
MATT SMITH

Chief Growth Officer, Allegheny Conference on Community Development



Matt Smith serves as Chief Growth Officer of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, a position he assumed on January 1, 2023. In this role, Smith leads the Conference's economic development efforts with a focus on growth of the regional economy through the attraction and retention of business investment and talent. Smith is also responsible for the organization's local, state and federal policy and advocacy efforts, which are strategically oriented toward increasing economic competitiveness and accelerating growth opportunities regionwide.

In his most recent role, Smith served as president of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, an affiliate of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development since June 2015. The Chamber advocates at the local, state and federal levels to improve the economy and the quality of life for all who live, work and do business in the 10-county Pittsburgh region.

Prior to joining the Chamber, Smith represented the 37th Senatorial District serving in the Pennsylvania State Senate. While in the Senate, Smith served as the minority chairman of the Banking and Insurance Committee and of the State Government Committee. He also served on the Aging and Youth Committee, Appropriations Committee, Judiciary Committee and Transportation Committee.

Before being elected to the Senate, Smith served three terms in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He sat on the Appropriations Committee during his entire tenure and spent his final House term as the minority Subcommittee Chair on Economic Impact and Infrastructure. He also served on the House Finance Committee as the minority Vice Chair, as well as on the Insurance, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committees.

Born and raised in Bethel Park, Smith is a graduate of Bethel Park High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, and holds a law degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was a member of the Duquesne Law Review.

Prior to serving in elected office, Smith worked as an attorney for the law firm of Babst Calland in Pittsburgh, where he specialized in employment law.

Smith is a recipient of the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce 2014 Chamber and Community Champion Award and of the Airport Corridor Transportation Association 2014 Community Partner Award; both awards recognized Smith and fellow legislators for their bipartisan achievements.

Smith's service to the region was recognized by Pittsburgh Magazine and the Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project (PUMP) as a 2010 Pittsburgh '40 Under 40' award winner. In January 2023, he was named to the Pittsburgh Business Times Power 100 list and the City & State PA's Pittsburgh Power 100 list, both of which recognize influential power players throughout the Pittsburgh region.

Smith served as chair of the Shapiro-Davis Transition Advisory Committee for Economic Development. In this role, he led a committee made up of economic development policy experts, business and labor leaders and rural stakeholders – who were tasked by Governor Shapiro to play a critical role in advising the Shapiro-Davis transition on making Pennsylvania more competitive for business investment and talent.

Smith currently serves on the boards of the Allegheny County Airport Authority and the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry.

He lives in Mount Lebanon with his wife Eileen, their daughters Delaney and Emerson and son Jameson.

