

AGENDA FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL MASSACHUSETTS INVESTOR CONFERENCE

THURSDAY OCTOBER 20, 2022
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center | Boston, MA
Meeting Run Time: 8:45 AM – 1:00 PM

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM

Registration and Refreshments

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

Welcome

Sue Perez, Deputy Treasurer of Debt Management

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

Building Bridges – Community Development in Massachusetts

Michael Heffernan, Secretary of Administration & Finance [Moderator]

Mike Kennealy, Secretary of Housing & Economic Development

Ashley Stolba, Undersecretary of Community Development

Sean Cronin, Senior Deputy Commissioner for Local Services

Developing a strong partnership between the state and municipalities has been a key focus for the Commonwealth in recent years. The state has invested significantly in the growth and strength of local communities. Hear Commonwealth leaders discuss the state's innovative approach to working with local municipalities, and learn more about programs, such as the Community One-Stop for Growth streamlined grant program, the Last Mile and Middle Mile broadband expansion programs, the MassWorks program, and other state initiatives, which invest millions to help boost local economies, accelerate housing production, spurs private development and create jobs.

9:45 AM – 10:15 AM

Another Brick in the Wall – Educating in the Commonwealth

James MacDonald, First Deputy Treasurer & CEO of MSBA [Moderator]

Mary Pichetti, Director of Capital Planning at MSBA

James Peyser, Secretary of Education

Rosalin Acosta, Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development

Educating our children to succeed in life and providing tools and training needed for our workers to succeed in the Massachusetts economy are critical to our society. MSBA will discuss how they partner with Massachusetts communities to support the design and construction of educationally appropriate, flexible, sustainable, and cost-effective public school facilities. Hear Commonwealth leaders in education and workforce development discuss the investments in vocational schools, apprenticeships, and other key workforce training.

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM

Coffee Break

10:45 AM – 11:15 AM

Update on the Massachusetts Economy

Dr. Michael Goodman, Professor of Public Policy & Senior Advisor to the Chancellor at UMass Dartmouth

11:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Understanding ESG

Kathy Bramlage, Senior Debt Analyst, Office of the Treasurer [Moderator]

Poonam Patidar, Member at Mintz Levin

Zach Solomon, Executive Director, Head of Tax-Exempt Project Finance & Sustainable Infrastructure at Morgan Stanley

Ruth Ducret, Senior Analyst, Municipal Research at Breckinridge Capital Advisors

Muni bonds align well with the objectives of many ESG-focused investors. The social and environmental outcomes from muni bond financings are often measurable and material. This panel will discuss three sides of the municipal ESG story – bond counsel regarding issuer disclosure considerations; a public finance specialist on the marketability of ESG bonds; and an investor regarding their thoughts on ESG.

11:45 AM – 11:50 AM

Treasurer's Address

State Treasurer, Deborah B. Goldberg

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Keynote Speaker & Lunch

Dr. Christopher Foote, Senior Economist and Policy Advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston