

# Afternoon Sessions

ATTENDEES MOVE TO NASHVILLE ROOM LOBBY LEVEL

1:30 PM AFTERNOON SESSIONS BEGIN

1:45 – 2:30 PM LEGISLATIVE LEADERS PANEL

**Senator John Stevens, Vice Chairman of the Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee**  
**Representative Mark Cochran, Assistant Majority Leader**  
**Representative Caleb Hemmer, House District 59**

Legislators from both chambers and parties will answer questions and provide updates about legislation impacting the business community. They will share their thoughts on issues that the General Assembly is currently debating during this year's legislative session.

2:30 – 3:00 PM TAX CAPS & ECONOMIC UPDATE

**Dr. Arthur B. Laffer, Founder and Chairman, Laffer Associates**

Art Laffer, a prominent economist and former adviser to President Ronald Reagan will discuss the current economic situation in Tennessee and the U.S. He will provide insights into efforts to make changes to tax policy in Tennessee and the implications of those changes.

3:00 – 3:30 PM ELECTION AND POLLING UPDATE

**John Rogers, Director of Client Strategy, Cygnal**

A leading polling and political expert will provide insights into the 2024 election cycle and discuss what observers should be looking for as the primary season continues and general election campaigns get underway later in the year.

3:30 – 4:10 PM FACES OF FINANCE AND STATE OF THE BUDGET PANEL

**Commissioner David Gerregano, Department of Revenue**  
**Senator Bo Watson, Chairman of the Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Gerregano and Senator Bo Watson will provide updates on the annual budget process and discuss the implications of this year's projected revenue numbers. Additionally, they will speak on potential tax policy changes that the administration has offered, and the legislature is considering, including a major proposal to eliminate the alternative minimum measure portion of the franchise tax.

4:10 – 4:15 PM BE PRO BE PROUD UPDATE & TOUR

Be Pro Be Proud Tennessee launched in October, has already reached 6,000 Tennessee students, using virtual career simulations housed in a semi-truck, to raise awareness about rewarding career and training opportunities in skilled professions. Take a tour and see for yourself how Be Pro Be Proud Tennessee is working to address the workforce crisis in our state and connect students directly to opportunity.

5:00 PM ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION



## Winter Conference

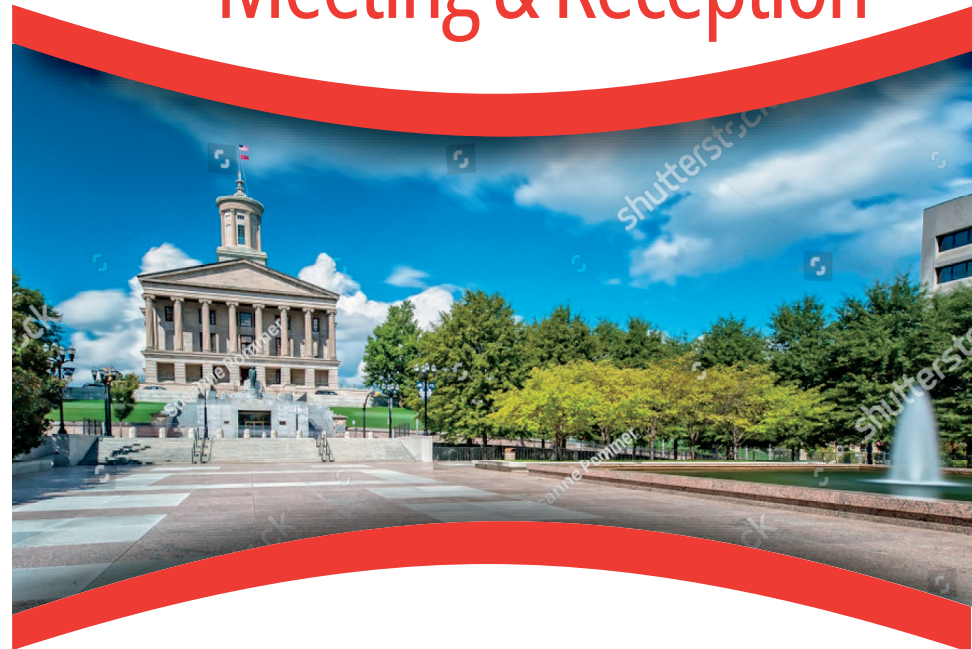
1:30-5:00pm

PHILIPS PLAZA, SUITE 104 CONFERENCE  
ROOM (ADJACENT TO TN CHAMBER OFFICE)



TENNESSEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# 112TH ANNUAL Meeting & Reception



## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

DOUBLETREE HOTEL | NASHVILLE, TN

PRESENTED BY JACK DANIEL'S



# Luncheon

## OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

Bradley Jackson, *President/CEO*  
*Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry*

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Barbershop Harmony Society

## INVOCATION

Bryan Doleshel, *Chief Community Development Officer*  
*Williamson, Inc.*

## LUNCH

## WELCOME & SPONSOR RECOGNITION

Bradley Jackson, *President/CEO*  
*Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry*  
Andrew Tavi, *Senior Vice President, External Affairs*  
*Nissan*

## WELCOMING REMARKS

Governor Bill Lee

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Danny White, *Athletic Director*  
*University of Tennessee*

## TEDC WELCOME

Marshall Ramsey, *President*  
*Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce & TEDC President*

## TCCE WELCOME

Bryan Doleshel, *Chief Community Development Officer*  
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