

2025 MASS/ALLIANCE SUMMER CONVENTION

Beau Rivage Resort and Casino

Agenda

Saturday, July 12, 2025

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| 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Registration for Superintendents | Registration Desk |
| 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | GENERAL SESSION
Welcome/Remarks/Introductions:
Dr. Phil Burchfield, Executive Director, MASS

Introduction:
Jessie King, President, MASS

<i>“Legal Issues”</i>

Jim Keith, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP | Magnolia A |
| 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Reception
<i>Sponsored by:</i>
YOUNG LAW GROUP | Azalea Ballroom |

Sunday, July 13, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast (Retiring Superintendents to be Recognized) <i>Sponsored by:</i> <i>TRANSAMERICA LIFE INSURANCE / CATCHINGS AGENCY</i>	Magnolia A
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Registration	Camellia Ballroom
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration for Alliance Member	Registration Desk
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Alliance Chairpersons' Meeting	Azalea D
6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Show Time on the Coast	Magnolia Ballroom

Dining Begins at 6:00 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.

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Monday, July 14, 2025

6:30 a.m. **Exhibit Hall Opens for the Day**

6:45 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

Magnolia Foyer

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8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION**

Theatre

Welcome/Remarks/Introductions:

Dr. Phil Burchfield, Executive Director, MASS

Introduction:

Jessie King, President, MASS

Manley Feinberg, Keynote Speaker

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10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Break**

Magnolia Foyer

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Alliance Sectional Meetings**

Superintendents

Magnolia A

“Measured Leadership: Turning Evaluation into a Roadmap for Results”

Dr. Denotris Jackson, Executive Director, MSBA

Dr. Tommye Henderson, Superintendent Search Manager, MSBA

Facilitator: Jessie King, President, MASS

Assistant Superintendents / Curriculum Coordinators

Magnolia E

“Cultivating High-Capacity, Forward Thinking with a NCEE AI Tool, Teaching Partner”

Chris Chism, Superintendent, Pearl Public School District

Dr. Susan Muse Rucker, MS State Director, NCEE

Dr. Cedric Ellis, National Facilitator, NCEE

Larry Molinaro, Senior Advisor, NCEE

Eli Wood, Teaching Partner Engineering Team Project Manager, NCEE

Facilitator: Dr. Marcus Holbert, Assistant Superintendent,
Forest Municipal School District

Monday, July 14, 2025, continued

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Alliance Sectional Meetings**

Athletic Directors

Azalea C

***"Mississippi High School Activities Association Updates
& Athletic Legal Issues"***

Rickey Neaves, Executive Director, MHSAA

Jim Keith, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

Facilitator: Richard Smithhart, Athletic Director,
Pearl Public School District

Business Officials

Azalea A

"Business Administrators Preparing to Sustain the District"

Letitia Johnson, Office of School Financial Services,
Bureau Director, MDE

Facilitator: Shelia Copeland, Business Officer,
Simpson County School District

Elementary Principals

Magnolia G - H

***"Improving Schools, One Educator at A Time; How a
Positive Focus on Educator Conduct Can Shift School Culture"***

Dr. Nason Lollar, Principal, Madison County School District

Facilitator: Dr. Nikki Graham, Elementary Principal,
Pearl Public School District

Federal Programs Directors

Magnolia F

***"Navigating School Improvement and Accountability with
Federal Ready Leaders of Future Ready Learners"***

Dr. Sonja Robertson, Executive Director of School Improvement,
MDE

Timothy Scott, Director of Accountability Services, District &
School Performance, MDE

Facilitator: Eileen Dowsing, Federal Programs Director,
Holly Springs School District

Monday, July 14, 2025, continued

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Alliance Sectional Meetings**

Public Information Officers

Azalea B

“A Case Study in Crisis Communications: Have No Fear Social Media Is Here”

Facilitator: Everett Chinn, Public Information Officer,
Greenville Public School District

Secondary/Middle Level Principals

Magnolia C

“Future Ready Leaders...Bridging the Gap”

Dr. Laquanta M. Nelson, Educational Consultant,
THE BOSS EDUCATOR

Facilitator: Tanya Pickering, Secondary/Middle Level Principal,
Covington County School District

Special Education Directors

Magnolia D

“Updates from the MS Department of Education Office of Special Education”

Tonya Green, Executive Director, Special Education, MDE

Facilitator: Gretchen Cagle, Special Education Director,
Rankin County School District

Technology Directors

Azalea D

“Technology Directors’ Roundtable”

Facilitator: Ross Randall, Technology Director,
Lamar County School District

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Lunch with the Exhibitors**

Magnolia Foyer

Monday, July 14, 2025, continued

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Concurrent Session 1

Magnolia E

“Mississippi Department of Education Updates”

- Updates about new MDE policies, initiatives, and professional development opportunities.
- Insights into changes in state standards, assessment, curriculum developments, and strategic goals.
- Summary of policy and programmatic updates, state priorities, MDE resources and training opportunities.

Dr. Lance Evans, Ed. D., State Superintendent, MDE

Concurrent Session 2

Magnolia F

“Supporting Early Career Teachers”

- In this interactive session, participants will discuss four areas of support necessary for educators to thrive.
- Focus areas include: Sense of Self, Sense of Place and Expectations, and Sense of Belonging.
- Participants will explore state and national evidence and research to effectively support teachers.

Dr. Eddie Peasant, Assistant Dean School of Education,
William Carey University

Dr. Kim Benton, Assistant Professor School of Education,
William Carey University

Concurrent Session 3

Magnolia G

“Best Practices that Work: Maximizing Student Outcomes for ACT, WorkKeys, and EOC”

- Asking the right questions today makes implementing quality preparation easy and effective later.
- Teachers are the most valuable test prep resource. What can we do to help them?
- Breadth, depth, and timing are all-important. How do we hit those objectives for maximum benefit?

Rod Martin, Vice President of Curriculum/Regional Director,
Jumpstart Test Prep

Dr. Kim Wardlow, Assistant Principal,
Cleveland Central High School

David Martin, Superintendent, Lincoln County School District

Shane Rodgers, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction,
Lauderdale County School District

Monday, July 14, 2025, continued

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Concurrent Session 4

Magnolia H

“Aspire, Advance, Achieve: Building a Districtwide Leadership Continuum”

- Explore the components of a sustainable, research-aligned leadership pipeline framework.
- Examine coaching and support strategies for aspiring, novice, and veteran school leaders.
- Discover how districts can customize pipeline systems based on size, needs, and goals.

Kim Hall, Director of Leadership, Bailey Education Group

Amanda Samples, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services,
DeSoto County School District

Concurrent Session 5

Azalea A

“PERS 101...Retirement Readiness”

- Eligibility for retirement and comprehensive information about benefits.
- Available benefit options and the retirement process.
- Mississippi Deferred Compensation...Retirement Readiness, Saving Strategies, and Investment Recommendations.

Centron Lenoir, Field Representative, PERS

Bria Wright, Field Representative, PERS

Craig Finn, Plan Advisor, Mississippi Deferred Compensation

Paula DeYoung, Director of Preconstruction and Business
Relationship, Alliant Construction

Concurrent Session 6

Azalea B

“Practical Tips for Maximizing Revenues and Creating Financial Opportunities”

- Developing a Long-range Capital Projects and Finance Plan
- Avoiding Financing Pitfalls
- Understanding Borrowing Options

Jim Young, Young Law Group

Warren Greenlee, Young Law Group

Bonnie Granger, Young Law Group

Concurrent Session 7

Azalea C

“Using a Blueprint, Time, and a Tool to Assist School Leaders to be Efficient in the Way to Use Time Differently”

- Using a Blueprint to create a successful system
- Using time differently to use efficient solutions to teaching and learning
- Using innovative scheduling to reach ALL students

Dr. Cederick Ellis, National Facilitator, NCEE

Dr. Susan Muse Rucker, MS State Director, NCEE

Larry Molinaro, Senior Advisor, NCEE

Eli Wood, Teaching Partner Engineering Team Project Manager,
NCEE

Monday, July 14, 2025, continued

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Concurrent Session 8

Azalea D

“AI in Action: Leading Systems, Empowering Educators, and Transforming Learning”

- Lead with Vision: Guide ethical, strategic AI integration across systems
- Teach with Intention: Empower Educators to use AI purposefully and practically
- Learn with Purpose: Equip students to leverage AI creatively and responsibly

Windell Greene, President and CEO, Greene Education

Jessica Mia Quinn, Chief of Staff, Greene Education

Cloyd Garth, Superintendent, Hazlehurst City School District

Concurrent Session 9

Theatre

“Legal Challenges Facing School Districts”

- Personnel, Code of Ethics, Employee Misconduct
- Dealing with Immigration Issues in Employment, Employee Absences
- AI Challenges, Responsible Use of Social Media

Elizabeth Maron, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

KaShonda Day, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

Mary Kate Fernandez, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

John Hooks, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

Jim Keith, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

4:30 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Closes for the Day**

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **President’s Reception**

Magnolia Ballroom

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7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

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8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Concurrent Session 1

Magnolia E

“Top Ten Things that Every Literacy Leader Needs to Know”

- Top 10 insights grounded in the Science of Reading to support data-driven, research-based practices.
- Strategies for strengthening Tier 1 instruction, using assessments to inform instruction, promoting professional learning.
- Actionable knowledge to drive sustainable literacy improvement across their schools or districts.

Dr. Michelle Nowell, Executive Director of Elementary Education and Reading, MDE

Amanda Malone, State Literacy Director, MDE

Kelli Crain, Assistant State Literacy Director, MDE

Jill Hoda, Assistant State Literacy Director, MDE

Concurrent Session 2

Magnolia F

“Principals Leading Learning and Developing Collective Efficacy”

- Focusing on collective efficacy requires intentionality with a pathway to follow.
- Where you begin and how you proceed is determined by your context.
- Being a part of the learning as an administrator or director is non-negotiable.

Paula Tharp, Assistant Professor Educational Leadership, MSU

Leigh Ann McMullan, Associate Clinical Professor, MSU

Elizabeth Elliot, Assistant Principal, Blue Mountain School

Michelle Forman, Director, Internal Coherence Project

Lindsay Brett, Middle School Director,
Lee County School District

Concurrent Session 3

Magnolia G

“Making Sense of Microsoft’s (and others) Public AI offerings”

- What you need to know about AI to keep current.
- What is Microsoft’s offerings? Also, what is Google and Apple doing?
- How do I know if my organization is adopting and benefiting from AI?

Gary Nalley, Senior Solutions Architect, C Spire

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, continued

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Concurrent Session 4

Magnolia H

“Extreme XIQ Site Engine in Action: Deployment, Daily Use, and Real-World Success”

- Daily Operations and Network Visibility
- Deployment Best Practices and Lessons Learned
- Success Stories & ROI Through Best Practices

Stephen Owens, Extreme Networks

Grace Strahan, Endeavor IT

Concurrent Session 5

Azalea A

“Small-Group Instruction and the Science of Reading: Aligning Practice with Knowledge Building Research”

- Discover a new approach to small-group instruction that leverages the latest insights from SOR research
- Explore how a fresh perspective on knowledge building can inform and enhance small-group instruction
- Leave with specific advice for administrators on how to support effective small-group instruction

Marcus Ferrara, Director of Academic Planning and Solution Development, Scholastic Education

Concurrent Session 6

Azalea B

“REACHING ALL SUBGROUPS: Tried and True Ways to Address All Subgroups”

- Using All the Tools : MTSS, Data, Education Benefit (SPED), and Good Tier I Instruction
- AI: Help or Hindrance? How AI can be Used to Increase Production and Instruction!
- Professional Development: Getting the Most BANG for your BUCK!

Dr. Mina Ross Bryan Lightsey, The Excellence Group

Laurie Brewer, The Excellence Group

Dr. Leigh B. Mobley, The Excellence Group

Chaffie Gibbs, The Excellence Group

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, continued

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Concurrent Session 7

Azalea C

“Building Innovative Assessment Practices at DeSoto County Schools”

- Explore new practices for analyzing data, monitoring student progress, and identifying areas for instructional support.
- DeSoto has implemented the Pathways (ELS) assessments to project MAAP proficiency and measure student growth.
- Continual refinement drives improvements in instruction and professional development, and supports literacy and readiness initiatives.

Ryan Kuykendall, Assistant Superintendent of Accreditation and Accountability, DeSoto County School District

Amanda Samples, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services, DeSoto County School District

Kristy Dunning, Director of Intermediate Schools, DeSoto County School District

Jennifer Stripling, Chief Academic Officer/Middle School Director, DeSoto County School District

Paul Shelly, Senior Vice President, Assessment Solutions, Pathways by Learning Explorer

Concurrent Session 8

Azalea D

“It Takes Three to Make a Thing Go Right”: Data, Remediation, Enrichment”

- Effective use of student data to identify individual students and sub-groups of students
- Effective use of assessment data to identify standards in need of additional attention
- Effective use of remediation / enrichment for schools to exit "Improvement" or looking to "Improve"

Starr Brown, Performance Based Education Company

Lee Ann Fulton, Performance Based Education Company

Marsha Hillhouse, Middle School Principal, Pontotoc

Josh Dowdy, Junior High School Principal, Pontotoc

Concurrent Session 9

Theatre

“Legal Challenges Facing School Districts”

- Duty to Report, Personnel Issues, Code of Ethics, Employee Misconduct
- Employee Abuse of FMLA, Transgender Issues, Medical Marijuana
- Investigating Employee Misconduct, Non-renewals, Suspensions/Terminations

Elizabeth Maron, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

KaShonda Day, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

Mary Kate Fernandez, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

John Hooks, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

Jim Keith, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, continued

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Break**

Magnolia Foyer

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Concurrent Session 1

Magnolia E

“Pre-Kindergarten to Career: Building a Seamless Pathway for Mississippi's Students”

- Administrators better understand the importance of early childhood policy, professional development, family engagement, and curriculum.
- Administrators will recognize how early childhood policy impacts teacher professional growth to gain positive outcomes.
- Learn about the Bridge-to-Career course for seniors to prepare to transition to postsecondary.

Dr. Jill Dent, Executive Director of Early Childhood, MDE

Wendy Clemons, Chief Academic Officer, MDE

Concurrent Session 2

Magnolia F

“Serving Newcomers by Empowering Educators and Accelerating Academic Achievement”

- Presenters will share tools on how they support Newcomer English learner students in schools.
- Participants will learn details of the PCSD's English Learner Newcomer Program and its implementation.
- Presenters will share information on linguistic and academic supports to guide and assist districts.

Phil Webb, Superintendent, Pontotoc City School District

Christy Suggs, Assistant Superintendent/Director of Intervention Services, Pontotoc City School District

Joy S. Chunn, Director of EL Services,
Pontotoc City School District

Sandra C. Elliott, English Learner and Intervention Specialist,
MDE

Concurrent Session 3

Magnolia G

“Using AI in Custodial Services and Budget Neutral Infrastructure Solutions with a Guaranteed Payback”

- Using QR Codes to Communicate Custodial Needs
- Budget Neutral Infrastructure Solutions with a Guaranteed Payback
- Bond Alternative Financial Approach

Kristopher Thomas, Vice President of Operations, ABM

Clark Brady, Director of Education Solutions, ABM

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, continued

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Concurrent Session 4

Magnolia H

“From Reports to Results: Bringing Benchmark Data to Life”

- Unpack Your Data: Learn how to turn benchmark reports into clear instructional next steps.
- Pinpoint Student Needs: Discover how to identify and address learning gaps with surgical precision.
- Accelerate Growth: Utilize targeted strategies to achieve tangible, school-wide academic progress.

Dr. Carla Kirkland, CEO, The Kirkland Group

L'Kenna Whitehead, Superintendent,
West Bolivar Consolidated School District

Dr. Miskia Davis, Director, District and School Performance
and Accountability, The Kirkland Group

Dylan Jones, Director, District and School Performance
and Accountability, The Kirkland Group

Concurrent Session 5

Azalea A

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Marcus Ferrara, Director of Academic Planning and Solution
Development, Scholastic Education

Concurrent Session 6

Azalea B

“School Business Law 101”

- Current Business Law Topics, including monitoring visits and audits
- Legal Issues Affecting Contracts, Including Superintendent Contracts
- All That Glitters - Asking Questions and Avoiding Personal Liability

Jim Young, Young Law Group

Warren Greenlee, Young Law Group

Bonnie Granger, Young Law Group

Concurrent Session 7

Azalea C

“K-12 Cybersecurity Maturity”

- K-12 Threat Landscape
- Cybersecurity Trends
- Understanding the Maturity Roadmap

James Clark, Mississippi K-12/Local Government Systems
Engineer, Fortinet

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, continued

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Concurrent Session 8

Azalea D

“From Partnership to Impact: Driving Instructional Growth through Coaching, the Design of High Functioning PLCs, and Collaborative Leadership”

- Strengthen the capacity of teaching teams to deliver aligned, inclusive instruction
- Equipping leaders to sustain high-functioning PLCs focused on results and collaboration
- Partnering with leadership to ensure strategic implementation and measurable outcomes

Rachel Wooten, Area Educational Services Coordinator,
Kids First Education, LLC

Nicole Menotti, Assistant Superintendent,
Bay St. Louis Waveland School District

Concurrent Session 9

Theatre

“Legal Challenges Facing School Districts”

- Student Discipline, Mandatory Expulsion Policies
- Vaping, Medical Marijuana
- Booster Clubs, Miscellaneous Employment Issues

Elizabeth Maron, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

KaShonda Day, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

Mary Kate Fernandez, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

John Hooks, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

Jim Keith, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Luncheon**

Magnolia Ballroom

Remarks/Introductions:

Dr. Phil Burchfield, Executive Director, MASS

Remarks: Larry Holland, Senior Consultant, Scholastic, Inc.

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Tuesday, July 15, 2025, continued

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Break

Magnolia Foyer

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Alliance Sectional Meetings**

Superintendents (*All Superintendents Should Attend*)
“Business Meeting”

Magnolia A

Facilitator: Jessie King, President, MASS

Assistant Superintendents / Curriculum Coordinators

Magnolia C

“Future-Ready Leadership: Bridging the Gap Between Vision and Accountability”

Dr. John Mark Cain, Superintendent,
Lauderdale County School District

Ken Byars, Leadership Support Team Leader/Head Coach,
Kids First Education, LLC

Facilitator: Dr. Marcus Holbert, Assistant Superintendent,
Forest Municipal School District

Athletic Directors

Azalea C

“Integrity and Excellence in Leadership”

Candace Foster, Assistant Athletic Director & Head Women's
Basketball Coach, Murrah High School,
Jackson Public School District

Facilitator: Richard Smithhart, Athletic Director,
Pearl Public School District

Business Officials

Azalea A

“MSIS 2.0: Business Administrators Bridging the Gap”

Jennifer R. Clanton, Chief Financial Officer,
Hattiesburg Public School District

Avery Johnson, Executive Director of Business Services,
Hinds County School District

Angela Hicks, Business Manager,
Newton Municipal School District

Facilitator: Shelia Copeland, Business Officer,
Simpson County School District

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, continued

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Alliance Sectional Meetings**

**Elementary Principals and
Secondary/Middle Level Principals**

Magnolia E - H

***“Fueling Futures: Engaging Students & Using Data to
Power Workforce Readiness”***

Nakeitha Thomas, Manager, Statewide and Strategic Partnerships
Mississippi, Discovery Education

Desiree Sujoy, Senior Director, Teaching & Learning,
Discovery Education

Odell Kennedy, Manager, Educational Partnerships Mississippi,
Discovery Education

Vanessa Carroll, Project Manager, Discovery Education

Facilitator: Dr. Nikki Graham, Elementary Principal,
Pearl Public School District

Facilitator: Tanya Pickering, Secondary/Middle Level Principal,
Covington County School District

Federal Programs Directors

Magnolia B

“Future Ready with Federal Funding”

Elisha Campbell, Executive Director of Grants Management and
Budget, MDE

Dr. Judy Nelson, Executive Director of Federal Programs, MDE

Facilitator: Eileen Dowsing, Federal Programs Director,
Holly Springs School District

Public Information Officers

Azalea B

“The Importance of Telling Your Own Story”

JaLeasa N. Bolden, Director of Communications,
Moss Point School District

Facilitator: Everett Chinn, Public Information Officer,
Greenville Public School District

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, continued

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Alliance Sectional Meetings**

Special Education Directors

Magnolia D

“Avoiding the Trap: Common Legal Missteps in Mississippi Special Education”

Kashonda Day, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

Ashley Jackson, Attorney, Adams and Reese LLP

Facilitator: Gretchen Cagle, Special Education Director,
Rankin County School District

Technology Directors

Azalea D

“Google Workspace - Updates, New Features and Best Practices”

Laurie Beaman, K-12 Mid-Market Account Manager,
South Central Region, Google

Facilitator: Ross Randall, Technology Director,
Lamar County School District

4:30 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Closes**

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. ***“Updates from the Office of Academic Education and Accountability”***

Magnolia E - H

- Updates regarding initiatives related to the offices from the Chief Accountability Officer
- Q and A

Wendy Clemmons, Chief Academic Officer, MDE

Dr. Paula Vanderford, Chief Accountability Officer, MDE

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast** Magnolia Foyer
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8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION** Magnolia A
Welcome/Remarks/Introductions:
Dr. Phil Burchfield, Executive Director, MASS

Scott Lesnick, Keynote Speaker
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Door Prizes (Must Be Present to Win)

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **2025 – 2026 MASS Board Meeting/Lunch** Azalea C - D

Sectional Committee Reports to MASS Board

All Sectional Committee Chairpersons should attend this meeting and give a verbal report to the Board. If any of the chairpersons cannot attend, they should appoint a designee.