



# ALABAMA PRO-GROWTH POLICY CONFERENCE

September 19-20, 2022 | Marriott Shoals Conference Center

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

### MONDAY SEPT 19

1:15 PM

#### OPENING SESSION | [SINGING RIVER](#)

Rep. Adline Clarke, Policy Committee Chair, House District 97  
Rep. Anthony Daniels, House Minority Leader, House District 53  
Sen. Bobby Singleton, Senate Minority Leader, Senate District 24

#### OPENING KEYNOTE

Heidi Heitkamp, *Former United States Senator, North Dakota*  
Introduction: Rep. Barbara Drummond, Caucus Vice Chair, House District 103

2:30-3:20 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

#### SESSION 1: MAYORS' PANEL ON INNOVATION | [SINGING RIVER](#)

Hollie Cost, *Former Mayor, City of Montevallo*  
Hon. James Perkins, *Mayor, City of Selma*  
Hon. James Stewart, *Mayor, City of Irondale*  
Moderator: Rep. Sam Jones, House District 99

#### SESSION 2: EDUCATION INNOVATION – CRADLE TO PRE-K & EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS | [TUSCUMBIA](#)

Dr. Barbara Cooper, *Secretary, Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education*  
Dr. Jimmy Hull, *Alabama Department of Education*  
Matt Massey, *Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering*  
Dr. Dan Wuori, *The Hunt Institute*  
Moderator: Rep. Tashina Morris, Caucus Whip, House District 77

3:40-4:40 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

#### SESSION 3: ARPA & COVID RELIEF FUNDING | [SINGING RIVER](#)

Christina Gordley, *The Council of State Governments*  
Robyn Hyden, *Alabama Arise*  
Susan Wilhelm, *Alabama Department of Finance*  
Moderator: Rep. Kelvin Lawrence, Caucus Secretary/Treasurer, House District 69

#### SESSION 4: ADVANCES IN AGRICULTURE – MEDICAL MARIJUANA | [TUSCUMBIA](#)

Daniel Autrey, *Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission*  
Kyle Bridgeforth, *Aspire Medical Partners, Bridgeforth Farms*  
Dwayne Dunn, *Emerald Leaves - Tacoma, Washington*  
Patrick Packer, *Datus Henry Industries*  
Moderator: Sen. Bobby Singleton, Senate Minority Leader, Senate District 24

#### SESSION 5: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION | [SHEFFIELD](#)

Karen Elizabeth Johnson, *Toyota*  
Katherine McAden, *Google*  
Jeff Peoples, *Alabama Power*  
Moderator: Rep. Rolanda Hollis, House District 58

## MONDAY SEPT 19

6:00-7:30 PM NETWORKING RECEPTION & NOMINEES FUNDRAISER | SINGING RIVER TERRACE  
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## TUESDAY SEPT 20

9:30-10:30 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### SESSION 1: HEALTHCARE INNOVATION | TUSCUMBIA

Crystal Smith, *Tuskegee University*  
Garry Gause, *ShareSafe*  
Del Smith, *Acclinate*

Moderator: Rep. Mary Moore, Legislative Black Caucus Vice Chair, House District 59

### SESSION 2: AFFORDABLE AND DIGNIFIED HOUSING | MUSCLE SHOALS

Howie Hodges, *CentriTech*  
Dr. John Knight, *Montgomery Housing Authority*  
Lisa McCarroll, *Navigate*  
Antonio McGinnis, *Huntsville Housing Authority*

Moderator: Rep. Neil Rafferty, Platform Committee Chair, House District 54

### SESSION 3: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | SHEFFIELD

Khadijah Abdullah, *Shipt*  
Dr. Lakami Baker, *Auburn University*  
Dennis Madsen, *City of Huntsville*

Moderator: Rep. Jeremy Gray, Caucus Whip, House District 83

10:40 AM CLOSING NETWORKING WITH LEGISLATORS | SINGING RIVER TERRACE

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