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AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 2-4, 2026

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Tuesday, September 1, 2026

4:00 p.m. Early Registration Opens (*Cameo Ballroom*)

6:00 p.m. Registration Desk Closes

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

8:00 a.m. Registration Desk & Satellite Check-In Open (*Cameo Ballroom*)

10:00 a.m. West Virginia Chamber Annual Business Meeting

All Members Welcome (*Crystal Room*)

Board of Directors Meeting

11:00 a.m. Exhibit Hall Opens

11:15 a.m. West Virginia Business Summit Lunch

(*Colonial Hall – Buffet Served in Chesapeake Room*)

West Virginia Symphony Brass Ensemble

11:40 a.m. West Virginia Business Summit Opening Session (*Colonial Hall*)

Opening Remarks & Welcome

Mr. Kevin Craig, *Chair, West Virginia Chamber of Commerce*

Pledge of Allegiance

West Virginia Symphony National Anthem

Invocation – The Rev. Greg Scott

12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Building a Stronger America from the Inside Out

Mr. François Poirier, *President & CEO, TC Energy*

Making Sense of Midterm Mayhem

Mr. Chris Stirewalt, *Best-Selling Author & Political Editor, NewsNation & The Hill*



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Let's Make An Impact: A Conversation with WVU, WVU Medicine & WVU Athletics

Mr. Wren Baker, *Vice President & Director of Athletics, West Virginia University*

Dr. Michael T. Benson, *President, West Virginia University*

Mr. Albert L. Wright, Jr., *President & CEO, WVU Health System*

Moderated By: Mr. Tony Caridi, Sportscaster, WVU Mountaineers

A Legacy in Investment

Ms. Jacki Vitiello, *Director, Electric Transmission Planning, Dominion Energy*

Energy as Strategy: Enabling Investment and Growth in West Virginia

Mr. Morgan O'Brien, *CEO, Hope Gas*

RETI: Supercharging the Nation's Energy Future

Dr. Erienne Olesh, *CEO of Resilient Energy Technology & Infrastructure Consortium,
West Virginia University*

Building a Legacy Together: The Power of We

The Hon. Patrick Farrell, *Mayor, City of Huntington*

Mr. Scott Raynes, *President & CEO, Marshall Health Network*

Mr. Brad D. Smith, *President, Marshall University*

*Moderated By: Ms. Megan Archer, President & CEO, Huntington Regional
Chamber of Commerce*

Energy Production in West Virginia

Mr. Conrad Baston, *Vice President, Procurement & Administration, Antero Resources*

Mr. Chris Weikle, *Government Relations Director, Expand Energy*

Mr. John Bane, *Director of Government Affairs, EQT Corporation*

Moderated By: Mr. Nick Preservati, Director, West Virginia Office of Energy

3:30 p.m. Transition to Breakouts



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3:45 p.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions:

Track 1 – CourtWatch – An Overview of WV Supreme Court Decisions (Crystal Room)

Ms. Susan Deniker, *Executive Committee/Member, Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC*

Mr. Joseph A. (Jay) Ford, *Member, Spilman, Thomas & Battle, PLLC*

Mr. Tom J. Hurney, Jr., *Member, Jackson Kelly PLLC*

Ms. Jill Cranston Rice, *Partner, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP*

Mr. Marc Williams, *Managing Partner, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP*

Moderated By: Ms. Kaitlyn N. Pytlak-Morra, Legal Counsel, WV Chamber of Commerce

Track 2 – Supporting Small Business in West Virginia (Hayes Room—Upstairs Conf. Center)

Mr. Mark Burdette, *Deputy Director, WV SBDC; Network Builder, WV BusinessLink*

Mr. Nick Staples, *Founder & CEO, Zenergy Cycling and Verizon Small Business*

Digital Ready Member

Ms. Traci Stead, *Coffee Shop Owner, AntiquiTea House and Verizon Small Business*

Digital Ready Member

Moderated By: Mr. Mario Acosta-Velez, Vice President, Local Engagement & CSR, Verizon

Track 3 – The Economics of Investing in Childcare (Chesapeake Bay)

Ms. Leeann Kaminsky, *Senior Vice President & Human Resources Officer,*

WVU Health System

Mr. Marcus Keech, *Government Relations & Tri-Share Partnerships, Wonderschool*

The Hon. Clay Riley, *West Virginia House of Delegates*

Moderated By: Mr. Brian Dayton, VP of Policy & Advocacy, WV Chamber of Commerce

Track 4 – Lessons From the New River Gorge: Leveraging Natural Assets to Diversify West Virginia's Economy—A Conversation with Sen. Shelley Moore Capito and The Nature Conservancy. (Colonial Hall)

The Hon. Shelley Moore Capito, *United States Senator*

Mr. Brent Keith, *Land Policy Team Lead, The Nature Conservancy*



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Track 5 – Mountains of Opportunity: The Economic Power of Collaboration

(McKinley Room—Upstairs Conf. Center)

Dr. Bill Bissett, Ed.D., President, West Virginia Manufacturers Association

*Ms. Sara Payne Scarbro, Co-Founder, West Virginia Grant Resource Centers,
Marshall University*

*Dr. Liz Vitullo, Co-Founder, West Virginia Grant Resource Centers,
West Virginia University*

*Ms. Christine H. Davies, Deputy Secretary for Economic Development
& Workforce Participation, West Virginia Dept. of Commerce*

3:30 p.m. Registration Desk & Satellite Check-In Close

6:00 p.m. West Virginia Business Summit Reception – All Registrants Welcome (Colonial Terrace)

9:00 p.m. Cordials By Candlelight Reception – All Registrants Welcome (Colonial Terrace)

Thursday, September 3, 2026

7:30 a.m. Registration Desk Opens (Cameo Ballroom)

Exhibit Hall Opens

West Virginia Business Summit Breakfast

(Colonial Hall – Buffet Served in Chesapeake Room)

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

West Virginia Hospital Association Celebrating 100 Years

Mr. Tony Gregory, Vice President, Legislative Affairs, West Virginia Hospital Association

Connected for Success: Building the Energy Backbone of a Competitive Economy

Mr. Matt Pawlowski, Vice President, NextEra Energy

Balancing Growth, Reliability and Affordability

Mr. Brian Abraham, President & COO, Appalachian Power Company (APCo)



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United States Senate Presentation

The Hon. Shelley Moore Capito, *United States Senator*

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The Hon. James C. Justice, II, *United States Senator*

Fulfilling Our Mission: The Impact of Vandalia Health

Mr. Jeff Sandene, *President & CEO, Vandalia Health*

Highmark's Vision: Investing in West Virginia's Health Future

Ms. Karen Hanlon, *President, Highmark Health*

Mr. John "Jay" Sheehy, III, *President, Highmark West Virginia*

Reclaiming Purpose: The University in an AI World

Dr. Paul J. LeBlanc, *Visiting Scholar and Special Advisor, Harvard University*

Graduate School of Education

Mr. Brad D. Smith, *President, Marshall University*

Powering the Future: Energy Solutions for a Growing Economy

Mr. Chris Beam, *Vice President, Generation Project Development, FirstEnergy*

Mr. Mark Mroczynski, *President of Transmission, FirstEnergy*

Moderated By: Ms. Alex Weld, Project Outreach Specialist, FirstEnergy

Building a Healthier Future: 40 Years of Investment and Impact in West Virginia

Ms. Tonya Smith, *Chief Operating Officer, Valley Health*

West Virginia Governor Presentation

The Hon. Patrick Morrisey, *Governor of West Virginia*



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11:00 a.m. Registration Desk Closes

12:00 p.m. Morning Session Adjourns

1:00 p.m. - Afternoon Networking Activities

5:00 p.m. Activities Reservation – Call (304) 536-7899, Prompt #1 for Activities

5:30 p.m. West Virginia Chamber PAC Reception – For PAC Contributors Only (*Chesapeake Bay*)

6:00 p.m. West Virginia Business Summit Reception – All Registrants Welcome (*Colonial Terrace*)

Friday, September 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. West Virginia Business Summit Breakfast
(*Colonial Hall – Buffet Served in Chesapeake Room*)

Exhibit Hall Opens

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Educating the Future: Higher Education's Role in West Virginia's Growth

Dr. Ericke Cage, *President, West Virginia State University*

Dr. Jim Nemitz, *President, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine*

West Virginia Secretary of State Presentation

The Hon. Kris Warner, *Secretary of State, State of West Virginia*

West Virginia State Treasurer Presentation

The Hon. Larry Pack, *Treasurer, State of West Virginia*



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Strength in Leadership Since 1936

Mr. Steve Roberts, *President, West Virginia Chamber of Commerce*

Legislating for Growth: Priorities for a Stronger West Virginia

The Hon. JB Akers, *West Virginia House of Delegates*

The Hon. David McCormick, *West Virginia House of Delegates*

The Hon. Mike Oliverio, *West Virginia Senate*

The Hon. Tom Takubo, *West Virginia Senate*

Led By: The Hon. Roger Hanshaw, Speaker, West Virginia House of Delegates

10:30 a.m. Closing Comments

Mr. Kevin Craig, *Chair, West Virginia Chamber of Commerce*