

2026 PRELIMINARY AGENDA RALEIGH CONVENTION CENTER

TUESDAY, MAY 5

- 9:00AM - 6:00PM Member & Sponsor/Exhibitor Registration
- 11:00AM - 12:30PM NC Black Elected Municipal Officials Membership Business Meeting & Lunch
- 12:45PM - 2:15PM NC Mayors Association Membership Business Meeting & Lunch
- 1PM Exhibit Hall Opens
- 2:30PM - 4:00PM NC Women in Municipal Government Membership Business Meeting
- 2:30PM - 4:00PM NC Metro Mayors Coalition Membership Meeting
- 2:30PM - 4:30PM Pre-con AML Session: Ethics for Municipal Officials
- 4:00PM - 6:00PM Exhibit Hall Welcome Reception
- 2:30PM - 4:30PM NCLM Board of Directors Meeting
- 5:30PM - 6:30PM NCLM Board of Directors Reception
- 6:30PM - 8:00PM NCLM Board of Directors Dinner
- 8:00PM - 10:00PM Tuesday Night Social, Sponsored by Colliers Engineering & Design

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

- 7:30AM - 5:30PM Member & Sponsor/Exhibitor Registration
- 7:30AM - 8:45AM NC Managers Association Membership Business Meeting & Breakfast
- 7:30AM - 8:45AM NC Association of Municipal Clerks Educational Membership Meeting & Breakfast
- 8:00AM - 4:30PM Exhibit Hall Open
- 8:00AM - 9:00AM Exhibit Hall Continental Breakfast
- 9:00AM - 10:30AM Opening Ceremonies with Keynote Speaker
- 10:30AM - 11:15AM Exhibit Hall Networking Break
- 11:15AM - 12:15PM Concurrent Sessions:
1. Disaster-Ready Communities: How to Prepare Now for the Future
 2. Understanding Your Town's Finances: What Your Finance Officer Wants You to Know
 3. The Brave Space Advantage: Navigating Diverse Perspectives to Foster Stronger Community
 4. The Most Dangerous Phrase in Local Government & Practical Strategies for Smarter Risk Management
- 12:30PM - 1:45PM NCLM Networking Luncheon & AML Awards
- 2:00PM - 3:00PM Concurrent Sessions
1. Leading Through Disaster: Stories and Strategies from Local Leaders
 2. Regionalizing Utility Infrastructure: Policy, Practice, and Collaboration
 3. Why AI Can't Replace You: Mastering Skills for Effective Communication and Advocacy
 4. Vape Shops and Youth Access: An Emerging Public Health Challenge

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

3:00PM - 3:45PM Exhibit Hall Ice Cream Social & Door Prize Drawing

3:30PM - 5:30PM Mobile Tours

- Downtown Economic Development Tour (with Downtown Raleigh Alliance)
- Dix Park Tour (Trolls & Gibson Play Plaza)
- From Flush to Fuel: Raleigh Water's Bio-Energy Recovery Project Tour
- Downtown Art Tour (Self-Guided)

6:00PM - 8:30PM Host City Social Event

THURSDAY, MAY 7

8:00AM - 1:45PM Member Registration

8:00AM - 9:30AM NCLM Member Breakfast & Business Meeting

9:45AM - 10:45AM Concurrent Sessions

1. Navigating Recovery: Building Your Local Disaster Toolkit
2. Affordable Housing and Downtown Development in Raleigh
3. You Can't Pour from an Empty Cup: The Role of Self-Care in Civil and Effective Leadership
4. Town Manager Roundtable Discussion

10:45AM - 11:15AM Networking Break

11:15AM - 12:15PM Concurrent Sessions

1. After Helene: Lessons Learned in Asheville
2. Working with Your Town Manager: Building an Effective Governing Partnership
3. Communicating with Confidence: Practical Media tips for Local Leaders
4. Defending your Data: Cybersecurity Readiness & Dark Web Exposure

12:30PM - 1:45PM NCLM President's Luncheon

1:45PM Conference Concludes