consortium Coordinator