



NATIONAL LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

2026 Spring Business Meeting Agenda

April 8-10, 2026 | Art Ovation Hotel | Sarasota, Florida

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ABOUT NLGA

The National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) Members lead today, always prepared for tomorrow, and NLGA is the association providing ongoing tools to promote your best and ready leadership.

NLGA, organized in 1962, is an independently managed, non-profit, peer to peer association (501(c)3) with a mission to promote the office of lieutenant governor in all 50 states and the five U.S. territories by adding to the efficiency and effectiveness of the office and government. NLGA Members include all lieutenant governors and/or the seconds-in-command in each state and territory.

The NLGA has three full-time employees that operate all aspects of the Association, including NLGA committees: the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Nominating Committee.

NLGA staff handle press, academic, legal, and legislative inquiries, as well as perform office and issue research, and create and maintain data on the office of lieutenant governor. The NLGA is the point of contact for intergovernmental affairs at the White House, the Cabinet, federal agencies and for other associations.

In furthering the role of lieutenant governors in the global economy, NLGA staff conduct international outreach and coordinate Embassy visits and missions. NLGA completed several exchanges with China, Taiwan, and Germany, and executed a USAID economic subgrant in Mexico.

NLGA professionally plans and executes at least three meetings per year. Meetings are peer-to-peer opportunities for professional development for lieutenant governors and seconds-in-command and opportunities for the sharing of best practices among leaders in the states and territories. NLGA meeting agendas cover topics and skills supporting your daily duties, and those you need to know if you are governor tomorrow.

NLGA presents four awards annually to Members: the *Government Innovators Award* with Sourcewell; the *STEM Spark Award* with Sapphire Gas Solutions; the *Economic Engine Award* with the National Association of Home Builders; and the *Recycling Impact Award* with the Recycled Materials Association.

NLGA STAFF BIOS

Kellie Rittershausen, Executive Director

Kellie Rittershausen is the Executive Director of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA), where she manages all operations and services in supporting the nation's lieutenant governors and seconds-in-command. Appointed as Executive Director in August 2024, Kellie previously served as NLGA Deputy Director for nearly seven years. NLGA is the nonprofit, nonpartisan, professional association for the gubernatorial successors in state and territorial government.

As Executive Director, Kellie leads the association in member relations, development and fundraising, planning and executing NLGA's three meetings per year, marketing and communications, NLGA programming, and the association's STEM initiatives.

Before joining NLGA, Kellie enjoyed seven years of bipartisan experience working with elected officials, serving as Chief of Staff to the Hamilton County, Ohio, Commission, working with two different commissioners from both majority and minority parties.

Kellie is a lifelong resident of Ohio, and a graduate of Xavier University. She currently resides in Cincinnati with her husband and four dogs.

Steve Ploetz, Operations Manager

Steve Ploetz joined the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) as Operations Manager in November 2024. At NLGA, Steve oversees the administrative functions of the NLGA office, and assists with meeting planning and preparation, bookkeeping and financials, member and database support, and general office support.

Before joining NLGA, Steve was the office manager for a 100+ employee organization, overseeing employee experience, personnel, and administrative needs, and is a former business owner. Steve has a Bachelor's in Wildlife Biology from Ohio University, and lives in Cincinnati.

Justin Fritscher, Meeting Consultant

Justin Fritscher is the meeting consultant for this meeting, in his tenth year assisting NLGA Meetings. Justin lives in Washington, D.C., working as a public affairs specialist. He formerly wrote for The Clarion-Ledger in Jackson, Mississippi. Justin has a master's degree in urban and region planning from Jackson State University and a bachelor's in mass communication from Louisiana State University. Keep America Beautiful honored Justin with the Young Professional Award in 2013. A native of Covington, La., he enjoys running, tennis, cooking, traveling, volunteering and Abita beer.

NLGA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 2025-2026

Officers:

CHAIR: South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette (R)
CHAIR-ELECT: Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman (D)
TREASURER: Nevada Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony (R)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Alabama Lt. Governor Will Ainsworth (R)
- Vermont Lt. Governor John Rodgers (R)
- Utah Lt. Governor Deidre Henderson (R)
- Idaho Lt. Governor Scott Bedke (R)
- Maryland Lt. Governor Aruna Miller (D)
- Rhode Island Lt. Governor Sabina Matos (D)
- North Carolina Lt. Governor Rachel Hunt (D)
- Colorado Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera (D)

Ex officio:

- Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser (R)
- Illinois Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton (D)
- Michigan Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist (D)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, 2025-2026

- CHAIR: South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette (R)
- Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman (D)
- Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser (R)
- Michigan Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist (D)

FINANCE COMMITTEE, 2025-2026

- CHAIR: Nevada Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony (R)
- North Carolina Lt. Governor Rachel Hunt (D)
- Utah Lt. Governor Deidre Henderson (R)
- Rhode Island Lt. Governor Sabina Matos (D)

UPCOMING NLGA MEETINGS:

NLGA 2026 Annual Meeting

Hosted by Colorado Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera!

July 22-24, 2026

The Bally Hotel

Denver, Colorado

NLGA 2026 New Elect & Winter Meeting

December 2-4, 2026

The Madison

Washington, D.C.

NLGA 2027 Spring Business Meeting

Hosted by Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser!

April 7-9, 2027

Hyatt Centric French Quarter

New Orleans, Louisiana

NATIONAL LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (NLGA) 2026 SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

April 8-10, 2026

Sarasota, Florida

Hotel: Art Ovation Hotel (1255 N Palm Ave, Sarasota, FL 34236) | (941) 316-0808

Important Agenda Notes

ATTIRE:

- Business Casual Attire.
- NLGA Member Group Photo will be taken on Wednesday, April 8, at approx. 12:15pm. The photo may take place earlier or later than this time based on how the agenda is running. There will be no roll call taken.

ADA & MEALS

- NLGA complies with ADA. Let NLGA know at least 15 work days before the meeting of needs.
- Meals are listed so attendees will plan for their own dietary needs. No special meals ordered.

ACCESS & SECURITY BADGES:

- Security governs access rules.
- NO INDIVIDUAL is allowed access to any room, meal, reception, event, or shared mode of transportation without a security badge – no exceptions.
- Registration is the only way to generate a security badge. All attendees must have pre-registered online by March 30, 2026. There is no on-site registration or substitution.
- All attendees will show photo ID at the registration desk when picking up their security badge. Security badges may only be picked up by the person whose name is on the badge and only during registration hours.
- State Patrol officers should complete complimentary online registration. All officers are asked to wear the NGSA or state pin.
- IGA: ONE registrant from each Cabinet office of the President may attend, as approved by NLGA. This registration is good for day events only - not evening events.

PRESS:

- Press must pre-register. At registration, press must show photo ID and press credentials, and will wear NLGA badges to work from designated areas.
- Daytime sessions are open to registered press, unless otherwise noted.
- Meals and evening events are NOT open to any press.
- NLGA reserves the right to close any portion of the meeting at any time.

MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

9:00am – 2:15pm | Outside Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Registration

Prepared and staffed by NLGA. All registered attendees should check-in at Registration to pick up name badge, meeting agenda, and other meeting materials.

9:45am – 10:15am | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Coffee & Hospitality Time

All registered attendees with security badges are invited to enjoy pastries, light breakfast items, and coffee in the meeting room before the meeting begins.

10:15am – 10:35am | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Opening Plenary

- Gavel In
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of the States and Territories
- Welcome Remarks
 - Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect (up to 5 min)
 - Florida Lt. Governor Jay Collins (10 min)

10:35am – 11:05am | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Opening Keynote: State-Federal Collaboration on Agriculture & Rural Affairs

Stephen Vaden, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), will provide an overview of USDA programs that can support state and territorial priorities, from rural development to farmers supports and infrastructure. Hear more about federal opportunities for funding and collaboration, and the many ways that states and territories can partner with the USDA to maximize impact and advance shared goals in nutrition, rural development, workforce, and other priorities.

- Deputy Secretary Stephen Vaden, U.S. Department of Agriculture (15 min)

Moderator: Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect

11:05am – 11:15am | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

Welcome to New NLGA Members!

NLGA Members new to NLGA meetings will have 3 minutes each to introduce themselves to their peer lieutenant governors and meeting attendees at the U.

- Northern Mariana Islands Lt. Governor Dennis Mendiola (3 min)
- South Dakota Lt. Governor Tony Venhuizen (3 min)
- New Jersey Lt. Governor Dale Caldwell (3 min)

Moderator: Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect

MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, April 8, 2026, continued

11:15am – 11:45am | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Speaker: “The Center of the Aerospace Future”

Florida’s unique combination of infrastructure, workforce, and innovation-driven partnerships makes the state a premier destination for aerospace companies from around the world. Hear from Robert Long, CEO of Space Florida, on how this unique public corporation and innovation connector helps increase investment, maximize capability, and create solutions to advance Florida’s aerospace ecosystem.

- **Robert Long, President & CEO, Space Florida (15 min)**

Moderator: **Florida Lt. Governor Jay Collins**

11:45am – 12:05pm | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Peer Speaker: Member Priority Initiatives in 2026

Oklahoma Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell will spotlight his priority efforts this year, including work to advance the aerospace industry, support community and workforce development efforts, and celebrate the centennial of Route 66.

- **Oklahoma Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell (10 min)**

Moderator: **Indiana Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith** (*invited*)

12:05pm – 12:10pm | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Group Photo

All interested Members (lieutenant governors, seconds-in-command) will be photographed in a group photo taken by NLGA staff. The photo may take place earlier or later than this time based on how the agenda is running. There will be no roll call taken.

12:10pm – 12:55pm | Crescendo 4-5-6, Art Ovation Hotel

NO MEDIA

NLGA Lunch

All NLGA Members and registered meeting attendees. Must wear security badges.

(*Serving: New England clam chowder, mixed greens salad, diced fruit salad, chicken salad on croissant, Italian focaccia sandwich, assorted kettle chips, fresh baked cookies and brownies*)

12:55pm – 1:00pm | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Announcements

- **Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect**

MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, April 8, 2026, continued

1:00pm - 1:10pm Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel
NLGA Presentation of the NLGA Government Innovators Award
NLGA and Sourcewell present an award to honor a NLGA Member as a leader in innovation. This award recognizes key roles related to best use of taxpayer dollars, improved efficiencies, and bringing innovations to state and territorial government. Through the implementation of modernization, technology, transparency, and other creative solutions, a NLGA Member is recognized. The 2026 NLGA Government Innovators Award recipient will be announced and recognized during this session.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Otto, Sourcewell (3 min) • Winner - announced on site (5 min)
Moderator: Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser

1:10pm - 1:40pm Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel
NLGA Panel: High Tech Driving State Economies
The Florida High Tech Corridor serves a 23-county region anchored by three of the country’s largest research institutions: the University of Central Florida, the University of South Florida and the University of Florida, with the mission to converge and catalyze the capacity of high tech, innovation, and bright minds. Hear from CEO Paul Sohl on how the High Tech Corridor facilitates connection and collaboration between the three universities and their partners in academia, industry and economic development, and how states/territories might support innovative approaches to research, marketing, workforce and entrepreneurship.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Sohl, Rear Adm. USN (Ret), CEO, Florida High Tech Corridor (15 min)
Moderator: Maryland Lt. Governor Aruna Miller

1:40pm - 2:10pm Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel		
NLGA Partners Round Robin		
Each NLGA Partner organization with a registered attendee will have up to 2 minutes each to overview their work and preview priority issues for 2026. NLGA Partners are nonprofits, associations, corporations, and other entities that join NLGA annually to contribute their expertise to the policy discussions impacting state/territorial government.		
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Moderator: Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect		

MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, April 8, 2026, continued

2:10pm - 2:25pm | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Business Session: Finance & Operations Report

- **NLGA Finance Report** - Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect (6 min)
**VOTE: To accept the FY2025 Audit of NLGA*
- **NLGA Operations Report, Elections Report, and New Elect Outreach Plan** - Kellie Rittershausen, NLGA Executive Director (8 min)

Presiding: **Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect**

2:25pm* - 2:40pm | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Partners Meeting - Partners ONLY

*This meeting will start immediately upon the conclusion of the previous session and may begin earlier or later than 2:25pm.

Partner Chair: **John Clark, ACT**

2:25pm - 5:15pm

FREE TIME to Attend to Office Needs

NLGA Members ask outside groups NOT to schedule into this block.

Per the NLGA Executive Committee, this block of time is free time for meeting attendees to attend to individual and office needs.

5:15pm | Meet in Lobby of Hotel

Bus to Evening Event Loads

The bus will leave on time at promptly 5:20pm. NLGA does NOT take roll call to see who may or may not be missing. *All attendees must wear NLGA security badge for entry to the bussing and evening event!

MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, April 8, 2026, continued

6:00pm – 8:00pm | Mote SEA Aquarium (225 University Town Center Dr, Sarasota, FL 34243)

NO MEDIA

NLGA Opening Event: Dine “Underwater” with Local Marine Life!

Sponsored by: National Association of Home Builders

Join NLGA for a memorable evening dining “underwater,” with Gulf Water exhibits above and vibrant sea life all around. Visit the first-floor Gulf Coast gallery to meet stingrays, sharks, and sea turtles up close!

Mote is one of the most unique and impactful independent nonprofit marine research and science education institutions in the world, founded in 1955 and growing into an international marine science enterprise firmly rooted in Sarasota. Mote SEA was opened just last year to expand Mote’s educational reach.

**All attendees must wear NLGA security badge for entry to transportation and evening event.*

Schedule of Activities:

- 6:00pm – 6:30pm: Explore the Gulf Coast Gallery
- 6:30pm: Welcome Remarks
 - Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect (3 min)
 - Karl Eckhart, National Association of Home Builders (5 min)
- 6:40pm: Buffet Dinner Opens
- 8:00pm: Depart Mote SEA and return to Art Ovation Hotel

(Menu: Black kale salad, Corvina Veracruz, Short Rib, papa brava, vegetable ratatouille, coconut bread pudding)

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 9, 2026

8:45am – 2:45pm | Outside Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Registration

Prepared and staffed by NLGA. All registered attendees should check-in at Registration to pick up name badge, meeting agenda, and other meeting materials.

8:45am – 9:15am | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NO MEDIA

NLGA Executive Committee Meeting

Private: NLGA Members Only (lieutenant governors, seconds-in-command)

The Executive Committee Members direct the administration of NLGA, per the Bylaws. Votes are taken first by the Executive Committee, with approved items considered by the full body of NLGA Members present. **All attending lieutenant governors are invited to attend this session, whether you serve on the Executive Committee or not.**

- NLGA Aerospace Committee Update
- New Elect Outreach 2026

Presiding: **Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect**

9:15am – 9:55am | Crescendo 4-5-6, Art Ovation Hotel

NO MEDIA

NLGA Breakfast

All NLGA Members and registered meeting attendees. Must wear security badges.

(Serving: Assorted pastries, seasonal fruit and berries, scrambled eggs, applewood smoked bacon, pork sausage links, crispy potatoes with peppers and onions, assorted breads with butter and preserves)

9:55am – 10:00am | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NO MEDIA

NLGA Daily Announcements

- **Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect**

10:00am – 10:30am | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Keynote: Supporting Veterans

The Wounded Warrior Project, headquartered in Jacksonville, is a leading veterans services organization, dedicated to the total wellbeing of post-9/11 wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their families. WWP assists veterans with mental health, physical wellness, benefits assistance, peer support, and other resources, and has partnered with America250 to recognize veterans and help make 2026 the largest year of volunteerism in U.S. history.

- **Vilma Consuegra, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer, Wounded Warrior Project (15 min)**

Moderator: **Utah Lt. Governor Deidre Henderson**

MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, April 9, 2026, continued

10:30am - 11:00am | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Peer Panel: Lt. Governors Leading in 2026

During this bipartisan panel discussion, hear from two lieutenant governors regarding their priority initiatives this year. First, Delaware Lt. Governor Kyle Evans Gay will discuss her leadership of the Behavioral Health Consortium and efforts to map out the perinatal mental healthcare system, as well as her management of the state's new investments in the early childhood care and education system, and more. Then, South Dakota Lt. Governor Tony Venhuizen will overview his efforts to advance national security and infrastructure resilience, economic development, and other priority initiatives.

- **Delaware Lt. Governor Kyle Evans Gay (10 min)**
- **South Dakota Lt. Governor Tony Venhuizen (10 min)**

Moderator: **Vermont Lt. Governor John Rodgers**

11:00am - 11:10am | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Presentation of the NLGA Economic Engine Award

NLGA and the National Association of Home Builders present an award in recognition of a NLGA Member (lieutenant governor, second-in-command) and their contributions to driving growth and prosperity through economic and workforce opportunities in state and territorial government. The 2026 NLGA Economic Engine Award recipient will be announced and recognized during this session.

- **Ross Ford, National Association of Home Builders (3 min)**
- **Winner - announced on site (5 min)**

Moderator: **Colorado Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera**

11:10am - 11:40am | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Keynote: Cyber Florida

The Florida Center for Cyber Security, or Cyber Florida, was created by the state legislature in 2014 within the University of South Florida with the mission to "position Florida and its related workforce as a national leader in cybersecurity through education, research, and community engagement." Today, Cyber Florida works on behalf of the state to help the citizens, businesses, and organizations of Florida stay safer in cyberspace through partnerships with public and private entities to build a robust workforce pipeline, create new career pathways for innovators, support and facilitate academic research, and engage Floridians through cyber safety awareness campaigns and events.

- **James Jacobs, Director of Partnerships and Policy, Cyber Florida (15 min)**

Moderator: **North Carolina Lt. Governor Rachel Hunt**

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 9, 2026, continued

11:40am – 12:10pm | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Partners Round Robin

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- **Each NLGA Partner Organization (2 min each)**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - American Nurses Association - Comcast - Cargill - SEED - Western Governors University - Apple - Steller - National Association of Chain Drug Stores | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Casey Family Programs - National Association of Home Builders - CropLife America - Consumer Healthcare Products Association - ExxonMobil - CVS Health - Jazz Pharmaceuticals |
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Moderator: Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect

12:10pm – 12:30pm | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Future Meetings Reports & Votes

- **2026 Annual Meeting, July 22-24, 2026, Denver, CO** – Colorado Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera (4 min)
- **2026 New Elect & Winter Meeting, December 2-4, 2026, Washington, D.C.** – Kellie Rittershausen, NLGA Director (4 min)
- **2027 Spring Business Meeting, April 7-9, 2027, New Orleans, LA** – Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser (4 min)
- **2027 Annual Meeting, July TBD 2026, TBD, Maryland** – Maryland Lt. Governor Aruna Miller (4 min) *VOTE

Presiding: Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect

12:30pm – 1:15pm | Crescendo 4-5-6, Art Ovation Hotel

NO MEDIA

NLGA Lunch

All NLGA Members and registered meeting attendees. Must wear security badges.
(Serving: Caesar salad, chargrilled chicken breast with thyme chicken jus, penne pasta with vodka marinara, grilled vegetables, assorted cookies and brownies)

1:15pm – 1:20pm | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Announcements

- **Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect**

MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, April 9, 2026, continued

1:20pm - 1:50pm | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Keynote: State-Federal Collaboration on Travel & Tourism

As Deputy Assistant Secretary for Travel and Tourism, DAS O’Leary is the highest-ranking U.S. official for tourism. DAS O’Leary and his team support policies and programs that enhance the global competitiveness of the U.S. travel and tourism sector, help steer the development of the National Travel and Tourism Strategy, and advance efforts to expand travel and tourism exports in support of jobs and economic growth nationwide.

- **Robert O’Leary, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Travel and Tourism, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce (15 min)**

Moderator: **Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser**

1:50pm - 2:10pm | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

Education Innovation Speaker: Building Safe Schools, Safe Workplaces, & Safe Communities

This session explores how state government leaders can take actionable steps to address challenges impacting every community: student mental health, teen suicide, youth violence, and addiction. Hear from Dr. Andy Belcher on how schools in Kentucky are using advances in technology to uncover risk factors and critical safety insights once hidden in plain sight. Through the EQUUS platform—leveraging improved data collection and predictive analytics—partners are driving innovative, upstream solutions and achieving measurable improvements in student outcomes. Built to scale statewide, this model supports coordination across education, public safety, public health, and other agencies. Hear more about how to bring a first-in-the-nation solution back to your state or territory.

- **Andy Belcher, Ed.D., Founding Partner, EQUUS Leadership Solutions (10 min)**

Moderator: **Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect**

MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, April 9, 2026, continued

2:10pm – 2:25pm | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NO MEDIA

NLGA Consensus Resolutions Hearing & Votes

NLGA Members in attendance will vote on the docket of Consensus Resolutions below. NLGA Members and Partners are invited to submit [Consensus Resolutions](#) that meet the NLGA [criteria](#) to NLGA staff by February 26, 2025, for consideration at the NLGA Spring Business Meeting. NLGA Members can file an objection to a resolution being consensus by emailing kritters@nlga.us at any time before the meeting or during the hearing. Upon the filing of at least three Member objections, a resolution will be immediately tabled.

FINAL CONSENSUS RESOLUTIONS DOCKET:

- 1) NLGA Consensus Resolution on State Innovation in Expanding Access to Child Care and Strengthening the Workforce
- 2) NLGA Consensus Resolution in Support of Gender Equality in Nordic Combined Competition in the Winter Olympics
- 3) NLGA Consensus Resolution Supporting United States Leadership in Space, Aeronautics, Aerospace Workforce Development, and National Security
- 4) NLGA Consensus Resolution on a Bipartisan National Commitment to Career Readiness
- 5) NLGA Consensus Resolution in Support of Efficiency and Innovation in Government Procurement through Cooperative Purchasing
- 6) NLGA Consensus Resolution on Leveraging ABLE Accounts to Strengthen Financial Independence and Workforce Participation

Presiding: **Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect**

2:25pm – 2:45pm | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Aerospace Committee: State-Federal Exchange on Aerospace, June 1-2

Hear from the attending leaders of the NLGA Aerospace Committee on their work in-state to advance aerospace, aviation, and defense. NLGA will also preview the upcoming [NLGA State-Federal Exchange on Aerospace](#), June 1-2, in Washington, D.C.

- **Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser** (4 min)
- **Maryland Lt. Governor Aruna Miller** (4 min)
- **Utah Lt. Governor Deidre Henderson** (4 min)
- **North Carolina Lt. Governor Rachel Hunt** (4 min)
- **Kellie Rittershausen, NLGA Director** (3 min)

Moderator: **Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect**

2:45pm – 5:30pm

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6:00pm - 8:00pm | College Hall, New College of Florida (351 College Drive, Sarasota, FL 34243)

NO MEDIA

NLGA Closing Event: Dinner on the Bayfront at College Hall

All attendees are invited to enjoy dinner outdoors (*weather permitting*) at College Hall, a historic, early 20th-century mansion facing Sarasota Bay, and the former home of circus magnate Charles Ringling and his wife Edith. College Hall is located on the campus of the New College of Florida, a public liberal arts college and the Honors College of Florida. Lean into Sarasota's circus arts history and get your caricature drawn while listening to live music.

**All attendees must wear NLGA security badge for entry to transportation and evening event.*

Schedule of Activities:

- 6:00pm: Arrive at College Hall
- 6:45pm: Buffet Dinner Opens
- 8:00pm: Depart College Hall to return to Art Ovation Hotel

(Menu: baby greens salad, chicken Athena with sundried tomatoes and artichoke hearts, garlic mashed potatoes, heirloom seasonal vegetables, cheesecake)

MEETING AGENDA

Friday, April 10, 2026

8:00am – 9:30am | Outside Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Registration

Prepared and staffed by NLGA. All registered attendees should check-in at Registration to pick up name badge, meeting agenda, and other meeting materials.

8:00am – 8:45am | Crescendo 4-5-6, Art Ovation Hotel

NO MEDIA

NLGA Breakfast

All NLGA Members and registered meeting attendees. Must wear security badges.

(Serving: Assorted pastries, seasonal fruit and berries, scrambled eggs, applewood smoked bacon, pork sausage links, crispy potatoes with peppers and onions, assorted breads with butter and preserves)

8:45am – 8:50am | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Announcements

- **Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect**

8:50am – 9:20am | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA Best Practices in STEM Education – 2026 Lt. Governors’ STEM Scholarship Program

The 2026 Lt. Governors’ STEM Scholarship Program will award 12 schools in 12 different states/territories with up to \$1,000 each for STEM-related curriculum, equipment, and projects. During this session, hear from STEM Scholarship Program sponsor ACT, followed by an overview of the STEM pillar of work at NLGA. Then, the lieutenant governors with winning STEM Scholarship schools will briefly overview the winning projects in their states/territories.

- **John Clark, ACT (2026 Sponsor of the NLGA Lt. Governors’ STEM Scholarship Program) (4 min)**
- **Kellie Rittershausen, NLGA Director (4 min)**
- **Attending Lieutenant Governors / NLGA Members with Winning Schools (2 min each)**
 - **South Dakota Lt. Governor Tony Venhuizen (2 min)**
 - **Colorado Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera (2 min)**
 - **Vermont Lt. Governor John Rodgers (2 min)**
 - **Indiana Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith (2 min)**
 - **North Carolina Lt. Governor Rachel Hunt (2 min)**
 - **Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser (2 min)**
 - **Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman (2 min)**

Moderator: **Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect**

9:20am – 9:30am | Crescendo 7, Art Ovation Hotel

NLGA General Business Session

- Remaining Business items
- New Business

Presiding: **Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect**

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