

GREATER LEHIGH VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE  
POLICY ADOPTION PROCESS

Mission/Purpose: To take non-partisan advocacy positions on issues that affect Lehigh Valley businesses.

The Public Policy Committee of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce may adopt positions on matters of public policy and issues that affect Lehigh Valley businesses by following the process set forth below.

The adoption process is as follows:

1. Any Chamber member or staff member may bring a public policy issue to the attention of the Public Policy Committee Chair or Executive Vice President of Public Policy and request that it be considered for adoption as an “endorsed position” of the Chamber (hereinafter referred to as the “Position”). The party making the request must complete a short form outlining the details of the proposed Position.
2. Upon receipt of a request to take a Position, the request will be reviewed by the Public Policy Chair, the Chamber President, the Chamber Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and the Chamber’s Vice President for Public Policy. A majority vote will determine whether the Position should be considered for adoption by the Public Policy Committee.
3. If the Position is approved for consideration, the Public Policy Chairperson will appoint an ad hoc review committee of not less than 3 nor more than 5 persons to review the Position and make a recommendation to the Public Policy Committee, within 45 days, as to the direction that the Chamber should take on the Position and the ad hoc review committee shall present to the Public Policy Committee a proposed draft of the Position. To the extent possible, the ad hoc review committee should be comprised of members with professional or personal familiarity with the issue(s) involved in the Position. The members of the ad hoc review committee need not be members of the Public Policy Committee.
4. Contemporaneous with the appointment of the ad hoc review committee, the Chamber will, if feasible, attempt to notify the Chamber membership of the proposed Position and solicit comments and opinions from the membership on the proposed Position.
5. The Public Policy Committee will then vote on the adoption of the Position (majority vote).
6. If the Public Policy committee rejects adopting a Position, the Public Policy Committee may determine that it wishes to pursue the issue by educating and informing the Chamber membership.
7. If the Position is adopted by the Public Policy Committee, it will then go to the Executive Committee for a vote, and, if approved, to the Chamber Board of Governors for a final vote.