

2025 ACCG County Legislative Forums Agenda



9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. Welcome – Dave Wills, ACCG Executive Director

10:05 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. Looking Ahead to Policy Committee Meetings – Todd Edwards, Director of Governmental Affairs

10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Legislative Roundtable with Local Legislators – Todd Edwards, Director of Governmental Affairs

State legislators from throughout the region will provide insight into the legislation and impact of the 2025 legislative session and discuss what issues may be coming in 2026. ACCG will moderate the discussion with county-specific issues and impact in mind.

11:00 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. Legislative Update and Preparing the Policy Agenda for 2026 – Governmental Affairs Team

Overall, ACCG and county officials had a successful year advancing county policy agenda items and addressing bills negatively impacting county governments. The policy team will discuss positive and challenging impacts on county governance and how to keep the momentum going into ACCG's 2026 policy development process.

11:25 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. 2025-2026 Hot Topic Focus

The Governmental Affairs Team will address some of the most pressing issues to come out of the last legislative session, including:

- Waiving local government sovereign immunity,
- Opting in or opting out – changes to floating homestead exemptions (HB 92, HB 581),
- The TREES Act
- Increased truck weights and the impact on county economies,
- EMS and 9-1-1 funding, and the implementation of Next Generation 9-1-1,
- School zone safety cameras, and
- Elections – county cost and administrative feasibility.

Coming to the Table: Exciting New Scholarship Program for ACCG and NACo Annual Conferences

It's more important than ever to be fully informed and fully engaged. Learn about how to send more of your team to vital gatherings of the National Association of Counties without impacting your budget.

Closing Comments

The ACCG team will be available to answer questions on programs and services or county issues at the end of the program as time allows or during the meal.

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