

National UI Conference 2025

Charting a New Course: UI and the Changing Tides of Work



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AGENDA AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY JUNE 25, 2025

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM: REGISTRATION

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM: EXHIBITOR SHOW

10:00 am – 11:30 am: UI 101 Basics –

Julie Squire, Vice President of Policy and General Counsel, National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA)

David Harrod, ADP Alliance Relationship Manager, ADP

1:00 pm – 1:10 pm: Welcome to the National UI Conference 2025

South Carolina Senator Sean Bennett

1:10 pm – 2:20 pm: National Unemployment Insurance Program Update

US Department of Labor Representative (invited)

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm: National Unemployment Insurance Legislative Update

Douglas Holmes, President, UWC – Strategic Services on Unemployment & Workers' Compensation.

Stephanie Ferguson, Director, Global Employment Policy & Special Initiatives, US Chamber of Commerce

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM: AFTERNOON BREAK

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm: Review of the Economy and Impact on Unemployment

Joseph C. Von Nessen, Ph.D., Research Economist, University of South Carolina

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm: KEYNOTE: Artificial Intelligence and UI Applications

Michael Burke, UI Director, New Hampshire Employment Security

South Carolina Representative Jeff Bradley (Invited)

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM: WELCOME RECEPTION

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM: REGISTRATION

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM: EXHIBITOR SHOW

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: HOSTED BREAKFAST

8:30 am – 9:30 am: UWC Members Only Session

9:30AM – 9:40 AM: MORNING BREAK

CONCURRENT MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS

9:40 am – 10:40 am: Roundtable Discussion on UI Law and Policy Issues

Douglas Holmes, President, UWC – Strategic Services on Unemployment & Workers' Compensation

Stephanie Ferguson, Director, Global Employment Policy & Special Initiatives, US Chamber of Commerce

Anthonio Fiore, Legal Counsel, Kegler, Brown, Hill + Ritter, LPA

Julie Squire, Vice President of Policy and General Counsel, National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA)

9:40 am – 10:40 am: Integrity Best Practices

Jim Van Erden, Senior Advisor, National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA)

Chris Silvern, U.S. Department of Labor – OIG(Invited)

10:40 am – 11:40 am: UI Transformation - SIDES Modules Update, Benefit Charges, Audit Issues and Solutions

Christina Corbett, State Information Data Exchange Services (SIDES) Operations Manager, National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA)

Jorie Cummis, President, Association of Unemployment Tax Organizations

10:40 am – 11:40 am: Disaster Unemployment Assistance and UI During Emergencies

*Paul Famolari, South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce
(Moderator)*

M. Antwon Keith, Assistant Secretary, North Carolina Department of Commerce

Wendy Sanders, Benefits Services Consultant, Florida Commerce

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM: HOSTED RECOGNITION AWARDS LUNCHEON

CONCURRENT AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm: Worker Classification and Gig Worker Safety Nets

Joyce Driggers, Chief of Field Services, South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce

Patrick McKlveen, Field Audit Manager, South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce

Ashley Kelley, Partner, Womble Bond Dickinson (Invited)

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm: UI Benefit Overpayment and Recovery

Chris Silvern, U.S. Department of Labor – OIG(Invited)

Mark Mayfield, Solution Engineer, Catalis

3:15 PM – 3:25 PM: AFTERNOON BREAK

3:25 pm – 4:30 pm: Roll Call of Recent State Law Changes and New Legislation

Julie Squire, Vice President of Policy and General Counsel, National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA)

Stephanie Ferguson, Director, Global Employment Policy & Special Initiatives, US Chamber of Commerce

3:25 pm – 4:30 pm: Expanding Quarterly Wage Report Requirements – Policy and Administrative Issues

Alison Fecker, Director - Government Affairs, Compliance, ADP

Dr. Bryan Grady, Assistant Executive Director for Labor Market Information, South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce

Employer Representative

4:30 PM: CONFERENCE CONCLUDES FOR THE DAY

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM: REGISTRATION/INFORMATION DESK

7:30 AM – 12:00 PM: EXHIBITOR SHOW

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: HOSTED BREAKFAST

8:45 am – 9:45 am: Labor Disputes and UI Eligibility Issues

Chris Davis, Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA)

Flannery O'Rourke, Unemployment Insurance Program Director, National Employment Law Project (NELP)

Wayne Rottger, Experian Employer Services, Experian

9:45 am – 10:45 am: UI Administrative Funding

Jim Van Erden, Senior Advisor, National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA)

Will Raderman, Niskanen Center

10:45 am: Closing Plenary, Policy Q and A and Announcements