



Spring Conference Agenda
April 9, 2025
The Cadillac Room, Lansing, MI

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7:45 a.m. Registration Opens & Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Welcome

8:45 a.m. Discussion on Economic Development Issues by the Nonpartisan Senate Fiscal Agency

Moderator: Nick Posavetz, Vice President, Plante Moran Realpoint

Panelists: Cory Savino, Senior Analyst, Senate Fiscal Agency

Kathryn Summers, Director, Senate Fiscal Agency

David Zin, Chief Economist, Senate Fiscal Agency

9:45 a.m. Networking Break

10:00 a.m. Regional Child Care Coalitions: A Cross-Sector Solution to Accelerate Economic Growth + Meet Family Needs

Joan Blough, Senior Director, Child Care Innovation Fund

Lisa Brewer Walraven, Director, Child Development and Care, Office of Early Childhood Education, Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement and Potential

11:00 a.m. Networking Break

11:15 a.m. Communication with Michigan's Executive Branch

Rick Snyder, CEO, SensCy, Former Governor of Michigan

12:15 p.m. Lunch and Membership Meeting

1:00 p.m. Site Readiness: Leveraging Technical Development Expertise to Gain an Advantage in Schedule and Funding

Kurt Brauer, Partner, Warner Norcross + Judd LLP

Art Eckert, Principal, Plante Moran Realpoint

Kristin Mixon, Vice President, Plante Moran Realpoint

2:00 p.m. Networking Break

2:15 p.m. MSHDA Employer-Assisted Housing Fund

Chad Benson, Director of Development, Rental Development Division, Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)

3:15 p.m. Break

3:20 p.m. Keep Building, Michigan: Resolving Construction Slowdowns Due to Supply Chain and Tariff Issues

Chad A. Kunding, Michigan Business & Industrial Manager, SourceBlue, LLC, Turner Construction Company

4:20 p.m. Adjourn

5:00 p.m. Gates open for Lugnuts game.

6:00 p.m. Lugnuts game/Legislative Reception