

WEST VIRGINIA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

2025 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE
Embassy Suites, Charleston, West Virginia
February 25-26, 2025

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 25

- 12:00 p.m. **WVEDC Board of Directors Luncheon Meeting**
- 3:00 p.m. **Registration Opens**
- 3:30 p.m. **WVEDC Membership Meeting**
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Legislative Reception**
- 7:00 p.m. **Dinner on Your Own**

Wednesday Morning, February 26

- 8:30 – 8:35 a.m. **Welcome** - David Lieving, President – WVEDC
- 8:35 – 9:00 a.m. **WVEDC Conference Keynote: Building West Virginia's Economy**
Gov. Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the State of West Virginia (invited)
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. **WV Senate and the WV House Leadership Perspectives**
Moderator – David Lieving
Randy Smith – President, WV Senate
Roger Hanshaw – Speaker, WV House of Delegates
- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. **Economic Development Committee Chairs Update**
Moderator – Michael Basile, Spilman Thomas & Battle
Senator Glenn Jefferies – WV Senate
Clay Riley – WV House of Delegate (invited)
- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. **State Government Outlook**
James Bailey, Spillman Thomas & Battle
- 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. **Value of Strategic Microgrid Strategies**
Kevin Wright – President, Protogen
- 11:30 – 12:00 p.m. **West Virginia Grant Resource Center**
Sara Payne Scarbro – Associate Vice President of
Government Relations – Marshall University
Elizabeth Vitullo-VP Econ. Innovation at WVU

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Wednesday Afternoon, February 26

- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Manufacturing, Energy & Future of Economic Development**
Bill Bissett – President, West Virginia Manufacturing Association
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **WVEDC Member EDO's Project Spotlight**
Moderator – David Lieving
PCDA Housing Initiative, Morganne Tenney – PCDA Exec. Dir.
PAZ Somar Project – Keith Burdette, President PAZ
RED-Marshall University Bill Noe Flight School Project – Kevin Price, Chief Development Officer for Aviation, RED Partnership
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 2:45 – 3:15 p.m. **The Financial State of the State**
Larry Pack – West Virginia State Treasurer
- 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. **Local Development Authorities Enabling Legislation Chapter 7-Article 12**
John Stump – Steptoe & Johnson
- 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. **Broadband Progress Report: Connecting West Virginia Communities**
Kelly Workman – Director, Office of Broadband, WVDED
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. **State Economic Development: Key Updates and Strategies**
Dr. Matthew Herridge – Secretary of Commerce
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjournment**

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