

Annual Commission Meeting - Hybrid

November 5-7, 2025

Draft Agenda | Cleveland, OH

All times are listed in Eastern Time (ET)

Day 1: Wednesday, November 5, 2025

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Room 205	Finance and Audit Committee Meeting <i>(for committee members only)</i>
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Room 201	Governance Committee Meeting <i>(for committee members only)</i>
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Room 202	Ad Hoc Strategy Committee Meeting <i>(for committee members only)</i>
3:00 p.m. Lobby	BOARD BUS Depart from the Intercontinental
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
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. Six Continents Foyer	RECEPTION
6:25 p.m. Six Continents Room	Welcome – Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC President

6:30 p.m. DINNER

7:15 p.m. PRESENTATION
The Honorable Jim Tressel, Ohio Lieutenant Governor

7:50 p.m. Awards Ceremony

8:30 p.m. Closing Remarks – Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC President

Day 2: Thursday, November 6

7:30 a.m. BREAKFAST
Ballroom A & B

8:30 a.m. BOA Amphitheatre - A

- 1) Call to Order – Mr. Mike Duffey (OH), MHEC Chair
- 2) Ohio Welcome
- 3) Overview of Hybrid Meeting Guidelines – Ms. Mary Roberson, MHEC Senior Director of Communications and Marketing
- 4) Roll Call of States - Ms. Mary Roberson, MHEC Senior Director of Communications and Marketing
- 5) Introductions of Commissioners, Guests, and Staff
- 6) Approval of Consent Agenda – Mr. Mike Duffey (OH), MHEC Chair
- 7) Report of the MHEC President – Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC President
- 8) Report of the MHEC Chair – Mr. Mike Duffey (OH), MHEC Chair
- 9) PRESENTATION
Federal Update
Dr. Thomas Harnisch, Vice President of Government Relations, State Higher Education Executive Officers

9:10 a.m. **Action Item 1**

9:15 a.m.

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| 10:15 a.m. | <i>BREAK</i> |
| 10:30 a.m.
BOA Amphitheatre - A | 10) PRESENTATION
<i>Perspective from the Midwest: A Legislative Recap and 2026 Session Preview</i>
Ms. Laura Tomaka, Director, Council of State Governments, Midwest Office |
| 11:00 a.m. | 11) State Reports |
| 12:15 p.m.
Ballroom A & B | LUNCH |
| 1:00 p.m.
BOA Amphitheatre - A | 12) Unfinished Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Programs and Services Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Technology Contracts – Mr. Nathan Sorensen, MHEC Senior Director of Government Contracts2. MSEP Data and Cost Savings Finder – Dr. Carrie Wandler, MHEC Senior Director of Policy Initiativesb) Strategic Plan Update – Ms. Breanne Hegg, MHEC Vice President Programs, Contracts and Communications |
| 1:35 p.m. CT | 13) New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Finance and Audit Committee Report – Mr. Tim Mihalick (ND), Treasurer and Committee Chair<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. FY25 Audit Report – Ms. Ashlee Lent, Senior Manager, and Mr. Taylor Hillmick, Baker Tilly (Moss Adams)2. Form 990 Timeline – Ms. Emina Cresswell, Tax Senior Manager, Baker Tilly (Moss Adams) |

Action Item 2

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

Action Item 3

4. MHEC Annual State Commitment Increase in effect FY28 –
Mr. Tim Mihalick (ND), Treasurer and Committee Chair
5. MHEC Investment Policy – Mr. Pranav Kothari (IL) and Mr.
Tim Mihalick (ND) and Graystone Consulting

2:35 p.m.

BREAK

2:50 p.m.

BOA Amphitheatre - A

14) PRESENTATION

*Beyond the Hype: Quantum Computing's Real Impact on Higher
Education and Industry*

Mr. Ray Harishankar, IBM Fellow, IBM Quantum Safe

3:30 p.m.

15) Wrap Up – Mr. Mike Duffey (OH), MHEC Chair

3:35 p.m.

Action Item 4

16) RECESS

4:25 p.m.

Lobby

BOARD BUS

Depart from the InterContinental

4:30 p.m.

BUS DEPARTS for Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
100 E 9th St, Cleveland (5.6 miles)

PRESENTATION - *Superman in Cleveland* – Mr. Brad Ricca, Author

4:45 p.m.

Self-Guided Exhibit Viewing of Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

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

Day 3: Friday, November 7

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)

Action Items 5-8

b) MHEC Office Space Update – Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC President

c) Nominations and Elections of Officers, Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, and Treasurer – Mr. Mike Duffey (OH), MHEC Chair

d) Governance Committee Report – Dr. Julie Underwood (WI), Committee Chair

1. Bylaw Change: Online voting

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

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
BOA Amphitheatre - A

11:05 a.m.

21) Closing Comments – Mr. Mike Duffey (OH), MHEC Chair

22) Passing of the Gavel

11:30 a.m.

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