

ACBO Spring 2025 Conference Agenda at a Glance

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In the event of inclement weather, the weather back up for outside venues will be Cascades.

Please note that this schedule is subject to change and that presenter cancellation, should it happen, is out of our control. See conference app for session descriptions, presenter details and other information.



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Monday, May 19th

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| 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Conference Check-In/Information Desk Open PRE-FUNCTION <i>Sponsor tables open until 3:45 p.m. GRAND SIERRA C/D</i> | |
| 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Morning Coffee GRAND SIERRA C/D | |
| 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. ☐ (1.0) GENERAL SESSION #1 Opening Remarks, Sponsor Messages, and Keynote Speaker Ellen Zentner, Morgan Stanley Chief Economic Strategist, State of the Economy and Markets <i>GRAND SIERRA A/B</i> | |
| 11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Refreshment Break GRAND SIERRA C/D | |
| 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Association Meeting, Ice Breaker and District Networking [CLOSED] <i>GRAND SIERRA A/B</i> | |
| 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch & Networking SUN & SPA DECK | |
| 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ☐ (1.5) GENERAL SESSION #2 Federal Policy Shifts & Fiscal Strategy: What CBOs Need to Know About Compliance, DEIA, and Grant Viability <i>Meredith Brown, Anna Miller, Katie Peterson and Mario Rodriguez</i> <i>GRAND SIERRA A/B</i> | |
| 3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Refreshment and Snack Break GRAND SIERRA C/D | |
| 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ☐ (1.25) GENERAL SESSION #3 AI in Action: More Creativity, Less Busywork <i>Zach Cembellin, Laurie Scolari and Leslie Valmonte</i> <i>GRAND SIERRA A/B</i> | |
| 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Welcome Reception PAVILION | |
| 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Casino Night with Food Stations ALPINE BALLROOM | |

Tuesday, May 20th

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| 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Networking Breakfast [full buffet] CASCADES | |
| 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Conference Check-In/Information Desk Open PRE-FUNCTION <i>Sponsor tables open until 3:00 p.m. GRAND SIERRA C/D</i> | |
| 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS #1 | |
| ☐ (1.0) 1A: Navigating the 50% Law: Compliance, Audit Insights, and Best Practices <i>Joe Atherton, John Dominguez and Jubilee Smallwood</i> <i>GRAND SIERRA A/B</i> | ☐ (1.0) 1B: 2026: An Even Bigger Year for CCD Bonds? <i>Tom Burke, Catherine Lew, Dale Scott and Mario Rodriguez</i> <i>ALPINE BALLROOM</i> |
| 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Refreshment Break GRAND SIERRA C/D | |
| 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS #2 | |
| ☐ (1.0) 2A: CBO's Role in Negotiations | ☐ (1.0) 2B: Financial Aid Current Issues and Common Findings |

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| Amy Brandt, Ann-Marie Gabel and Cindy Vyskocil GRAND SIERRA A/B | | Rodrigo Garcia, Brandon Harrison and Susan Stephenson ALPINE BALLROOM | |
| 11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Refreshment Break GRAND SIERRA C/D | | | |
| 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS #3 | | | |
| 📄 (1.0) 3A: SCFF Deep Dive Dennis Curran and Chris Ferguson GRAND SIERRA A/B | | 📄 (1.0) 3B: Strategic Procurement: Unlocking Cost Savings and Operational Efficiencies Angelic Davis, Jennifer Keiper and Fred Williams ALPINE BALLROOM | |
| 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Buffet Lunch & Networking PAVILION | | | |
| 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS #4 | | | |
| 📄 (1.0) 4A: Nuts and Bolts Risk Management Ann-Marie Gabel, Kris Lehman and Veronica Riglick GRAND SIERRA A/B | | 📄 (1.0) 4B: Immigration Enforcement Activity on Campus Amy Brandt and Eileen O’Hare-Anderson ALPINE BALLROOM | |
| 2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Refreshment and Snack Break GRAND SIERRA C/D | | | |
| 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 📄 (1.0) GENERAL SESSION #4 Humans Say the Darndest Things! But Is It Protected Speech or Unlawful Conduct? Mark R. Breese and Cindy Vyskocil GRAND SIERRA A/B | | | |
| 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 📄 (1.0) GENERAL SESSION #5 Fraud Elimination powered by LightLeapAI Jory Hadsell and Kiran Kodithala GRAND SIERRA A/B | | | |
| 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Reception SUN & SPA DECK | | | |

Wednesday, May 21st

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| 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Networking Breakfast [full buffet] GRAND SIERRA C/D | |
| 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Conference Check-In/Information Desk Open PRE-FUNCTION | |
| 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. ⓘ (1.0) GENERAL SESSION #6 CCLC and School Services Update Kyle Hyland and Andrew Martinez GRAND SIERRA A/B | |
| 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Refreshment Break PRE-FUNCTION | |
| 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ⓘ (2.0) GENERAL SESSION #7 Semi-Annual Report of the Chancellor's Office and System Update [CLOSED] GRAND SIERRA A/B | |