



## FYI NEWSLETTER

Promoting Responsible Economic Development Since 1967

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### Best Wishes!



With great appreciation, The Committee of 100 celebrated the retirement of **Jennifer Kmiec** at the Annual June BBQ. We thank her for her tireless advocacy of responsible economic development policies in Delaware!

# Welcome Aboard!



We are pleased to introduce **Elizabeth Keller** as the new Executive Director of The Committee of 100.

She comes to the organization with 13 years of experience in state government, most recently as the Director of the Delaware Tourism Office.

To learn more, please view this Delaware Business Times article on the transition <https://delawarebusinesstimes.com/news/keller-committee-of-100/>.

Elizabeth assumed the role on July 11<sup>th</sup> and can be reached at [ekeller@committeeof100.com](mailto:ekeller@committeeof100.com) or (302) 654-6115.

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## Dover Wrap-up



The second session of the 151<sup>st</sup> General Assembly came to a close just after midnight on June 30.

A nearly \$5.1 billion Fiscal Year 2023 operating budget and \$378.6 million in one-time supplemental appropriation were passed and signed by Governor Carney. While these are the largest in state's history, they include increases to the budget stabilization fund to prepare for future economic and revenue downturns.

The \$1.46 billion Capital budget was also passed and signed that includes funding for transportation systems, increased clean water investments, and upgrades for libraries, schools, courthouses, and state buildings.

The Transportation Infrastructure Investment Fund (TIIF) was funded again at \$10 million that will continue to allow DelDOT to provide timely assistance for major economic development projects.

The Laboratory Space Development Fund received an additional \$10 million. The Delaware Prosperity Partnership (DPP) is responsible for vetting companies to ensure they are at the right phase to qualify for the grant. To qualify for review, lab-based companies need to be partnered with developers or landlords on a specific project.

### Ready in Six

Two bills that were priorities for The Committee of 100, the Delaware Business Roundtable and other members of the Ready in Six coalition did not make it through in the final days of the session. [House Bill 420](#) would have made the

PLUS process optional, and [House Bill 484](#) would have allowed for temporary entrance permits. We will continue to advocate next year for these bills to improve the permitting process for businesses that are looking to expand or locate in Delaware. Both will help Delaware be in a more competitive position for job-creating, economic development projects.

### Environmental Bill

Environmental legislation that proposed far-reaching implications for Delaware businesses, utilities and agriculture failed to receive the needed votes to win release from the House Natural Resources Committee.

[Senate Bill 305 as amended](#), (the Delaware Climate Change Solutions Act) would have required Delaware to reduce its statewide greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50% by 2030 (compared to 2005) and by no less than 90% by 2050.

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) and many other state agencies already have broad discretion to unilaterally create regulations. This bill would have further expanded that authority.

The Committee of 100, the New Castle County Chamber of Commerce and other organizations testified before the House Natural Resources Committee that many significant stakeholders, including electric utilities, business organizations, and agricultural groups, were not consulted in the drafting of the legislation and that its late introduction and fast-tracking severely limited opportunities to bring concerns to legislators. We will monitor this legislation should it be reintroduced when the 152<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly convenes in January.

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## **2022 - 2023 Dinner Meetings & Member Receptions PREPAY AND SAVE!**

We are pleased to again offer Members the opportunity to save time and money by prepaying monthly fees for The Committee of 100's upcoming season.

This **Prepayment Plan** includes Dinner Meetings in September and November 2022, and January, March and May 2023; Member Receptions in October 2022, and February and April 2023; plus the Annual BBQ in June 2023.

**NOTE: The Committee of 100's 50th Annual Auction on December 7, 2022 is not included.**

If you paid monthly, the five Dinner Meetings (\$50 each), three Member Receptions (\$30 each) and June BBQ (\$55) would total \$395. If you take advantage of the **Prepayment Plan**, however, your cost for these nine events is only **\$365, a savings of \$30, or attendance at one Member Reception free!** Actually, you save even more - postage, bookkeeping and check handling in your office and ours - everyone benefits!

Many Members prepay for several registrations for the monthly meetings, inviting different guests each month. If you are unable to attend a Dinner Meeting or Member Reception, simply substitute a colleague in your absence. **Sorry, no refunds or credits.**

**To take advantage of this convenient Prepayment Plan, register online by Friday, September 16, 2022.**



Questions? Contact Lanor at [lyder@committeeof100.com](mailto:lyder@committeeof100.com) or 267-207-4151.

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## **Save the Date!**

### **Tuesday, September 20, 2022**

September Dinner Meeting

University & Whist Club

5:30 p.m. Cocktails & Networking

6:30 p.m. Dinner & Program

***Speaker to be Announced Soon***

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