

Matt Smith

Board Vice Chairman
Allegheny County Airport Authority



Matt Smith became president of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, an affiliate of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, in 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. During his Senate term, Smith was also appointed to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the Basic Education Funding Commission, and the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation 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 the Insurance, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committees. He worked in a bipartisan manner on reform efforts such as reducing the size of the legislature and championed student health and safety initiatives.

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 has also received the 2013 ACHIEVE Award of Excellence in Legislation in recognition of advocacy and policy efforts to serve individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities. In 2011, he received the Pennsylvania chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Government Award for his leadership in promoting sustainable development. In 2007, he was named State Elected Official of the Year by the Allegheny County Library Association.

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.

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.