

# PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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## SESSION #1 OPENING RETREAT PART 1 AGENDA

Thursday, September 17, 2015  
Radisson Hotel Harrisburg, Room Governor B  
1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011

☞ The first day of the opening retreat gives Fellows an opportunity to get to know one another. It also provides a broad contextual analysis of Pennsylvania politics and the connections of education policy to broader social contexts. ☞

11:30 a.m. Registration/Lunch/Networking – Room Governor B, Radisson Hotel

12:00 p.m. *Getting Acquainted/Introduction to EPFP*

**Ron Cowell**  
*President, EPLC*

**Mattie Robinson**  
*Manager of Operations and  
Communications & EPFP  
Coordinator, EPLC  
EPFP Class of 2010-2011*

1:00 p.m. *Changes in Society, Demography, and Education*

**Robert E. Feir, Ph.D.**  
*Former Senior Fellow  
EPLC*

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. *Politics, Elections, and Pennsylvania Public Policy*

**Dr. G. Terry Madonna**  
*Director, Center for Politics and  
Public Affairs, Franklin and  
Marshall College, Professor of  
Public Affairs, and Director,  
Franklin and Marshall College Poll*

4:30 p.m. Break

4:45 p.m. Group Picture – move to Keystone C,  
Radisson Convention Center

**Fellows**

5:30 p.m. *Setting the Stage: Fundamentals of Education  
Policymaking and Key Education Policy Issues*

**Ron Cowell**

6:30 p.m. Dinner

8:30 p.m. Adjourn

**SESSION #1 OPENING RETREAT  
PART 2 AGENDA**

Friday, September 18, 2015  
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☞ The second day of the opening retreat introduces Fellows to some key players in education policymaking in the state, and provides insights into how education policy is made and who provides leadership in the process. ☞

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| 8:30 a.m.  | Opening Comments  | <b>Ron Cowell</b><br><i>EPFP Co-Coordinator</i>  |
| 9:00 a.m.  | <b><i>The Role of the State Board of Education and the IRRC</i></b> | <b>Karen Molchanow</b><br><i>Executive Director</i><br><i>PA State Board of Education</i><br><i>EPFP Class of 2007-2008</i>  |
| 10:00 a.m. | <b><i>The Role of School Districts and School Boards</i></b>        | <b>Ashley Lenker White</b><br><i>Government Affairs Director</i><br><i>Executive Director, EdPAC</i><br><i>PA School Boards Association</i><br><i>EPFP Class of 2014-2015</i>  |
| 11:00 a.m. | Break   |  |
| 11:15 a.m. | <b><i>The Role of Research in Education Policy</i></b>              | <b>Dr. Edward Fuller</b><br><i>Director</i><br><i>Penn State Center for Education</i><br><i>Evaluation and Policy Analysis</i><br><i>Pennsylvania State University</i><br><i>EPFP Class of 2011-2012</i>   |
| 12:30 p.m. | Lunch   |  |
| 1:00 p.m.  | <b><i>The Policy Players and the Process</i></b>                    | <b>Ron Cowell, Moderator</b><br><b>Colleen Kopp</b><br><i>Senior Associate, S.R. Wojdak &amp; Associates</i><br><i>Former PA Secretary for Legislative Affairs</i><br><b>Peter J. Shelly</b><br><i>Partner, Shelly Lyons Public Affairs &amp; Communications</i><br><i>Co-Founder, Capitolwire.com</i><br><i>Former Journalist, <u>Harrisburg Patriot-News</u>, <u>Pittsburgh Post-Gazette</u>, and <u>Philadelphia Inquirer</u></i><br><b>Tony May</b><br><i>Partner, Triad Strategies</i><br><i>Former Communications Director, Governor Robert P. Casey</i><br><b>TBD</b> |
| 3:00 p.m.  | Reflections on Presentations and Adjournment                        | <b>Fellows</b>   |