



## MEETING AGENDA

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

All times and sessions are subject to change.

Meeting Room: **Woodrow Wilson C**

NOTE: **You must have a name badge** to attend any meetings, sessions, and receptions.  
Pick up your name badge at the Hospitality Desk.

*All times are in Eastern Time*

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>

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

8:45am – 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 – 9:30am      **FEDERAL UPDATES**

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

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

9:30am – 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** (NJ)

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

11:15am – 12:00pm **STATE SPOTLIGHT: DIGITIZING MEDICAL CERTIFICATIONS**

**Learn how a state partnered with healthcare providers to create a seamless, efficient, and secure digital solution that simplifies this process for providers and patients alike.**

Presentation by **Steve Millhouse** (MN)

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.**

Virtual Presentation by **Jim Cotter**, Senior Director of Integrity Systems at NASWA

3:00 – 3:30pm **NETWORKING 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.**

Panel facilitated by **Tracy Marshall** (CO)

Panelists: **Ankita Patnaik**, Mathematica and **Jessica Mason**, National Partnership for Women and Families

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	<b>HOSTED BREAKFAST</b>	Baltimore 1 Foyer; Woodrow Wilson B Lobby
8:30am – 8:45am	<b>WELCOME &amp; AGENDA SETTING</b>	

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

8:45am – 10:00am	<b>STATE SPOTLIGHT: CLAIMS ADJUDICATION</b>
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**Hear firsthand how two programs are tackling challenges in claims adjudication.**

Presentation by **Joshua Meairs** (CO) & **Michael Henderson** (DC)

10:00am – 10:30am	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>
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10:30am – 11:45am	<b>STATE ROUNDTABLE: UI &amp; PFML INTEGRATION</b>
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**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** (WA)

11:45am – 12:00pm	<b>WRAP-UP &amp; ADJOURN</b>
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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