



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 – 10:40a | 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

A WORD FROM OUR GOLD SPONSORS

THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE OF 2025

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

INTERACTIVE ATTENDEE DISCUSSION SESSION

Facilitator: **Scott B. Sanders**, President and CEO, NASWA

BREAK | 10:40a – 11:10a | REGENCY BALLROOM (Ballroom Level)

Plenary Session | 11:10a – 12:05pm | REGENCY BALLROOM (Ballroom Level)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM THOUGHT LEADERS

Moderator: **Deniece Thomas**, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development

Speakers:

Harry Holzer, Professor of Public Policy, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy; Nonresident Senior Fellow, Brookings

Demetra Smith Nightingale, Institute Fellow, Urban Institute

Brent Orrell, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

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

HOSTED LUNCHEON 12:05 – 12:45pm

WINTER WORKFORCE INNOVATION AWARDS 12:45pm – 1:15pm

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.

BREAK | 1:15p – 1:30p | REGENCY BALLROOM (Ballroom Level)

PLENARY SESSION | 1:30p – 2:30p | REGENCY BALLROOM (Ballroom Level)

HEARING FROM OUR ASSOCIATION PARTNERS

Moderator: **Julie Squire**, Vice President, Policy and General Counsel, NASWA

Speakers:

Brad Turner-Little, President and CEO, National Association of Workforce Boards

Tim Carlton, Legislative Director, National Governors Association

Will Durden, Board Chair Elect, National Association of State Directors of Adult Education

Tonia D. Ferguson, Esq., Director of Legislative Affairs, Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation

BREAK | 2:30p – 3:00p | REGENCY BALLROOM (Ballroom Level)

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION | 3:00p – 4:30p | REGENCY BALLROOM (Ballroom Level)

AI AND THE FUTURE OF WORK

Molly Kinder, Fellow, Brookings Institution

Mark Muro, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

REFLECTIONS ON THE DAY AND ADJOURNMENT

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

EVENING RECEPTION | 6:30p – 8:00p

REGENCY A (Ballroom Level)

A light dinner will be offered for those who wish to stay in the hotel due to the anticipated inclement weather.

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

Communications Committee | 9:00am – 12:00p

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

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

Technology Committee | 8:30a – 12:00p

WLMI Committee | 8:30a – 12:00p

