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Pennsylvania Economic Development Association Announces New and Renewed Director Terms, Officers

Harrisburg, PA, December 11, 2023 — The Pennsylvania Economic Development Association (PEDA) is pleased to announce the following decisions made at its December 11, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

The following slate of officers was approved to serve from January 2024 through December 2025.

- President Laura Goodrich Cairns, Director of Commerce
Delaware County Commerce Center
- 1st Vice President Rob Swales, CEO
Clearly Ahead Development
- 2nd Vice President Melissa Stone, VP of Economic Development
Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC
- Immediate Past President Stephen McKnight, President & CEO
Altoona Blair County Development Corporation

The following Directors were approved to serve renewed terms from January 2024 through December 2026.

- John Biemiller Director, BRE
Economic Development Company of Lancaster County
- Michelle Bisbing Director of Marketing
Pocono Mountains Economic Development Corporation
- Phil Eastman Director of Economic Development
PECO, an Exelon Company
- Ryan Glenn Director of Statewide Initiatives
Ben Franklin Technology Partners

- Lisa Riggs Senior Managing Director, Economic Growth Strategy & Partnerships
Team Pennsylvania
- Mary Beth Wood Executive Director
Wayne Economic Development Corporation

The following individuals were approved as new Directors to serve terms from January 2024 through December 2026.

- Robin Fitzpatrick President
Adams Economic Alliance
- Aaron Gantz Senior Director of Economic Development
Greater Reading Chamber Alliance
- Juan Garrett Executive Director
Riverside Center for Innovation
- Jarred Heuer Executive Director
Clarion County Economic Development Corporation
- Bruce Reddock Director of Economic Development
The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce
- Byron G. Stauffer, Jr. Executive Director
Indiana County Development Corporation (ICDC)
- Jennifer Wakeman Executive Director
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About Pennsylvania Economic Development Association

PEDA's mission is to promote sound economic development policies, provide leading-edge economic development education and nurture an effective statewide economic development network to foster the economic growth of the Commonwealth.

PEDA's membership is comprised of professionals representing economic and community development at the municipal, county, regional, and state levels as well as workforce development professionals, commercial and industrial developers, business and technology incubator operators, project finance professionals, IDA directors, chamber of commerce executives, elected officials, and executives representing utilities and transportation, engineering, and construction. For further information, visit PEDA.org.

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