

## LEG REG REVIEW

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#### **SPEAKER ROZZI's LISTENING SESSIONS**

PA House Speaker Mark Rozzi (D-Berks) announced on January 20 that he was convening listening sessions to seek public input on how the PA House of Representatives can rise above the current gridlock and “*hear directly from our citizenry on how they think the House can best move forward and heal the divides that exist due to the hyper-partisan politics in Harrisburg.*”

As readers know, the House is at a standstill with no adopted rules, no legislation introduced, and no committees named to consider those bills. One element of this “hyper-partisan politics” is who will actually govern given a Democratic Speaker who says he will preside without partisanship and a slim Republican majority likely to dissipate if Rep. Lynda Schlegel-Culver (R- Northumberland) is elected Senator in a special election and Allegheny County Democrats win 3 special elections February 7 in strongly Democratic districts.

There are two more hearings scheduled with details below:

***HARRISBURG, Jan. 28 – Speaker of the House Mark Rozzi today announced the next two stops in his statewide listening tour.***

***The third tour stop will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Eric J. Barron Innovation Hub, 123 S. Burrowes St. in State College. The fourth and final tour stop will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2, in the Snyder Room on the Third Floor of the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center of Kings College, 116 N. Main St. in Wilkes-Barre.***

***Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to register for a speaking slot on the [Listening Tour site](#). While there may be slots available the day of the event, pre-registrants will have priority. The event will also be livestreamed [online](#).***

Following is a link to those wishing to attend in person as well as providing Internet opportunities to present comments: <https://www.pahouse.com/Rozzi/Form/?id=1440>.

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

- The PA Senate and PA House will not return to Harrisburg until February 27.
- House Republicans have designated Rep. Tina Pickett (R-Bradford) as Republican Chair of the House Insurance Committee. It is too soon to know whether she will be the Majority or Minority Chair of the committee. Democrats have not specified who their Insurance Committee Chair will be.
- The Senate Banking & Insurance Committee does not have any meetings scheduled.
- No legislation has been referred to the Senate Banking & Insurance Committee as of 1/29/23.
- Governor Shapiro is expected to present his proposal for the FY 2023-24 State Budget to the General Assembly on March 7.
- PA has a special election January 31 in the 27<sup>th</sup> District, vacated by former Senator John Gordner.

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>District is Strongly Republican</b>
Patricia Lawton from Bloomsburg <i>Speech pathologist and adjunct professor</i>	Democratic	
Lynda Schlegel Culver <i>Current State Representative from Sunbury</i>	Republican	

**PA has three special House elections in Allegheny County on February 7 to replace the late Rep. Tony DeLuca (D), now U.S. Rep. Summer Lee (D), and now Lt. Governor Austin Davis (D).**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>All Districts are Strongly Democratic</b>
Joseph Melvin McAndrew <i>Former Allegheny County Dem. Committee Executive Director</i>	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Democratic	
Pastor Clayton Walker *****	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Republican	
Abigail Salisbury <i>Attorney &amp; Swissvale Borough Council</i>	34 <sup>th</sup>	Democratic	
Robert Pagane <i>Former law enforcement officer</i> *****	34 <sup>th</sup>	Republican	
Mathew Gergely <i>McKeesport Chief Finance Office</i>	35 <sup>th</sup>	Democratic	
Don Nevills <i>Retail store owner</i> *****	35 <sup>th</sup>	Republican	

**INSURANCE DEPT. APPROVES WC LOSS COST FILING**

The Insurance Federation of PA (IFP) reported that on January 25, the PA Insurance Department approved the PA Compensation Rating Bureau Loss Cost filing effective April 1, 2023. The filing proposed a 3.33% decrease. **NOTE:** This does not mean Workers Compensation premium reductions across the board. Rate changes depend on the job position classification and the Loss Cost Multiplier. Details: [www.pcrb.com](http://www.pcrb.com) (Filings).

**INSURANCE DEPT. LISTS WC LOSS COST MULTIPLIERS**

- Following is a link to the PA Insurance Department’s list of Workers Compensation Loss Cost Multipliers effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. <https://www.insurance.pa.gov/Coverage/Pages/Worker's-Compensation.aspx>.
- Here are the 2023 Loss Cost Multipliers for the top ten market share carriers writing Workers Compensation as of the latest PA Insurance Department Annual Statistical Report (2019): [https://www.insurance.pa.gov/Companies/IndustryActivity/BCBS%20Surplus/Annual%20Commissioner%27s%20Report%20FINAL%202018-2019%20\(for%202018\).pdf](https://www.insurance.pa.gov/Companies/IndustryActivity/BCBS%20Surplus/Annual%20Commissioner%27s%20Report%20FINAL%202018-2019%20(for%202018).pdf).

**Top Ten Workers Compensation Market Share**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>2019 Market Share</b>	<b>2023 Loss Cost Multiplier</b>
1	SWIF	5.61%	3.716
2	Zurich American	4.42%	2.592
3	UPMC	3.28%	1.580
4	Eastern Alliance	2.50%	1.6500
5	Wesco Ins. Co.	2.36%	1.850
6	Lackawanna Amer.	2.24%	1.650
7	Erie Ins. Exchange	2.13%	1.7640
8	American Zurich	1.81%	1.8400
9	Flagship City	1.66%	1.4990
10	Phoenix Ins. Co.	1.56%	1.5050