



Economic and Community Advisory Council

March 7, 2023

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Pennsylvania Room

8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Breakfast and Networking

9:00 a.m.–9:10 a.m.

Group Introductions

Deborah Hayes, Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs

Welcoming Remarks

Chellie Cameron, Council Chair, President and CEO, the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia

9:10 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

Opening Reflections and Group Questions

Patrick Harker, President and Chief Executive Officer

9:30 a.m.–10:10 a.m.

Assessing Consumer Well-Being

Tom Akana, Senior Advisor and Research Fellow

Discussion co-facilitated by Chellie Cameron and Theresa Singleton, Senior Vice President and Community Affairs Officer

Discussion Questions

- Do these trends resonate with what you are experiencing in your industry sector?
- What are your expectations on consumer sentiment and behavior over the next three to six months? Are you shifting your business strategy as a result of consumer sentiment?
- What other information would be valuable to you? Are there other questions should we be asking consumers?

10:10 a.m.–10:20 a.m.

Break



10:20 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

Economic and Business Conditions and Labor Market Trends

Presentation by Ryo Tashiro, Senior Outreach Economist

Discussion facilitated by Chellie Cameron and Dennis Pullin

Discussion Questions

- What are your top concerns right now related to the economy, and how are they impacting your organization, those you serve, or your customer base?
- What is your assessment of general business activity for your organization? Are there variations across regions in your footprint? How are you adjusting your business model as a result?
- How are labor market conditions? Is your organization facing any specific challenges? Are you anticipating any workforce adjustments such as hiring temporary workers, layoffs, changing hours, etc.?
- Are there any other emerging economic trends you are observing?

11:45 a.m.

Closing Remarks

Pat Harker

11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Lunch

Constitution Dining Room

2023 ECAC Meeting Dates: Wednesday, August 16, and Tuesday, November 14