

**NATIONAL LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (NLGA) - STATE STRATEGIES COMMITTEE  
ON AEROSPACE  
2026 STATE-FEDERAL EXCHANGE ON AEROSPACE  
JUNE 1-2, 2026  
THE DARCY HOTEL (1515 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, Washington, DC, 20005)  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**TENTATIVE, DRAFT AGENDA AS OF 05/14/2026. Subject to change.**

**ATTIRE:**

- Business casual attire.
- Comfortable shoes and attire for walking/touring are recommended.

**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.
- Online registration is the only way to generate a security badge. All attendees must register online by May 20, 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/MEDIA:**

- 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.

**AGENDA**  
**Monday, June 1**

**8:00am – 11:15am | Outside Bader Ginsburg Room, The Darcy**

**Registration Open**

Staffed by NLGA. Attendees should check in at Registration Desk to pick up meeting materials and security badges.

**8:00am – 8:45am | Gaston Room, The Darcy**

**Closed to media**

**Breakfast**

Open to all registered attendees with security badge.

*(Serving: Muffins, danishes, bagels and cream cheese, eggs, potatoes, seasonal fruit, assorted yogurt bacon, ham, hot oatmeal)*

**8:45am – 9:00am | Bader Ginsburg Room, The Darcy**

**Opening & Welcome**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome remarks:
  - TBD (5 min)
  - TBD (5 min)

**9:00am – 9:30am | Bader Ginsburg Room, The Darcy**

**Rapid Fire Intros: NLGA Aerospace Committee Members**

Each attending member of the NLGA Aerospace Committee member will have up to 60 seconds to introduce themselves.

Moderator: TBD

**9:30am – 10:00am | Bader Ginsburg Room, The Darcy**

**Opening Keynote: Federal Policy in Aerospace & Aviation**

The mission of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is to provide the safest, most efficient aerospace system in the world, with responsibilities for regulating civil aviation and U.S. commercial space transportation, operating air traffic control and navigation systems, developing aviation safety programs, and more. Hear from TBD at the FAA on how states can collaborate to support and promote aerospace and aviation nationwide.

- **TBD, Federal Aviation Administration** (*invited*) (15 min)
- Q&A with Aerospace Committee Members (only)

Moderator: TBD

**AGENDA**  
**Monday, June 1, *continued***

**10:00am – 10:30am | Bader Ginsburg Room, The Darcy**

**Keynote: Space Foundation**

Space Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded in 1983 as a gateway to advance the global space community, facilitating collaboration across the global space ecosystem, connecting commercial, education and government stakeholders for open dialogues and joint programs. Space Foundation uniquely educates, collaborates and informs the entire space workforce, from early education through post-secondary, to the start of their careers as new professionals, and ultimately as leaders at the highest levels of government and commercial industry. Hear from TBD on how state/territorial leaders can support space exploration and space-related industries, and resources available to advance the space ecosystem in the states/territories through workforce, education and economic opportunity.

- **TBD, Space Foundation** (*invited*) (15 min)
- Q&A with Aerospace Committee Members (only)

Moderator: TBD

**10:30am – 11:00am | Bader Ginsburg Room, The Darcy**

**Panel: Multistate Collaboration on Aviation and AAM**

TBD

- **TBD, National Association of State Aviation Officials** (*invited*) (10 min)
- TBD (10 min)
- Q&A with Aerospace Committee Members (only)

Moderator: TBD

**11:30am – 12:00pm | Bader Ginsburg Room, The Darcy**

**Panel: Academic Engines of Aerospace Advancement**

TBD

- **President Darryll J. Pines, University of Maryland** (*invited*) (15 min)
- Q&A with Aerospace Committee Members (only)

Moderator: TBD

**12:00pm – 12:40pm | Gaston Room, The Darcy**

**Closed to media**

**Lunch**

Open to all registered attendees with security badge.

*(Serving: grilled portobello mushroom wraps, black angus roast beef sandwiches, slow roasted turkey breast sandwiches, chopped salad, southwestern bowls, chicken tortilla soup)*

**AGENDA**  
**Monday, June 1, *continued***

**12:40pm – 12:50pm**

**Mini-Break**

Brief break before loading busses at 12:50pm in hotel lobby for afternoon visit to NASA HQ.

**12:50pm | Lobby, The Darcy**

**Load Busses for Afternoon Outing**

All attendees should load the NLGA busses to transport to the afternoon visit to NASA HQ. Busses will depart promptly at 12:55pm, no roll call is taken. You must wear your NLGA security badge for entry to the bussing or tour.

**1:15pm – 3:00pm | NASA Headquarters (300 E St SW, Washington, DC 20546)**

**Afternoon Outing: NASA Headquarters**

Schedule of activities:

- 1:15pm – 1:30pm: Badging and security (West Lobby)
- 1:30pm – 1:45pm: Opening Remarks from NASA Senior Leadership TBD (James Webb Auditorium, West Lobby)
- 1:45pm – 2:45pm: Tour Stops
  - 1) **Earth Information Center (EIC):** NASA Science Subject Matter Expert TBD (East Lobby)
  - 2) **Space Operations Center (SOC):** Kevin Metrocavage, ISS Operations Manager (7<sup>th</sup> Floor)
  - 3) **NASA Legislative Affairs:** Joel Graham, Associate Administrator, Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs (9<sup>th</sup> Floor TBD)
  - 4) **Aerospace & Aviation in the States:** Dr. John Cavolowsky, Director, Transformative Aeronautics Concepts Program (TACP) (6<sup>th</sup> Floor TBD)
- 2:45pm – 3:00pm: Badge return; HQ Giftshop (West Lobby)

\*Group photo of Aerospace Committee Members will be taken.

Following the tours, attendees will reload the NLGA buses to return to the hotel.

**3:00pm | NASA Headquarters**

**Load Busses to Return to The Darcy**

All attendees should load the NLGA busses at 3:00pm to return to the hotel. **You must wear your NLGA security badge for entry to the bussing or tour.**

3:20pm | Return to The Darcy

**6:00pm – 8:00pm | Location TBD**

**Reception**

*Sponsored by: TBD*

All attendees are invited to a reception at TBD.

*(Serving: TBD)*

**AGENDA**  
**Tuesday, June 2**

**8:00am - 2:00pm | Outside Bader Ginsburg Room, The Darcy**

**Registration Open**

Staffed by NLGA. Attendees should check in at Registration Desk to pick up meeting materials and security badges.

**8:00am - 8:45am | Gaston Room, The Darcy**

**Breakfast**

Open to all registered attendees with security badge.

*(Serving: croissants, muffins, bagels and cream cheese, eggs, potatoes, seasonal fruit, granola parfaits, sausage, bacon, grits)*

**8:45am | Lobby, The Darcy**

**Load Busses for Morning Tour**

All attendees should load the NLGA busses to transport to the morning tour of TBD. Busses will depart promptly at 8:55am, no roll call is taken. **You must wear your NLGA security badge for entry to the bussing or tour.**

**9:00am - 11:00am | TBD**

**Morning Tour: TBD**

TBD

**11:15am - 11:30am**

**Mini-Break**

Brief break before returning to the Bader Ginsburg Room at the Darcy to begin the next session at 11:30am.

**11:30am - 12:00pm | Bader Ginsburg Room, The Darcy**

**Panel: Defense Tech Innovations**

TBD

- TBD (10 min)
- TBD (10 min)
- Q&A with Aerospace Committee Members (only)

Moderator: TBD

**AGENDA**  
**Tuesday, June 2, *continued***

**12:00pm – 12:45pm | Gaston Room, The Darcy**

**Lunch**

Open to all registered attendees with security badge.

*(Serving: grilled portobello mushroom wrap, country ham & swiss sandwiches, grilled organic chicken breast sandwiches, thai bowls, caprese salad, tomato basil soup)*

**12:45pm – 1:15pm | Bader Ginsburg Room, The Darcy**

**Panel: Congressional Leaders in Aerospace, Aviation, & Defense**

TBD

- TBD (10 min)
- TBD (10 min)
- Q&A with Aerospace Committee Members (only)

Moderator: TBD

**1:15pm – 1:35pm | Bader Ginsburg Room, The Darcy**

**Committee Business Session**

The NLGA Aerospace Committee, as led by the six-member Board of lieutenant governors, will discuss several items of business regarding the Committee future efforts.

- 2026 – 2027 Aerospace Committee Activities
- TBD
- New Business for Discussion

Presiding: TBD

**MEETING ADJOURNS.**