

# 2025 BUSINESS DAYS AT THE CAPITOL

## ENERGIZING THE FUTURE

### Wednesday, January 8—Delta Colonial Hotel

- 12:00 p.m.—12:30 p.m.     **Opening Remarks & Welcome**  
Nancy Schlepp—Sandfire Resources America, MT Chamber Chair  
Tony Rosanova—New Rose Consulting, MT Chamber Director  
Todd O’Hair—Montana Chamber of Commerce, President & CEO
- 12:30 p.m.—1:00 p.m.     **Painting the Picture: Energy Supply & Demand**  
Clark Mather—Northwest Riverpartners, Executive Director
- 1:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m.     **Energy Reliability & Cost**  
**Moderator:** Mark Johnson—Flathead Electric, General Manager  
Molly Schwend—NorthWestern Energy, Key Accounts/Economic Development
- 1:30 p.m. —2:00 p.m.     **Networking Break**
- 2:00 p.m.—2:45 p.m.     **Election 2024: What Happened. What’s Next.**  
**Moderator:** Nancy Schlepp, Sandfire Resources America, MT Chamber Chair  
Jason Thielman—National Republican Senatorial Committee, Executive Director
- 2:45 p.m.—3:15 p.m.     **Business Case for Medicaid Access**  
**Moderator:** Katie Whitmoyer—Wood’s Powr-Grip, Human Resources Manager  
Taylor Rose—Barrett Hospital, Chief Executive Officer  
Emily Herndon, PT, DPT, CLT—Plains Physical Therapy
- 3:15 p.m.—3:45 p.m.     **Renewable Energy**  
**Moderator:** Jess Peterson—Western Skies Strategies, President & CEO  
Adam Renz—Pattern Energy, Director of Project Development
- 3:45 p.m.—4:00 p.m.     **Networking Break**
- 4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.     **Opportunities: Data Centers and Technology**  
**Moderator:** Tony Rosanova—New Rose Consulting  
David Namura—Google, Government Affairs/Public Policy  
Mark Taylor—Taylor Luther Group, Partner
- 4:30 p.m.—4:45 p.m.     **A Look Back | A Look Ahead**  
Secretary Christi Jacobsen

### Wednesday, January 8—Helena Civic Center

- 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.     **Lawmaker Appreciation Reception**



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### Thursday, January 9—Delta Colonial Hotel

7:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m.

#### **Eggs & Issues**

**Moderator:** Glenn Oppel—PLUS Communications, Partner  
Matt Regier—Senate District 5, Senate President  
Pat Flowers—Senate District 31, Senate Minority Leader  
Brandon Ler—House District 33, Speaker of the House  
Katie Sullivan—House District 93, House Minority Leader

9:00 a.m.— 9:30 a.m.

#### **Networking Break**

9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

#### **AI Trajectory**

**Moderator:** Todd O’Hair—Montana Chamber of Commerce, President & CEO  
Phillip Brittan—The Innovation Ranch, Managing Partner

10:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

#### **Energy Investment**

**Moderator:** Todd O’Hair — Montana Chamber of Commerce, President & CEO  
Nancy Murray—BHE Montana, President  
Dwayne Howard—BHE Montana, Vice President of Energy Services

10:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

#### **Montana’s Minerals & Next Generation Demands**

**Moderator:** Matt Vincent—Montana Mining Association, Executive Director  
John Metesh—Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology—Director  
Luke Mauritsen—Quantum Strategix—Founder

11:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

#### **A View from the Hill**

**Moderator:** Charles Robison—Montana Chamber, Government Affairs Director  
Tim Monahan—US Chamber, VP | Managing Director of Government Affairs

11:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

#### **Energy: Federal Outlook & National Security**

Matt Babcock—Navajo Transitional Energy Company, Chief Commercial Officer

12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

#### **Last Word Closing Luncheon**

**Moderator:** Todd O’Hair—Montana Chamber of Commerce, President & CEO  
Governor Greg Gianforte