



March 14-15, 2023 | Harrah's Atlantic City

AGENDA

March 14

9:00 AM Business Expo & Networking – Open until 7:00 PM

11:30 AM Welcome to the Summit

Advantages and opportunities regarding operating a business in New Jersey – and the current business climate since last summit will be discussed.

- **Tom Bracken**, *President & CEO*, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce

11:45 AM The National Business Outlook and Its Impact on New Jersey

Issues important to business at a national level will be addressed. The top states for doing business will be highlighted – and the policies that make them attractive to companies.

- **The Hon. Josh Gottheimer**, U.S. Representative (NJ-5)
- **Neil Bradley**, *EVP, Chief Policy Officer & Head of Strategic Advocacy*, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

12:15 PM New Jersey's Advantages and Opportunities in 2023

A panel of regional chamber of commerce executives discuss why their members stay in New Jersey – and what can be done to assist them better. They will talk about the advantages New Jersey has over other states, how we can better leverage our positives, and policies needed to make our business climate stronger.

- Moderator: **Gil Medina**, *EVP, CBRE | Brokerage Services, Global Corporate Services*
- **Christina Renna**, *President & CEO*, Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey
- **Jim Kirkos**, *President & CEO*, Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce
- **Michael Chait**, *President*, Greater Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce of Commerce
- **Meghan Hunscher**, *President & CEO*, Morris County Chamber of Commerce
- **Chris Phelan**, *President & CEO*, Hunterdon Chamber of Commerce

12:45 PM Celebrating New Jersey

- **Steve Edwards**, *President*, NJ Hall of Fame

1:00 PM **New Jersey's Programs: What We're Doing & What's in the Works**

State economic development officials talk about programs already offered to help companies of all sizes and what's in the works.

- Moderator: **Ted Zangari**, *Member*, Sills Cummis & Gross
- **Eric Brophy**, *Senior Advisor*, Governor's Office
- **Wesley Mathews**, *President & CEO*, Choose New Jersey
- **Tim Sullivan**, *CEO*, New Jersey Economic Development Authority
- **Melanie Willoughby**, *Executive Director*, New Jersey Business Actions Center

1:45 PM **Investing in New Jersey**

Executives from burgeoning industries in New Jersey will talk about why their companies chose to make major investments in the Garden State.

- Moderator: **Joseph Divis**, *State President – New Jersey*, AT&T
- **William J. Caruso**, *Partner*, Archer (Cannabis)
- **Will Morey**, *President & CEO*, Morey Piers (Tourism)
- **David Rodriguez**, *Executive Vice President & Executive Producer* of New Jersey Performing Arts Center (Film and television)
- **Aaron Price**, *CEO*, TechUnited:NJ (Technology)
- **Madeline Urbish**, *Head of Government Affairs and Market Strategy*, NJ at Ørsted (Wind)

2:15 PM **Making New Jersey Stronger**

Experts will discuss obstacles facing New Jersey companies – and what changes government needs to focus on to make the state more competitive and attractive to business owners. They'll discuss gaps that need to be closed and legislation that needs to be passed. Infrastructure, tax climate, the regulatory environment, bond-rating warnings will all be part of the discussion.

- Moderator: **Gary Dahms**, *President*, T&M Associates
- **Enrico A Della Corna**, *Regional President*, PNC
- **Lisa Chowansky**, *President*, HC Constructors
- **William R. Hagaman, Jr.**, *Immediate Past Managing Partner and CEO*, Withum
- **Dana Lancellotti**, *President & CEO*, NJ Restaurant & Hospitality Association

3:00 PM **Executive Roundtable: Macroeconomic Factors Impacting NJ Business**

Executives from New Jersey's top companies will discuss critical issues they are keeping an eye on in 2023 and beyond. This includes return to office, inflation, supply chain issues, Wall Street decline, sustainability, war for top talent, recession, technology costs, etc.

- Moderator: **Mike Reagan**, *Sr. Vice President Consulting Services*, CGI
- **Braxton Plummer**, *Director of State and Local Government Affairs*, Verizon
- **Colin Newman**, *Director, Economic Development*, Amazon
- **Abbey Barksdale**, *Director, Business Development*, New Jersey American Water
- **Nicole Swan-Bennett**, *Director – Business Customer Solutions*, PSE&G

3:45 PM Power of New Jersey's Diversity

New Jersey's diversity is one of the state's main strengths – and our diverse companies are key to our long-term economic success. Leaders from our diverse chambers of commerce and companies will discuss what New Jersey needs to do to support diverse business owners and entrepreneurs.

- Moderator: **Dwayne Redmond**, *Market Executive*, Bank of America
- **Carlos Medina**, *Chairman*, Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ
- **Dale Favors**, *Managing Partner*, *Adaptive Growth Leadership*
- **Marjorie Perry**, *President & CEO*, *MZM Construction*

4:30 PM Keynote Address from the Governor of New Jersey

The governor will outline the state's economic policies and what his administration is doing to help companies during these times of continued economic uncertainty.

- Introduction: **James Fakult**, *President*, *JCP&L* and *Chairman*, *NJ Chamber of Commerce*
- **The Hon. Phil Murphy**, *Governor*, *State of New Jersey*

5:15 PM Networking Reception – Eat, Drink and Exchange Business Cards

7:00 PM Adjourn

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March 15

8:00 AM Networking Breakfast Opens

8:15 AM Welcome to Atlantic City

The Hon. Marty Small, *Mayor, Atlantic City*

8:30 AM Reporters Forum: Covering the Intersection of Business & Government

New Jersey political and business reporters will talk about issues facing New Jersey companies both in Trenton and Washington, DC. They will also react to what has been discussed at the Summit.

- Moderator: **Tom Bergeron**, *Editor & Chief Content Officer, ROI-NJ*
- **Matthew Fazelpoor**, *Government/Economic Development Reporter, NJBIZ*
- **Daniel Muñoz**, *Staff Writer - Business, The Record*
- **Rhonda Schaffler**, *Business Correspondent, NJ Spotlight News*
- **Stacie Sherman**, *Senior Editor - Americas News Desk, Bloomberg News*

9:15 AM Legislative Leaders: Policy Discussion from Policy Makers

The four legislative leaders will discuss what their parties are doing to help business owners, entrepreneurs and corporate executives.

- Moderator: **Benjamin Dworkin**, *Founding Director, Rowan Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship*
- **The Hon. Nicholas P. Scutari**, *Senate President (D-District 22)*
- **The Hon. Steven V. Oroho**, *Republican Leader (R-District 24)*
- **The Hon. Craig J. Coughlin**, *Assembly Speaker (D-District 19)*
- **The Hon. John DiMaio**, *Republican Minority Leader (R-District 23)*

10:30 AM Closing & Recommendations

- **Tom Bracken**, *President & CEO, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce*

11:30 AM Adjourn