



MEETING AGENDA

Feb 26 – 27, 2026
Gaylord National Hotel
201 Waterfront Street,
National Harbor, MD

This is a **tentative agenda**. All times and sessions are subject to change. Agenda will be updated as details are finalized.

Meeting Room: **Woodrow Wilson C**

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All times are in Eastern Time

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

7:30am – 8:30am **HOSTED BREAKFAST** Woodrow Wilson A

8:30am – 9:00am **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Facilitated by **Chair Alison Eldridge** (WA) & **Vice Chair Tracy Marshall** (CO)

9:00am – 9:15am **NASWA WELCOME with Scott Sanders**

Welcome by **Scott Sanders**, President and CEO of NASWA

9:15am – 9:45am **FEDERAL UPDATES**

Stay informed on the latest federal updates and priorities related to and impacting PFML programs.

Presentation by **Julie Squire**, Vice President of Policy at NASWA

9:45am – 10:45am **STATE ROUNDTABLE: SOLUTIONS & CHALLENGES**

Kick off the meeting with an open dialogue on what’s working, what’s challenging, and what’s next for PFML programs in 2026.

Facilitated by **Jeff Flatley**, New Jersey

10:45am – 11:15am **NETWORKING BREAK** Location

11:15am – 12:00pm **STATE SPOTLIGHT: ELEVATING CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE**

Discover innovative strategies for improving the customer experience in paid leave administration. A featured state will present its approach, then open the floor for discussion and questions.

Presentation by **Speaker TBD**, Minnesota

12:00pm – 1:30pm **LUNCH** Woodrow Wilson A

1:30pm – 3:00pm **DISCUSSING THE FUTURE: PROGRAM INTEGRITY**

NASWA will present possible paths forward for a “Paid Leave Data Hub” and have a dialogue with the states to understand their priorities and questions.

Presentation by **Speaker**

3:00 – 3:30pm **BREAK**

3:30pm – 4:50pm **PAID LEAVE AND PUBLIC HEALTH OUTCOMES**

Explore the latest research on how paid leave policies impact public health outcomes. This panel of experts will share findings and engage in a discussion on implications for state programs.

Speakers to be confirmed.

4:50pm – 5:00pm **WRAP UP & CLOSING**

Facilitated by **Chair Alison Eldridge** (WA) & **Vice Chair Tracy Marshall** (CO)

Friday, February 27

7:30am – 8:30am

HOSTED BREAKFAST

Baltimore 1 Foyer;
Woodrow Wilson B
Lobby

8:30am – 8:45am

WELCOME & AGENDA SETTING

Facilitated by **Chair Alison Eldridge** (WA) & **Vice Chair Tracy Marshall** (CO)

8:45am – 9:45am

STATE SPOTLIGHT: CLAIMS ADJUDICATION

Hear firsthand how a state is tackling challenges in claims adjudication. After the spotlight presentation, join an interactive Q&A to exchange ideas and solutions.

Presentation by **Joshua Meairs**, Colorado

10:30am – 10:45am

NETWORKING BREAK

10:45am – 11:45am

STATE ROUNDTABLE: UI & PFML INTEGRATION

Hear how states are aligning UI and PFL systems. The session will highlight best practices, challenges, and lessons learned for paid leave programs and operations.

Facilitated by **Alison Eldridge**, Deputy Director Leave and Care Division, WA

11:45am – 12:00pm

WRAP-UP & ADJORN

Facilitated by **Chair Alison Eldridge** (WA) & **Vice Chair Tracy Marshall** (CO)

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER PFML COMMITTEE MEETING

September 14-15, 2026
Milwaukee, WI

2026 NASWA SUMMIT

September 16-17, 2026
Milwaukee, WI