CONFERENCE AGENDA

Monday, September 15th

1:00–2:00 p.m. | **Conference Registration**

2:00–2:15 p.m. | **Opening Remarks**

2:15–3:45 p.m. | **Plenary Session: HCR Panel Discussion with Q&A**

Nina Krupski, Director for the Neighborhood & Rural Preservation Programs

Sarah Braymer, Senior Grant Project Manager, NYS HOME

Kate Merriman, Senior Grant Project Manager, Access to Home, RESTORE, MMHR

3:45–5:15 p.m. | **Regional Icebreaker Session**

Sarah Wilkinson, Vice President, Capacity Building, NYCON

5:15–6:00 p.m. | **Hotel Check-in**

6:00–7:00 p.m. | **Cocktail-Appetizer Reception**

7:00–8:30 p.m. | **Dinner & Awards**

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tuesday, September 16th

8:00–9:00 a.m. | **Breakfast**

9:00–9:15 a.m. | **Welcoming Remarks**

9:15–10:15 a.m. | **Plenary Session: AI and Not-for-Profits**

Dr. Odo N. Butler

Associate Commissioner, Policy, Strategy and Research, New York State Department of Labor

10:30–11:15 | **Breakout Session 1: Housing Solutions and Advocacy**

- What's Happening in HUD/State Level?
- FY2026 Federal Budget Appropriations for Housing Programs
- Habitat for Humanity/Community Development & Funding (CDFI)

11:30–12:15 p.m. | **Breakout Session 2: Practical Housing Solutions & Support**

- REST Act (Rent Emergency Stabilization for Tenants)
- Ins and Outs of Weatherization Assistance Program
- Aging in Place & Finding Opportunities for a Better Reality

12:30–1:45 p.m. | **Lunch with Guest Speaker**

Senator, Brian Kavanagh, Chair of the Senate Committee on Housing

2:00–2:45 p.m. | **Breakout Session 3: Innovative Housing Models and Workforce Support**

- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU): Joys and Challenges
- FREE Hiring Help for Nonprofits - New York State Department of Labor
- Clean Energy Hubs

3:00–4:00 p.m. | **Plenary Session: Housing Leadership Panel**

Tonya Ores, Board President, Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of NYS

Rachel Fee, Executive Director, New York Housing Conference

Carlina Rivera, President & CEO, NYS Association For Affordable Housing

4:00–4:15 p.m. | **Closing Remarks**

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Wednesday, September 17th

8:00–8:45 a.m. | **Breakfast**

8:45–9:00 a.m. | **Opening Remarks**

9:00–9:30 a.m. | **Guest Speaker**

NYS Secretary of State, Walter Mosley

9:30–11:00 a.m. | **Plenary Session: Goldstein Hall PLLC: Know Your Rights: Immigration Crisis, Defending Homes, Defending Communities**

David Goldstein, Managing Partner, Goldstein Hall PLLC

Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark Clemot, Senior Counsel, Goldstein Hall PLLC

11:15–12:45 p.m. | **Succession Planning: Planning for Success**

Donna Sterling-Gurnett, Vice President of Association Management Services, Hinman Straub, PC.

12:45–1:00 p.m. | **Closing Remarks/Box Lunch**