



Transcending Boundaries



2025
Annual Meeting Program

ENERGY IN THE SOUTH:
IT JUST MEANS MORE

Welcome

Governor Kay Ivey and the Southern States Energy Board (SSEB) welcome you to our 65th Anniversary Celebration.

We owe thanks to our Annual Meeting Planning Committee and Board and Associate Members for their support and guidance in event planning and preparation.

If you need assistance or have any questions, do not hesitate to ask our staff.

Meeting Locations

Plenary Sessions.....	Magnolia Ballroom
Associate Members Meeting	Azalea Ballroom AB
Executive Committee Meeting & Board Business Session.....	Azalea Ballroom CDEF
Opening Reception (Monday).....	Julep Point
Governor's Reception (Tuesday)	Grand Ballroom South
Breakfasts (Tues. & Wed.) & Lunches	Grand Ballroom South

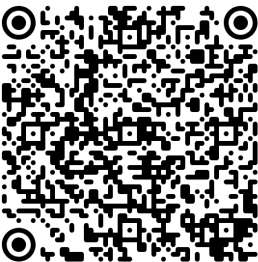
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Want to increase your reach online? Use **#SSEB65** to discuss the Annual Meeting on social media. We encourage you to tag us on LinkedIn, X, Threads, Facebook, and Instagram!

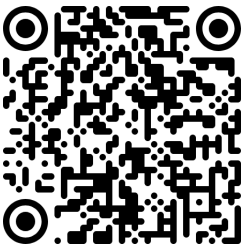
Recording

At various times, we may record and/or broadcast guest speakers and discussion panels online. Please keep this in mind when moving around the meeting room.

Speakers



Digital Resources



Credentials

Conference credentials are required for admittance to all SSEB program sessions and social events. Credentials must be worn in clear view during all meeting activities. Credentials are color-coded as indicated below:

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	Green	Guest
	Red	SSEB Staff
	Red and White	Media

Media

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WiFi Availability

To log onto free WiFi during meetings, use the network ID SSEBAMA25 (all caps).

Agenda

Monday, September 29

8:00 AM	Associate Members Meeting Zach Monroe Senior Legislative Representative, Ameren Missouri; SSEB Associate Members Chairman
	Networking Breakfast
	Welcome New Members
	Two-Minute Drill: Fast-Paced Dialogue on Urgent Energy Issues
	Business Session
	Election of Officers, 2025-2026
	By-Laws
	MOU Between SSEB & Associate Members
	Future Meetings
	Additional Feedback from Members
	New Business
9:45 AM	Associate Members Meeting Adjournment
10:00 AM	Annual Business Session & Executive Committee Meeting
Presiding:	The Honorable Kay Ivey Governor of Alabama, SSEB Chairman
	Chairman's Remarks The Honorable Kay Ivey
	Remarks of the Federal Representative
	Treasurer's Report Senator Ken Yager Tennessee
	2025-2026 Nominating Committee Report
	Incoming Chairman's Remarks
	Proposed Resolutions Representative Jim Gooch, Jr. Kentucky
	Other Business

12:00 PM	Welcoming Luncheon & Keynote Address
Introduction by:	The Honorable Brian Kemp Governor of Georgia
	The Honorable David A. Wright Chairman, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1:30 PM	OPENING PLENARY SESSION I – ENERGY IN THE SOUTH: IT JUST MEANS MORE
	Call to Order
	Kenneth J. Nemeth Secretary, Southern States Energy Board
	Presentation of Colors
	Robertsdale High School Navy JROTC
	National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, & Invocation
	Greg Reed Secretary, Alabama Department of Workforce
	Welcome to Point Clear & the Yellowhammer State!
	The Honorable Kay Ivey Governor of Alabama
1:40 PM	PLENARY SESSION II – THE GOVERNORS ENERGY CAUCUS
Moderated by:	The Honorable Charles McConnell Executive Director, Center for Carbon Management in Energy, UH-Energy, The University of Houston
	The Honorable Kay Ivey Governor of Alabama
	The Honorable Mike Kehoe Governor of Missouri
	The Honorable Brian Kemp Governor of Georgia
	The Honorable Tate Reeves Governor of Mississippi
3:00 PM	Press Conference
	(Join Governors & the Media)
	Experience the Grand Hotel Resort & Point Clear (on your own)

6:00 PM

Opening Reception & Dinner

Featuring entertainment by The Life Atlantic

Welcoming Remarks

Representative Chip Brown | Alabama

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Tuesday, September 30

8:00 AM

Networking Breakfast

Beyond the Barrel: Oil & Gas Royalties

Introductions by:

Barry H. (Nick) Tew, Jr. | Ph.D., State Geologist & Oil & Gas Supervisor of Alabama; Director, Geological Survey of Alabama

The Honorable Young Boozer | State Treasurer; Alabama Savings Board Chair

Chris Blankenship | Commissioner, Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

9:00 AM

Call to Order

Senator Ken Yager | Tennessee

PLENARY SESSION III – IN THE TRENCHES: NATURAL GAS UTILITIES HOLDING THE LINE ON RELIABILITY

Moderated by: The Honorable Cynthia Lee Almond | President, Alabama Public Service Commission

Scott Doyle | President & CEO, Spire

J. Gregory Henderson | President & CEO, Southeast Gas & Southeast Energy Authority

Sid McAnnally | President & CEO, ONE Gas

10:15 AM

Networking Break

10:45 AM

PLENARY SESSION IV – STATE GAME PLANS TO ADDRESS ENERGY NEEDS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Moderated by: Darin Buelow | Global Location Strategy Leader, Deloitte

Bill Cork | Executive Director, Mississippi Development Authority

Jason Lanclos | Director, State Energy Development & Planning, Louisiana Economic Development

Ellen McNair | Secretary, Alabama Department of Commerce

Nicholas Preservati | Deputy Director, WV Dept. of Commerce; Chair, WV Public Energy Authority; & Director, WV Office of Energy

12:00 PM

Networking Luncheon

1:30 PM

PLENARY SESSION V – ANCHORING ENERGY SECURITY: LIQUID FUELS & OFFSHORE RESOURCES

Moderated by: Ed Poolos | Director, Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Kevin Bruce | Vice President, Government Affairs, Arena Offshore

Allen Fore | Vice President, Public Affairs, Kinder Morgan

Juan De Urtubey | Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, Hunt Refining Company

3:00 PM

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6:00 PM

Governor's Reception & Dinner

Fireside Chat

Introductions by: Brooks McClendon | Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Governor Kay Ivey

Interview by: Dave Neal | Play-by-Play Commentator, ESPN & SEC Network

Greg Sankey | Commissioner, Southeastern Conference of the National Collegiate Athletic Association

Wednesday, October 1

7:30 AM

Networking Breakfast

Platinum Sponsor Remarks

8:30 AM

Call to Order

Brooks McClendon | Deputy Chief of Staff,
Office of Governor Kay Ivey

**PLENARY SESSION VI – POWERING THE
FUTURE OF ENERGY DOMINANCE**

Moderated by: Jennifer Jura | Director, External Affairs,
Edison Electric Institute

Ryan M. Arnold | Vice President, Power
Operations & Trading, Ameren Missouri

Brandon Dillard | Sr. Vice President,
Resource Strategy & Stakeholder
Engagement, Alabama Power

Damon Morgan | Executive Vice President &
COO, PowerSouth

Carmen H. Thomas | Vice President &
General Counsel, Santee Cooper

Bryan Williams | Senior VP, Generation
Projects & Fleet Services, Tennessee
Valley Authority

10:00 AM

Keynote Address

The Honorable Kate MacGregor | Deputy
Secretary of the U.S. Department of the
Interior

10:45 AM

**PLENARY SESSION VII – INNOVATION IN
CARBON CAPTURE, UTILIZATION,
& STORAGE PROJECTS: SECURING
JOBS, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, &
ENERGY DOMINANCE**

Moderated by: Benjamin Wernette, Ph.D. | Principal
Scientist & Strategic Partnerships Lead,
Southern States Energy Board

Bret Estep | Vice President – Development,
Tenaska

The Honorable Charles McConnell |
Executive Director, Center for Carbon
Management in Energy, UH-Energy, The
University of Houston

Traci Rodosta | Head of Americas, Global
CCS Institute

Alex Tiller | CEO & President, Co-Founder,
Carbonvert Inc.

11:50 AM

Closing Remarks

12:00 PM

Farewell Luncheon (Grab & Go)

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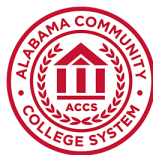
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