



Meeting Book - November 2025 - Annual Commission Meeting

Agenda

Meeting Details

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(Eastern
Time)

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Location

1:00 p.m. to
2:30 p.m.

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting
(for committee members only)

Room 205

1:00 p.m. to
2:30 p.m.

Governance Committee Meeting
(for committee members only)

Room 201

1:00 p.m. to
2:30 p.m.

Ad Hoc Strategy Committee Meeting
(for committee members only)

Room 202

3:00 p.m.

BOARD BUS
Depart from the Intercontinental

Lobby

3:05 p.m.

BUS DEPARTS for Playhouse Square
1501 Euclid Ave, Cleveland (4 miles)

3:20 p.m.

**OPTIONAL TOUR of Playhouse Square, one of the world's
premier art districts**
Welcome-Mr. Craig Hassall, President and CEO, Playhouse Square

[Playhouse Square](#)

Bio-Craig Hassall

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4:50 p.m.

BUS DEPARTS for the InterContinental
9801 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland (4 miles)

5:00 p.m.

ARRIVE at the InterContinental

5:30 p.m.

RECEPTION

Six Continents Foyer

6:25 p.m.

Welcome
Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC President

Six Continents Room

6:30 p.m.

DINNER

7:15 p.m.

OHIO PRESENTATION

7:50 p.m.

Awards Ceremony

8:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks
Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC President

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Thursday, November 6, 2025

7:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST

Ballroom A&B

8:30 a.m.

1) Call to Order
Mr. Mike Duffey (OH), MHEC Chair

BOA Amphitheatre -
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2) Ohio Welcome
The Honorable Jim Tressel, Ohio Lieutenant Governor
Introduced by Mr. Mike Duffey (OH), MHEC Chair

Bio-Lt. Governor Jim Tressel

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8:50 a.m.	3) Overview of Hybrid Meeting Guidelines Ms. Mary Roberson, MHEC Senior Director of Communications and Marketing	
	4) Roll Call of the States Ms. Mary Roberson, MHEC Senior Director of Commissioner Relations and Operations	
	5) Introductions of Commissioners, Guests, and Staff	
	Registered Commissioners as of 10.22.2025	12
9:10 a.m.	6) Approval of Consent Agenda - ACTION ITEM 1 Mr. Mike Duffey (OH), MHEC Chair	
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9:15 a.m.	7) Report of the MHEC President Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC President	
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9:25 a.m.	8) Report of the MHEC Chair Mr. Mike Duffey (OH), MHEC Chair	
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9:35 a.m.	9) PRESENTATION - Federal Update Dr. Thomas Harnisch, Vice President of Government Relations, State Higher Education Executive Officers Introduced by: Mr. Gary Cates (OH)	
	Bio-Tom Harnisch	41
10:15 a.m.	BREAK	
10:30 a.m.	10) PRESENTATION - Perspective from the Midwest: A Legislative Recap and 2026 Session Preview Ms. Laura Tomaka, Director, Council of State Governments, Midwest Office Introduced by: Rep. Katie Stuart (IL), MHEC Vice Chair	BOA Amphitheatre - A
	Bio-Laura Tomaka	42
11:00 a.m.	11) State Reports State spokesperson will have five minutes to share state highlights and challenges.	
12:15 p.m.	LUNCH	Ballroom A&B
1:00 p.m.	12) Unfinished Business	BOA Amphitheatre - A
	a) Programs and Services Update	
	1. Technology Contracts Mr. Nathan Sorensen, MHEC Senior Director of Government Contracts	
	2. MSEP Data and Cost Savings Finder Dr. Carrie Wandler, MHEC Senior Director of Policy Initiatives	
	b) Strategic Plan Update Ms. Breanne Hegg, MHEC Vice President Programs, Contracts and Communications	
1:35 p.m.	13) New Business	
	a) Finance and Audit Committee Report Mr. Tim Mihalick (ND), Treasurer and Committee Chair	
	1. FY25 Audit Report - ACTION ITEM 2 Ms. Ashlee Lent, Senior Manager, and Mr. Taylor Hillmick, Baker Tilly (Moss Adams) (virtual)	
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2. Form 990 Timeline
Ms. Emina Cresswell, Tax Senior Manager, Baker Tilly
(Moss Adams) (virtual)

3. Budget Highlights for FY25 and FY26 Year-to-Date Financials
Mr. Tim Mihalick (ND), Treasurer and Committee Chair

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4. MHEC Annual State Commitment Increase in effect FY28 – ACTION ITEM 3
Mr. Tim Mihalick (ND), Treasurer and Committee Chair

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5. MHEC Investment Update
Mr. Pranav Kothari (IL) and Mr. Tim Mihalick (ND), and
Graystone Consulting

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2:35 p.m.	BREAK	
2:50 p.m.	14) PRESENTATION - Beyond the Hype: Quantum Computing's Real Impact on Higher Education and Industry Mr. Ray Harishankar, IBM Fellow, IBM Quantum Safe Introduced by: Mr. Todd Jones (OH)	BOA Amphitheatre - A
	Bio-Ray Harishankar	105
3:30 p.m.	15) Wrap Up Mr. Mike Duffey (OH), MHEC Chair	
3:35 p.m.	16) RECESS - ACTION ITEM 4	
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4:25 p.m.	BOARD BUS Depart from the InterContinental	Lobby
4:30 p.m.	BUS DEPARTS for Rock & Roll Hall of Fame 100 E 9th St, Cleveland (5.6 miles)	
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4:45 p.m.	Brief Remarks and Self-Guided Exhibit Viewing of Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC President, and Sen. Jerry Cirino (OH)	
5:30 p.m.	RECEPTION & Continued Exhibit Viewing	
6:45 p.m.	Welcome Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC President	
6:50 p.m.	DINNER	
8:00 p.m.	BUS DEPARTS for the InterContinental 9801 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland (5.4 Miles)	
8:15 p.m.	ARRIVE at the InterContinental	
(Eastern Time)	Friday, November 7, 2025	
7:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST	Ballroom A&B

8:30 a.m.	17) Reconvene Mr. Mike Duffey (OH), MHEC Chair	BOA Amphitheatre - A
8:30 a.m.	18) New Business (continued)	
	b) MHEC Office Space Update Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC President	
	c) Nominations and Elections of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, and Treasurer - ACTION ITEMS 5-8 Mr. Mike Duffey (OH), MHEC Chair	
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	d) Governance Committee Report Mr. Rob Trembath, MHEC Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel	
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	2. Awards Report	
9:15 a.m.	19) PRESENTATION - Trust versus Value: Restoring American Confidence in Institutions of Higher Education Mr. Zach Hrynowski, Senior Education Researcher, Gallup Introduced by: Mr. Tim Mihalick (ND), Treasurer	
	Bio-Zach Hrynowski	111
10:05 a.m.	BREAK	
10:20 a.m.	20) PRESENTATION Using PSEO to Explore Midwestern Student Migration and Workforce Outcomes Dr. Gina Johnson, PSEO Coalition Director, and Principal and Cofounder, Data EmpowerED Consulting Introduced by: Mr. Mike Duffey (OH), MHEC Chair	
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11:05 a.m.	21) Closing Comments Mr. Mike Duffey (OH), MHEC Chair	
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