

NATIONAL LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (NLGA)

2026 SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

New Orleans, Louisiana

April 7-9, 2026

Hyatt Centric French Quarter (800 Iberville Street, New Orleans, LA 70112) | 504-586-0800

PRELIMINARY DRAFT (08/05/2026) TIMES/DESCRIPTIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY NLGA

- **Please check the *Sponsorship Opportunities* page for sponsored Speaking Opportunities.**
- **All speaker invitations are issued by NLGA Staff, from NLGA.**

Important Notes

ATTIRE:

- Business Casual Attire.
- NLGA Member Group Photo will be taken on April 7, at TBD. 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 of needs at least 15 work days before the meeting.
- 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 register online by November 19, 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 7, 2027

9:00am – 3:00pm | Room TBD

NLGA Registration

Prepared and staffed by NLGA.

9:30am – 10:00am | Room TBD

NLGA Coffee & Hospitality Time

(Serving: menu TBD)

10:00am – 10:15am | Room TBD

NLGA Opening Plenary

- Gavel In
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of the States and Territories
- Welcome Remarks
 - **Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair** (up to 3 min)
 - **Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser, NLGA Meeting Host** (up to 5 min)

10:15am – 10:45am | Room TBD

NLGA Opening Speaker: TBD

TBD

- **TBD** (15 min)

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

11:05am – 11:20am | Room TBD

Welcome to New NLGA Members!

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

- TBD (3 min)
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Moderator: **Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair**

MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, April 7, 2027, continued

11:20am – 11:50am | Room TBD

NLGA Host State Panel: TBD

TBD – Tourism

- **TBD** (10 min)
- **TBD** (10 min)

Moderator: **Lieutenant Governor / NLGA Member TBD**

11:50am – 12:25pm | Room TBD

NLGA Peer Panel: TBD

TBD

- **TBD** (10 min)
- **TBD** (10 min)

Moderator: **Lieutenant Governor / NLGA Member TBD**

12:25pm – 12:30pm | Room TBD

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.

12:30pm – 1:10pm | Room TBD

NO MEDIA

NLGA Lunch

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

(Serving: New England clam chowder, vegetable minestrone, garden salad, pasta salad, chicken pesto paninis, bbq pulled pork sandwiches, pastrami reubens, fresh fruit cobbler)

1:10pm – 1:15pm | Room TBD

NLGA Announcements

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

1:15pm – 1:45pm | Room TBD

NLGA Keynote: TBD

Sponsored by: TBD

[Sponsorship Opportunities available online HERE.](#) Priority topics for consideration include: Artificial Intelligence, workforce readiness, aging policy, health innovations, energy policy, emergency management and response.

- **TBD** (15 min)

Moderator: **Lieutenant Governor / NLGA Member TBD**

MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 7, 2027, continued

1:45pm – 1:55pm | Room TBD

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.

- **TBD, Sourcewell** (3 min)
- **Winner – announced on site** (5 min)

Moderator: **Massachusetts Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, 2025 Government Innovators Award Recipient** (*to be invited*)

1:55pm – 2:05pm | Room TBD

NLGA Business Session: Finance & Operations Report

- **NLGA Finance Report** – Maryland Lt. Governor Aruna Miller, NLGA Treasurer (6 min)
 - **VOTE:** To accept the FY2026 Audit
- **NLGA Operations Report** – Kellie Rittershausen, NLGA Executive Director (4 min)

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

2:05pm – 2:20pm | Room TBD

NLGA Future Meetings Reports & Votes

- **2027 Annual Meeting, Annapolis, MD, June 23-25, 2026** – Maryland Lt. Governor Aruna Miller (4 min)
- **2027 Winter Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 1-3, 2027** – Kellie Rittershausen, NLGA Director (4 min)
- **2028 Spring Business Meeting, April TBD 2026, Location TBD** – Kellie Rittershausen, NLGA Director (4 min)
- **2028 Annual Meeting, July TBD 2026, Location TBD** – Kellie Rittershausen, NLGA Director (4 min)

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

MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, April 7, 2027, continued

2:20pm – 2:50pm | Room TBD

NLGA Panel: Innovative Supports for Adults with Special Needs

This panel will spotlight two innovative programs supporting adults with special needs in Louisiana. The Bridge to Independence Program at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux is a pioneering post-secondary initiative for students with intellectual disabilities or autism spectrum disorder, and is the first federally certified Comprehensive Transition Program in the state, offering full college integration, life skills training, and workforce readiness. The Quad is a learning and enrichment center focused on supporting the needs of adults with disabilities. Through continuous learning and personal empowerment, the Quad strives to cultivate balanced lives filled with meaningful connections, independence, well-being, and creative passions through group learning, community activities, individual services, and family supports.

- **TBD, Bridge to Independence Program, Nicholls State University** (10 min)
- **TBD, The Quad** (10 min)

Moderator: **Lieutenant Governor / NLGA Member TBD**

2:50pm – 2:55pm | Room TBD

NLGA STEM Best Practice

TBD

Recipient: **TBD** (4 min)

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

2:55pm – 3:25pm | Room TBD

NO MEDIA

NLGA STEM Service Project

Sponsored by: TBD

All registered NLGA meeting attendees are invited to wrap 100 STEM gifts to donate to local youth served by TBD. This NLGA STEM Service Project advances STEM, supports local youth, and is part of NLGA's STEM Pillar of Work.

3:25pm – 5:40pm

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.

5:40pm | Lobby, Hyatt Centric French Quarter

Bus to Evening Event Loads

The bus will leave on time at promptly 5:45pm. 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 7, 2027, continued

6:00pm – 8:00pm | TBD

NO MEDIA

NLGA Opening Event: TBD

Sponsored by: TBD

TBD

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

Schedule of Activities:

- TBD

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 8, 2027

8:00am – 2:45pm | Room TBD

NLGA Registration

Prepared and staffed by NLGA.

8:30am – 9:00am | Room TBD

NO MEDIA, PARTNERS, OR STAFF

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 Members are invited to attend this session.** See Rolling Business Agenda for more information.

- Discussion: NLGA Gubernatorial Succession Materials

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

9:00am – 9:40am | Room TBD

NO MEDIA

NLGA Breakfast

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

(Serving: menu TBD)

9:40am – 9:45am | Room TBD

NO MEDIA

NLGA Daily Announcements

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

9:45am – 10:15am | Room TBD

NLGA Keynote: TBD

Sponsored by: TBD

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- **TBD (15 min)**

Moderator: **Lieutenant Governor / NLGA Member TBD**

10:15am – 10:35am | Room TBD

NLGA Partner Speaker: TBD

NLGA Partners are invited to submit suggested speakers for this meeting, tapping into their expertise to tackle topics impacting state/territorial government.

- **TBD (8 min)**

Moderator: **Lieutenant Governor / NLGA Member TBD**

MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, April 8, 2027, continued

10:35am – 11:05am | Room TBD

NLGA Panel: TBD

TBD

- **TBD** (8 min)
- **TBD** (8 min)

Moderator: **Lieutenant Governor / NLGA Member TBD**

11:05am – 11:15am | Room TBD

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.

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

Moderator: **Utah Lt. Governor Deidre Henderson, 2026 Economic Engine Award Recipient**
(to be invited)

11:15am – 11:25am | Room TBD

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 TBD 2027, 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 (in formation):

Presiding: **Nevada Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony, NLGA Chair-Elect**

MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, April 8, 2027, continued

11:25am – 12:15pm | Room TBD

NO MEDIA, PARTNERS, OR STAFF

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

On Succession: A Private Discussion with David Paterson

TBD

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

12:15pm – 12:55pm | Room TBD

NO MEDIA

NLGA Lunch

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(Serving: menu TBD)

1:00pm | Lobby, Hyatt Centric French Quarter

Bus Loads to Afternoon Outing

The bus will leave on time at promptly 1:05pm. 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!

1:30pm – 3:00pm | TBD

NLGA Afternoon Outing: TBD

TBD

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3:30pm – 5:40pm

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5:40pm | Lobby, Hyatt Centric French Quarter

Bus Loads to Evening Event

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Thursday, April 8, 2027, continued

6:00pm – 8:00pm | TBD

NO MEDIA

NLGA Closing Event: TBD

TBD

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Schedule of Activities:

- 5:45pm: Bus departs hotel
- 6:00pm: Arrive
- 6:35pm: Program
 - * TBD
- 6:45pm: Open Buffet Dinner Line
(Serving: menu TBD)
- 7:55pm: Load Bus, Return

MEETING AGENDA

Friday, April 9, 2027

8:00am – 10:00am | Room TBD

NLGA Registration

Prepared and staffed by NLGA.

8:00am – 8:45am | Room TBD

NO MEDIA

NLGA Breakfast

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

(Serving: menu TBD)

8:45am – 8:50am | Room TBD

NLGA Announcements

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

8:50am – 9:10am | Room TBD

NLGA Best Practices in STEM Education – 2027 Lt. Governors’ STEM Scholarship Program – Winners Presented

The *2027 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 and this year’s STEM Scholarship Program. Then, the lieutenant governors of states or territories with winning STEM Scholarship schools will briefly overview the winning projects in their states/territories.

- **John Clark, ACT** (2027 Sponsor of the *NLGA Lt. Governors’ STEM Scholarship Program*) (4 min)
- **TBD** (2 min)
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- **TBD** (2 min)

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

9:10am – 9:20am | Room TBD

NLGA General Business Session

- Remaining Business items
- New Business

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

MEETING ADJOURNS.