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Chamber to Host *Policy & Progress: Lunch with Legislators*

Business leaders invited to hear from state policymakers on the 2026 legislative session, Virginia's new budget, and priorities for 2027

DANVILLE, Va. – The Danville Pittsylvania Chamber of Commerce will host *Policy & Progress: Lunch with Legislators* on Wednesday, August 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research.

Unlike the Chamber's traditional legislative update held immediately following the General Assembly session, this year's August event offers a unique opportunity for attendees to gain deeper insight into Virginia's public policy landscape. With the legislative session complete and the Commonwealth's budget approved just weeks ago, participants will hear how recently enacted legislation and budget decisions will impact businesses and communities across the region while also looking ahead to the issues expected to shape the 2027 General Assembly session.

The program will open with remarks from Brad Hall, the newly appointed President & CEO of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

Following his remarks, Keith Martin, Executive Vice President of Public Policy and General Counsel for the Virginia Chamber, will provide a comprehensive overview of the 2026 General Assembly session, highlighting legislation affecting Virginia's business community and the Commonwealth's economic competitiveness.

The event will conclude with a moderated panel discussion led by Linda Green, Vice President of Economic Development at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research; Executive Director of the Southern Virginia Regional Alliance; and Chair of the Chamber's Legislative Committee. Panelists include Senator Tammy Mulchi,

Delegate Eric Phillips, and Delegate Madison Whittle, who will discuss the recently concluded legislative session, Virginia's newly adopted budget, and the policy priorities and challenges expected to emerge during the 2027 session.

"This year's format provides a broader perspective than our traditional legislative update," said Anne Moore-Sparks, president & CEO of the Danville Pittsylvania Chamber of Commerce. "By bringing together statewide business leaders and our local elected officials after both the legislative session and budget have concluded, attendees will gain a more complete understanding of where Virginia stands today and where public policy is headed next. It is an excellent opportunity for our business community to engage directly with the policymakers representing our region."

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear directly from elected officials, gain valuable insight into state policy decisions, and better understand how legislation passed in Richmond affects employers, economic development, and the regional business climate.

The event is open to Chamber members and the public. Registration is required.

For additional information or to register: <https://bit.ly/2026PolicyandProgress>

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About the Danville Pittsylvania Chamber of Commerce

The Danville Pittsylvania Chamber of Commerce is the premier advocate for business in the region, representing more than 620 member organizations. The Chamber accelerates business growth by connecting organizations and their employees to dynamic resources, leadership opportunities, and strategic networks that strengthen the regional economy.