

**PA TechCon 2021 Schedule**  
**Day 1 | Wednesday August 4, 2021**

**9:00 – 9:30 AM: Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Kelly Powell Logan, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology  
Eric Darr, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology  
John MacMillan, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Michael Newsome, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**9:30 – 10:15 AM: Keynote: Successful Commonwealth IT Projects**

Moderator: Jill Reeder, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Panelists:

Allison Morgan, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Dave Naisby, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Amy Stum, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Eric Sweden, National Association of State Chief Information Officers  
John Taylor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**10:30 – 11:30 AM: Balancing Risk & Reward: Expecting the Unexpected!**

Brandon Keith, Appalachia Technologies

**10:30 – 11:30 AM: Automation Projects Rarely Fail Because of Technology: Managing the Human Side of Automation**

Matthew Peters, CAI

**12:30 – 1:30 PM: Driving Culture with an Accessibility Program**

Ellen Strom, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**12:30 – 1:30 PM: An IT's Executive Guide to Automation**

Anuk Fernando & Michael Paolozzi, Red Hat

**1:45-2:45 PM: Modernize and Optimize for Business Success**

Chelsea Treboniak, CriticalOps

**1:45-2:45 PM: You Want to Do What? We Need to Talk.**

Harold Federow, Port of Seattle

**3:00 – 4:00 PM: Next Generation Data Protection Strategies to Enable Confident Recovery.**

Jeremiah Stuppy, ePlus  
Karyn Victory, Rubrik  
Brian Zimmer, ePlus

**3:00 – 4:00 PM: Got Budget? An Offer That Can't Be Refused- Influencing through Justification.**

Cliff Schier, Unisys

**4:15 – 5:15 PM: Endnote 1: A Panel Discussion with Commonwealth Executive Leadership**

Moderator: Charlie Gerhards, Harrisburg University of Science & Technology

Panelists:

Chris de Leon

Tom Diecidue

Jason Hebbe

Dory McGuire

**4:15 – 5:00 PM: Endnote 2: A Panel Discussion with County Government Leadership**

Moderator: Michael Sage, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania

Panelists:

Justin Loose, Berks County

John Kavak, Chester County

**Day 2 | Thursday August 5, 2021**

**9:00 – 9:30 AM: Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Kelly Powell Logan, Harrisburg University of Science & Technology

Michael Sage, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania

**9:30 – 10:15 AM: Keynote: A Panel Discussion with Prominent CIO's**

Moderator: Aaron Mimran, Comcast Business, Keystone Region

Speakers

Brian Laird, Naval Supply Systems Command Headquarters

John MacMillan, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Heidi Norman, City of Pittsburgh

Mark Wheeler, City of Philadelphia

**10:30-11:30 AM: Modern Government: Connected, Powered, Trusted**

Jean Bechtel, KPMG

Kathryn Hartzell, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

Duane McKee, Pennie

Lorna Stark, KPMG

**10:30 – 11:30 AM: Using AI to Foster Innovation, Improve Customer Experience, & Service Delivery**

Rachel Frey, Deloitte Consulting

Adita Karkera, Deloitte Consulting

**12:30 – 1:30 PM: The Future of How We Do Business**

Jessica Shelly, Comcast Business

**12:30-1:30 PM: Driving Culture Change with an Accessibility Program**

Ellen Strom, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**1:45-2:45 PM: Change Management (Scope Change) vs. Change Management (Organization Change Management): The Good, the Bad, the Ugly.**

Amy Towson, Momentum Inc.

**1:45-2:45 PM: Everything's Changing: Managing & Leading Through Change**

Jason Woodcock, MathTech

**3:00 – 4:00 PM: Estimating Lottery Revenue on a Quantum Computer**

Stephen Penn, Harrisburg University of Science & Technology

**3:00 – 4:00 PM: The Hybrid Workforce**

Charles Olden, Cisco

**4:15 – 5:00 PM: A Panel Discussion with Commonwealth Executive Leadership**

Moderator: Kelly Powell Logan, Harrisburg University of Science & Technology

Panelists:

Chris Dressler

Patti Chapman

Dustin Rhoads

Julie Snyder

**4:15 – 5:00 PM: A Panel Discussion with Agency Executive Leadership**

Moderator: Ann Hughes, Technology Council of Pennsylvania

Panelists:

Rob McCabe, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board

PN Narayanan, Pennsylvania Treasury

Brittany Piazza, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission