



Tribal Leadership Conference

June 23-26, 2025

Palms Las Vegas, NV

Conference Agenda

(As of April 17, 2025)

THIS IS A DRAFT AGENDA ONLY AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MONDAY JUNE 23, 2024

Registration

Time: 8:00 am to 10:00 am & 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Location: Pre-Function, Conference Center

Tribal Administration Certification

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Harper C/D, Conference Center

Conducted by: KOSO Strategies

Health Care as an Economic Opportunity for Tribes: How to Develop a Robust Health System to Benefit Your Community and Increase Revenue

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: Kennedy A/B/C, Conference Center

Conducted by: Blue Stone Strategy Partners

All White Opening Reception/Registration (Badges required)

Time: 8:00 pm to 12:00 am

Location: Nove, Fantasy Tower

Sponsored by:

TUESDAY JUNE 24, 2025

Registration

Time: 8:00 am

Location: Pre-Function, Conference Center

Breakfast

Time: 7:30 am to 8:30 am

Location: Green Street Kitchen

Sponsored by: Summit Project Management

Opening Ceremonies

Opening Prayer

Time: 8:30 am to 9:15 am

Location: Grand Ballroom. Conference Center

General Session

Keynote TBA

Time: 9:15 am to 9:45 am

Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center

Speakers: TBA

Break

Time: 9:45 am to 10:00 am

Breakout Sessions

Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Venture Capital

Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Nicole Johnny, Founding Advisor – Confluence Advisory Partners

Speakers:

Controlling Health Care Costs

Location: Madison A/B, Conference Center

Moderator:

Speakers:

Leveraging Third Party Brands

Location: Harper A/B, Conference Center

Moderator: Michael Kim, Managing Partner – GGHM

Speakers: Thomas Lozano, Treasurer – Enterprise Rancheria
Adam Goldberg, CEO – Rock & Brews
Eugene Magnuson, CEO – Little River Holdings

Lunch

Time: 11:00 am to 12:15 pm
Location: Green Street Kitchen
Sponsored by: Blue Stone Health

General Session

Setting the Stage for the Next Generation of Leaders

Time: 12:30 am to 1:15 pm
Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center
Moderator: Andrew “Dru” Alejandre, Vice President – Tribal Leadership Council
Speakers: Scott Larionoff, Development Coordinator – Tapa Companies
Alex Wesaw, Treasurer – Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Overcoming Challenges in Leadership

Time: 1:15 pm to 2:00 pm
Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center
Moderator: James Siva, Vice Chairman – Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Speakers: Marcy LaFerr, Vice Chairwoman – Kiowa Casinos Operations Authority
Meryl Picard, Secretary/Treasurer – Bishop Paiute Tribe

Break

Time: 2:00 pm to 2:15 pm

Breakout Sessions

Time: 2:15 pm to 3:15 pm

Reclaiming Your Identity: Rebranding a Tribal Government

Location: Grand Ballroom Room, Conference Center
Speakers: Jessica Stops, Vice President – Tribal Brand Marketing & Strategic Initiatives,
Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation

MMIP/Human Trafficking

Location: Madison A/B, Conference Center
Moderator:

Speakers: Rachel Fernandez, Founder & Executive Director – Maeqtekuahkihkiw
Metaemohsak, Woodland Women
Edith Baker, Partner – Swift Creek
Virginia Hendrick, Executive Director – California Consortium Urban Indian
Health, Inc

Understanding the Roles of Tribal Council, Board of Directors, and Management

Location: Harper A/B, Conference Center

Moderator: Michael-Corey Hinton, Lawyer & Tribal Nations Practice Group Leader –
Drummond Woodsum

Speakers: Judy Reagan, Chief Operating Officer – Eastern Shawnee Companies
Chris Floyd, Chairman & President – Shawnee Development
Jamie Fullmer, Chairman – Blue Stone Strategy Partners

Break

Time: 3:15 pm to 3:30 pm

Breakout Sessions

Time: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Developing Tribal Utility Authorities

Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Denise Turner Walsh, Attorney General – Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians

Speakers: Ken Ahmann, COO – Colusa Indian Energy

Budgeting Best Practices

Location: Madison A/B, Conference Center

Moderator: Mauricia Chavarria, Treasurer – Tribal Leadership Council

Speakers: April Bacon, Senior Manager – Wipfli

Risk Management

Location: Harper A/B Conference Center

Moderator: Rich Baldwin, Managing Partner – GGHM

Speakers: Chris Floyd, Vice President Tribal Nations Program – Brown & Brown
Insurance
Manjit Gombra Singh, Chief Executive Officer – Druvstar
Amanda Merced, Partner – Ward & Berry

Awards and Reception (Badges Required)

Time: 8:00 pm to 12:00 am

Location: Kaos

Sponsored by: ROI Promotions

WEDNESDAY JUNE 25, 2025

Registration

Time: 8:00 am

Location: Pre-Function, Conference Center

Breakfast

Time: 7:30 am to 8:30 am

Location: Green Street Kitchen

Sponsored by:

Breakout Sessions

Time: 8:30 am to 9:15 am

Break

9:15 am to 9:30 am

Breakout Sessions

Time: 9:30 am to 10:15 am

Women in Leadership

Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Deana Scott, Chief Executive Officer & Owner – Raving

Speakers: Glenda Nelson, Tribal Chairwoman – Enterprise Rancheria
Frances Alvarez, Chairwoman – Tribal Gaming Protection Network

Which Business Structure is Right?

Location: Madison A/B, Conference Center

Moderator: Justin Barrett, President – Tribal Leadership Council

Speaker: Judy Reagan, Chief Operating Officer – Eastern Shawnee Companies
Erick Giles, Attorney – Drummond Woodsum
Sara Dutschke, Chairwoman – Lone Band of Miwok Indians & Partner, Kaplan Kirsch

Language Revitalization and Immersion

Location: Harper A/B, Conference Center

Moderator: Mauricia Chavarria, Treasurer – Tribal Leadership Council

Speakers:

Break

Time: 10:15 am to 10:30 am

Breakout Sessions

Time: 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Tribal Justice Post McGirt

Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Danielle Finn, Professor & Director of the Indian Nations Gaming and Governance Program – University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) William. S Boyd School of Law

Speakers: Billy Shepherd, Tribal Attorney – Billy Shepherd, Attorney at Law
Sara Dutschke, Chairwoman – Lone Band of Miwok Indians & Partner, Kaplan Kirsch
Geri Wisner, Deputy Attorney General – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Preparing for the Future of Climate Change

Location: Madison A/B, Conference Center

Moderator: Michael-Corey Hinton, Lawyer & Tribal Nations Practice Group Leader – Drummond Woodsum

Speakers: Anecita Agustinez, Executive Manager Office Tribal Affairs – California Department Water Resources
Brett Isaacs, Founder & Chief Executive Officer – Navajo Power
Bryan Van Stippen, Program Director – National Indian Carbon Coalition

8(a) Federal Contracting

Location: Harper A/B, Conference Center

Moderator: Andrew “Dru” Alejandre, Chairman – Tapa Companies

Speakers: Judy Reagan, Chief Operating Officer – Eastern Shawnee Companies
Travis Olson, SVP Tribal Pursuits & Engagement – Tapa Companies
Eugene Magnuson, Chief Executive Officer – Little River Holdings
Amanda Merced, Partner – Ward & Berry

Lunch with UNLV Students

Time: 11:30 am to 12:45 pm

Location: Green Street Kitchen

Sponsored by: FSA Advisory Group

Breakout Sessions

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Engaging Tribal Youth

Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator:

Speakers: Jeremy Oyenque, Director of Youth and Learning – Santa Clara Pueblo
Meryl Picard, Secretary/Treasurer – Bishop Paiute Tribe

Economic Diversification

Location: Madison A/B, Conference Center

Moderator: Michael Kim, Managing Partner – GGHM

Speakers: Titu Asghar, Chief Executive Officer – Naaminik Enterprises
Eugene Magnuson, Chief Executive Officer – Little River Holdings
Joe Nayquonabe, Chief Strategy Officer – Blue Stone Strategy Partners
Lacey Calac Dunne, Chairwoman – First Nations Economic Development Corporation

Reinvesting in Indian Country from a Government and Enterprise Perspective

Location: Harper A/B, Conference Center

Moderator: Presley “Prez” Redeye, Board Member – Tribal Leadership Council

Speakers: Bryan Cain, Chief Executive Officer & President – Sovereign Bank

Break

Time: 2:00 pm to 2:15 pm

Breakout Sessions

2:15 pm to 3:15 pm

Addressing the Mental Health Crisis

Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Andrew “Dru” Alejandre, Vice President – Tribal Leadership Council

Speakers: Devin Olio, Chief Executive Officer & Founder – Emic Health
Rachel Fernandez, Founder & Executive Director – Maeqtekuahkihkiw
Metaemohsak, Woodland Women

Strategic Planning

Location: Harper A/B, Conference Center

Moderator: John Hosman, Managing Partner – FSA Advisory Group

Speakers: Ernest Vargas Jr., Founding Director – KOSO Strategies

Developing a Tribal Development Program

Location: Madison A/B, Conference Center

Moderator: Marcus Diaz, Director of Organizational Development – Casino Del Sol
Speakers: Marcy LaFerr, Vice Chairwoman – Kiowa Casinos Operations Authority
Thomas Lozano, Treasurer – Enterprise Rancheria
Sylvia Lopez-Zurflueh, Director of Tribal Development – Casino Del Sol

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Time: 3:15 pm to 3:30 pm

Breakout Sessions

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Philanthropy

Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center

Speakers: Jessica Stops, Vice President – Tribal Brand Marketing & Strategic Initiatives,
Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation

Developing a Business Brand

Location: Harper A/B, Conference Center

Moderator: Christie Eickelman, VP of Global Marketing – GLI

Speakers: Ben Gordon, CEO & Creative Director – Tribal Resource Group
Missy Stanis, Senior Director of Product Management – Everi
Michael Michaud

Wealth Management

Location: Madison A/B

Moderator: Robert Elzholtz, Principal - REDW

Speakers: John Hosman, Managing Partner – FSA Advisory Group
Alex Wesaw, VP Relationship Manager – Huntington Bank

Social Hour and Lab Tour (Shuttles Provided)

Time: 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: GLI Offices

Hosted by: GLI

THURSDAY JUNE 26, 2025

Breakfast

Time: 7:30 am to 8:30 am

Location: Green Street Kitchen

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General Session

Health Care for Profit

Time: 8:30 am to 9:15 am

Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Kate Grismala, Vice President – Blue Stone Strategy Partners

Speakers: Joe Nayquonabe, Chief Strategy Officer – Blue Stone Strategy Partners

Break

Time: 9:15 am to 9:30 am

Breakout Sessions

Time: 9:30 am to 10:15 am

Streamlining Grants Management for Tribal Organizations

Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Dr. Sabrina Renteria, Managing Director – FSA Advisory Group

Speakers: Mauricia Chavarria, Treasurer – Tribal Leadership Council
Ernest Vargas Jr., Founding Director – KOSO Strategies
Zechariah Harjo, Secretary of the Nation – The Muscogee Nation
April Bacon, Senior Manager – Wipfli

First Construction Project: Get to Know the Basics

Location: Madison A/B, Conference Center

Moderator: Steven Hollabaugh, CEO & President – Native Strategies

Speakers: Travis Olson, SVP Tribal Pursuits & Engagement – Tepa Companies
Don Hamann, Vice President of Operations – Moorefield Construction

Break

Time: 10:15 am to 10:30 am

Breakout Sessions

Time: 10:30 am to 11:15 am

Using Data to Ensure Economic Demand for New Tribal Enterprises

Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Victor Florez, Principal – REDW

Speakers: Cory Morowitz, Managing Partner – GGHM

Eric S. Trevan, Ph.D., President & CEO – aLocal

Joe Nayquonabe, Chief Strategy Officer – Blue Stone Strategy Partners

Integrating Indigenous Ways of Teaching in Education

Location: Madison A/B, Conference Center

Moderator: Mauricia Chavarria, Treasurer – Tribal Leadership Council

Speakers:

Lunch

Time: 11:15 am to 12:30 pm

Location: Green Street Kitchen

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Breakout Sessions

Time: 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm

Managing Employee Benefit Programs

Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator:

Speakers: Tribal Nations Health

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Financial Audit Preparedness

Location: Madison A/B, Conference Center

Moderator: Adam Smith, Principal – REDW

Speakers: Daniel Trujilo, Managing Partner – TKM

Rich Baldwin, Managing Partner – GGHM

Jamison Scarpelli, Senior Manager – Wipfli

Break

Time: 1:15 pm to 1:30 pm

Breakout Sessions

Time: 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm

Waste, Fraud, and Abuse: How to Prevent or Minimize Risk

Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Mauricia Chavarria, Treasurer – Tribal Leadership Council

Speakers: Daniel Trujillo, Managing Partner – TKM

Adam Smith, Principal – REDW

Alma Paz, Treasurer – Tribal Gaming Protection Network, Finance Consultant

AI

Location: Madison A/B, Conference Center

Moderator: Eric S. Trevan Ph.D., President & CEO – aLocal

Speakers: Nelli Babayan, AI Director – Microsoft

Dhruv C. Patel, Chief Executive Officer – Syncurrent

Estakio Beltran, Senior Partnerships Advisor – Office of Strategic

Partnerships, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior

Krishna Mandava, Senior Manager - Wipfli

Break

Time: 2:15 pm to 2:30 pm

Breakout Sessions

Time: 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm

Indian Child Welfare

Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Kimberly Cluff, Legal Director – California Tribal Families Coalition

Speakers: Rachel Vansickle, Tribal Council Member at Large – Paskenta Band of
Nomlaki Indians

Sarah Kastelic, PhD, MSW, Executive Director – National Indian Child Welfare
Association

The Power of Partnerships

Location: Madison A/B, Conference Center

Moderator:

Speakers:

Break

Time: 3:15 pm to 3:30 pm

General Session

Time: 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Self-Care as a Tribal Leader

Location: Grand Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Presley “Prez” Redeye, Board Member – Tribal Leadership Council

Speakers: Rachel Fernandez, Founder & Executive Director – Maeqtekuahkihkiw
Metaemohsak, Woodland Women
Michael Michaud

Closing Ceremonies

Closing Reception

Time: 8:00 pm to 12:00 am

Location: Ghost Bar

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