

2025



BOARD DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 6 & 7
HILTON GARDEN INN
DOWNTOWN
ALBANY, GA

HOSTED BY:
THE ALBANY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2025 Conference Agenda

Thursday, November 6, 2025 – Hilton Garden Inn Downtown – Albany, GA

11:00am	REGISTRATION OPENS Please note rooms may not be available for check-in until 4:00pm	Hotel Lobby
11:30am	WELCOME LUNCHEON <i>Presentation of 2025 GACCE Executive of the Year, the 2025 Class of Georgia Certified Chambers, and Executive Service Awards</i>	Flint III
12:30pm	BREAK	Sponsor Area
12:45– 1:45pm	KEYNOTE SESSION Board Basics: Your Guide to Governance In this session, we will discuss how to build strong boards and committees from recruiting the right people, to successfully orienting board and committee members, and planning for succession. It all centers around understanding the governance responsibilities of your chamber's board members. Session objectives include recruiting board members that reflect the diversity of your members; understanding board "basics" and requirements and setting expectations; and coaching the board or committee to think strategically and prepare for succession. <i>Jeremy Arthur, Director of GEDI, Auburn University</i>	Flint River Ballroom
1:45pm	BREAK	Sponsor Area
2:00– 3:00pm	KEYNOTE SESSION Workforce Best Practice – West Alabama Works <i>Donny Jones, Executive Vice President & CWO, West Alabama Chamber</i>	Flint River Ballroom
3:00pm	BREAK	Sponsor Area
3:15– 4:15pm	PANEL DISCUSSION What Does Success Look Like – Advice & Lessons Learned Learn valuable insights from business leaders who have served in leadership roles for their Chambers of Commerce. This session will explore the meaning of success and how it can differ from person to person, and chamber to chamber. Speakers will share their personal experiences and strategies for achieving success while working together for the betterment of their Chamber and community. <i>Moderator – David Bradley, Athens Area Chamber</i> <i>Panelists TBD</i>	Flint River Ballroom
5:30pm	NETWORKING DINNER Join us for a fun evening in downtown Albany!	Location TBA

Friday, November 7, 2025 – Hilton Garden Inn Downtown – Albany, GA

8:00am	BREAKFAST BUFFET No formal presentation during breakfast so you can network together.	<i>Flint III</i>
8:30– 9:30am	KEYNOTE SESSION Power Update: Leadership & Organizational Development <i>Kim Greene, Georgia Power Company</i>	<i>Flint River Ballroom</i>
9:30am	BREAK	<i>Sponsor Area</i>
9:45am – 11:45am	CLOSING SESSION Preparing Your Community for Disasters Following Hurricane Helene, the Georgia Chamber began working with Governor Kemp to develop a playbook as a guide to better engage local chambers during times of crisis. Join experts from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration for interactive tabletop exercises designed to equip your chamber with the tools to support your members and community during emergencies. Georgia Chamber President Chris Clark will share how this initiative is helping chambers lead with confidence when it matters most. <i>Chris Clark, President & CEO, Georgia Chamber</i>	<i>Flint River Ballroom</i>
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