

Lehigh Valley Manufacturing & Supply Chain Industry Partnership - Meeting Minutes

Meeting 6 | Monday, March 16, 2026 | 2:00PM-4:00PM

Participants:

Organization	First Name	Last Name
B. Braun Medical Inc.	Vincent	Beller
C.F. Martin & Company	Steve	Hess
Century Promise	Yusuf	Dahl
Da Vinci Science Center	Abby	Wertman
Da Vinci Science Center	Julie	Ambrose
Dynalene	Jennifer	Pearage
Evonik	Michael	Popule
Freshpet Kitchens	Mindy	Deeds
Gemini (KB Systems)	Portia	Watkins
German American Chamber of Commerce	Matthew	Allen
German American Chamber of Commerce	Kevin	Hughes Jr
Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce	Alison	Pickel
Ledvance	Nancy	Williams
Lehigh Carbon Community College	Mike	Brody
Lehigh Career and Technical Institute	Dr. Dipal	Kapadia
Lehigh Valley Planning Commission / WBLV	Minsoo	Park
Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority	Christopher	Heckman
LINC	Katelyn	Mack
Manufacturers Resource Center	Amber	Morris
Moravian University	Jennifer	McKinley
Northampton Community College	Shelly	Mule
Northampton Community College	Dr. Shawn	Thomas
Northampton Community College	Ken	Nasatka
PA CareerLink® Lehigh Valley	Ryan	Knepp
Penn College of Technology	Angelo	Fattore
Penn State Lehigh Valley	Jamie	Merida
Sharp Packaging Services	Brad	Kreibel
Sharp Packaging Services	Kristine	Chimics
SHRM	Yde	Segura
SkillsUSA	Andrew	Hammer
Thread Bioscience	Craig	Serio
Trans-Bridge Lines	Tom	Jebran
Workforce Board Lehigh Valley	Sarah	Lutz

Location:

C. F. Martin & Co., Inc.

510 Sycamore St
Nazareth, PA 1806

Summary:

1. Welcome & Introductions

Sarah Lutz, Assistant Executive Director of the Workforce Board Lehigh Valley (WBLV), then welcomed attendees to the sixth Industry Partnership meeting, thanking the meeting hosts from C. F. Martin & Co., Inc. for providing their space and offering a manufacturing tour following the meeting.

2. Announcements & Partner Updates

Sarah Lutz shared the following updates regarding resources for Industry Partners:

1. Train-the-Trainer mentorship training programs are available for Industry Partners to take advantage of using Partnership funding. To join please email Sarah Lutz at lutzs@workforcelv.org.
2. Funding is available to support industry-recognized credentials for incumbent workers. All training must be completed by June 30, 2026. Training completed already in 2026 may also qualify. To request funding, please email Sarah Lutz at lutzs@workforcelv.org.
3. WBLV has a limited number of tickets available to attend the What's So Cool About Manufacturing awards ceremony. If you are interested in attending, please email Sarah Lutz at lutzs@workforcelv.org.
4. The 3rd Annual Lehigh Valley High School Seniors Only Job Fair will take place on Tuesday, April 28th, 2026 at ArtsQuest. Complete the survey at <https://forms.gle/wofq3knbrz8PAw246> if you are interested in taking part. For questions regarding event registration, contact Dr. Andrea Grannum-Mosley with MosAL Consulting at mosalconsulting@outlook.com or 917-412-2719.

Partner organizations present in the meeting shared the following updates:

1. Da Vinci Science Center is holding their Science Soiree on April 24th. For information or to register, please contact Julie Ambrose at Julie.Ambrose@davincisciencecenter.org.

2. Penn State Lehigh Valley will hold a Lunch & Learn event on April 13th for students and employers. For information or to register, please contact Jamie Merida at jmerida@psu.edu.
3. iTEC Lehigh Valley is expanding Apprenticeship training programs to include tracks for Facilities Maintenance and Diagnostics in addition to active programs for Machining, Industrial Machine Maintenance, Chemistry, and Quality. Funding is available to support on-the-job training and related instruction. For more information, please contact Kevin Hughes Jr at khughes@gaccny.com.

3. Presentation: Lehigh Valley Employment and Population Forecast

Minsoo Park of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and Workforce Board Lehigh Valley presented the recent report, *Lehigh Valley Employment & Population Projections*, which is currently live on the LVPC website and will soon be available on the WBLV website. The report notes a 15.3% population projection through 2050 and a 19.5% regional employee projection over the same time period. Other metrics that were tracked included age, industry, and ethnicity. The full report is available at www.lvpc.org/datalv. For more information or questions, please contact Minsoo Park at mpark@lvpc.org.

4. Discussion: Data Utilization in Industry

The following question were posed to the group:
How is your organization currently leveraging data?

Responses included:

- HR & population data are useful for employers to understand workforce availability.
- Education providers utilize data for career opportunities and planning educational pathways.
- AI and automation are a consideration in the way data is used and protected.
- Changes in business/equipment limit the use of longer-term data usage for some employers.
- Yusuf Dahl of The Century Promise noted that their organization had requested custom data from the LVPC, which was a great benefit for them.

5. Closing

Sarah Lutz announced that the next meeting would take place at Amrize on April 20th. The discussion was adjourned at 3:15PM and followed by a tour of C.F. Martin & Co., Inc.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, April 20th, 2026

TIME: 2:00PM – 3:15PM

Optional Tour: 3:15PM – 4:00PM

LOCATION:

Amrize

5160 Main St

Whitehall Township, PA 18052