

November 16, 2026 | Indiana Chamber Conference Center

8:30 a.m. **Registration and Networking Continental Breakfast**

9 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Vanessa Green Sinders, president and CEO, Indiana Chamber of Commerce

9:05 a.m. **Election Analysis, Voter Polling and Policy Implications**
This timely recap will break down the election results and newly released voter polling on key issues, offering a fuller picture of the political landscape heading into 2027. The discussion will connect those insights to Indiana's policy agenda, business climate and advocacy efforts in the year ahead.
Jeff Brantley, senior vice president, political affairs, Indiana Chamber of Commerce

9:30 a.m. **Updated State Vision Plan + Chamber Legislative Priorities**
The Indiana Chamber president highlights the organization's refined *Indiana Prosperity 2035* playbook and outlines the Chamber's broad policy priorities for the 2027 legislative session. The remarks will connect the state's long-term opportunities with the near-term actions needed to strengthen Indiana's economy, workforce and quality of life.
Vanessa Green Sinders

9:45 a.m. **Legislative Caucus Leaders Preview 2027**
Caucus leaders from the House and Senate will share their outlook for the upcoming session, offering insight into their top priorities, emerging policy issues and the debates likely to define the year ahead. This bipartisan Q&A conversation will help employers and advocates identify what to watch as lawmakers prepare to return to the Statehouse.
Panelists: Speaker-Elect Ben Smaltz, House Minority Leader Phil GiaQuinta, Senate President Pro Tem-Elect Chris Garten and Senate Minority Leader Shelli Yoder
Moderator: Vanessa Green Sinders

**** Media Portion of Event Concludes at 10:45 a.m. After Caucus Leader Panel ****

10:45 a.m. **Break**

11 a.m. **Budget Outlook and Fiscal Priorities: Insights From Top Fiscal Leaders**
With a budget-writing session ahead, Indiana's fiscal leaders will provide a timely look at the state's revenue outlook, spending pressures and long-term budget priorities. Indiana Secretary of Management and Budget Lisa Hershman and Indiana State Budget Director Chad Ranney will discuss 2027 state budget preparations, early insights into Gov. Braun's budget priorities and how select federal policy changes could

factor into Indiana's fiscal planning. Legislative fiscal leaders Sen. Eric Koch and Rep. Craig Snow then will offer perspective on how their respective caucuses are approaching the session and the priorities that may guide the budget debate.
Panelists: Indiana Secretary of Management and Budget Lisa Hershman, Indiana State Budget Director Chad Ranney, Sen. Eric Koch on behalf of Senate Republican budget priorities (chosen by Sen. Ryan Mishler and Sen. Chris Garten) and Rep. Craig Snow.
Moderator: Krista Ricci, Vice President of Taxation and Fiscal Policy, Indiana Chamber

12 p.m. **Legislative Champions Luncheon**
Enjoy a provided lunch while we recognize lawmakers who have demonstrated strong leadership on key business and economic policy issues important to Hoosier employers. The luncheon also will explore how employers, advocates and stakeholder partners can work together to advance shared priorities and build momentum throughout the legislative session.
TBD honorees

1 p.m. **Data Centers, Energy and Other Growth Initiatives – What Policy Action Is Needed**
As Indiana competes for major investment and prepares for continued economic growth, the state must ensure its infrastructure, energy supply and policy environment can keep pace. This panel looks at what is needed to support high-impact growth opportunities – including data centers, advanced manufacturing and other large-scale projects – while balancing reliability, affordability and long-term planning. Discussion will focus on the policy actions that can help Indiana remain competitive, responsive and ready for the next wave of economic development.
Panelists: Daniel Kelley, chief operating officer, Indiana Office of Commerce; Jeff Rea, president and CEO, South Bend Regional Chamber; and Rep. Elizabeth Rowray (R-35), president and CEO, Greater Muncie Chamber of Commerce
Moderator: Vanessa Green Sinders

2 p.m. **Adjourn**