



Draft Agenda

Note: Listed breaks and meals below are included in the attendee registration.

Tuesday, February 11

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

Hosted Breakfast for Board of Directors | 7:30a – 9:00a

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****Pick up your name badge in the Board meeting room****

Hosted Lunch for Board of Directors | 12:00p – 1:00p

Exhibitor Check-In & Setup | 1:00p – 5:00p

WINTER POLICY FORUM WELCOME RECEPTION with Exhibitors | 5:30p – 7:00p

REGENCY B (Ballroom Level)

*Hospitality Desk: Check-in & Pick up your name badge for Winter Policy Forum

Wednesday, February 12

WINTER POLICY FORUM

HOSPITALITY DESK | 7:30a – 5:00p | REGENCY FOYER (Ballroom Level)

*Check in: Pick up your name badge between 7:00a – 9:00a

HOSTED BREAKFAST | 8:00a – 9:00a | REGENCY BALLROOM (Ballroom Level)

EXHIBIT SHOWCASE | 8:00a – 5:00p | REGENCY BALLROOM (Ballroom Level)

OPENING PLENARY SESSION | 9:00a – 10:50a | REGENCY BALLROOM (Ballroom Level)

WELCOME & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joseph M. Barela, Chair, NASWA Board of Directors and Executive Director,
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

NASWA WELCOME

Scott B. Sanders, NASWA President & CEO

THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE OF 2025

John Colbert, Co-Founder and Partner, Capitol Hill Partners

A WORD FROM OUR GOLD SPONSORS

POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE U.S. WORKFORCE IN THE 119TH CONGRESS

Committee staff from the following committees:

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

House Committee on Education and the Workforce

BREAK | 10:50a – 11:20a | REGENCY BALLROOM (Ballroom Level)

Plenary Session | 11:20a – 12:05pm | REGENCY BALLROOM (Ballroom Level)

WORKFORCE SYSTEM THOUGHT LEADERS

WINTER WORKFORCE INNOVATION AWARDS LUNCHEON | 12:05p – 1:15p
REGENCY BALLROOM (Ballroom Level)

HOSTED LUNCHEON

WINTER WORKFORCE INNOVATION AWARDS

The Winter Workforce Innovations Awards are presented by several of NASWA's national policy committees.

- The **Data Insights and Innovations Award** is presented by the Workforce & Labor Market Information Committee and honors a state workforce agency, or partnership involving a state workforce agency, for achievements related to labor market and workforce information.
- The **Merrill Baumgardner Innovation in Information Technology Award** is presented by the Technology Committee and a state demonstrating excellence in the field of information technology.
- The **Pinnacle Award for Business Development** is presented by the Employment & Training Committee and honors a state workforce agency for an innovative business services initiative, framework, or effort of national impact, that addresses the employment/workforce needs of businesses at one or several stages and results in significant positive impacts for businesses.
- The **Pinnacle Award for Workforce Development** is presented by the Employment & Training Committee and recognizes a state workforce agency for an

innovative workforce project, strategy, or initiative that involves assisting certain or all customers with career services and/or the attainment of in-demand skills and credentials, and which results in significant contributions towards the achievement of opportunity for customers.

- The **William J. Harris Equal Opportunity Award** is presented by the Equal Opportunity Committee and recognizes a state, or partnership involving a state, for an innovative workforce-related program, project, or initiative which results in significant contributions towards the achievement of equal opportunity and nondiscrimination.

PLENARY SESSION | 1:15p – 2:45p | REGENCY BALLROOM (Ballroom Level)

HEARING FROM THE U.S. Department of Labor

HEARING FROM OUR GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

BREAK | 2:45p – 3:15p | REGENCY BALLROOM (Ballroom Level)

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION | 3:15p – 5:00p | REGENCY BALLROOM (Ballroom Level)

INTERACTIVE ATTENDEE DISCUSSION SESSION

AI AND THE WORKFORCE SYSTEM

ADJOURNMENT

Joseph M. Barela, Chair, NASWA Board of Directors and Executive Director,
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

Thursday, February 13

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Hosted Breakfast for Committees | 7:30a – 9:00a

Check-In: Committee Attendees who didn't attend Winter Policy Forum | 7:30a – 5:00p |
Hospitality Desk - Regency Foyer (Ballroom Level) ****Pick up your name badge****

Administration & Finance Committee | 8:30a – 5:00p

Communication Committee | 9:00am – 5:00p

Employment & Training Committee | 8:30a – 5:00p

Equal Opportunity Committee | 8:30a – 5:00p

Technology Committee | 8:30a – 5:00p

WLMI Committee | 8:30a – 5:00p

Hosted Committees Luncheon | 12:00p– 1:00p

Friday, February 14

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Hosted Breakfast for Committees | 7:30a – 9:00a

Technology Committee | 8:30a – 12:00p

WLMI Committee | 8:30a – 12:00p

WLMI Partners Meeting | 1:00p – 4:00p