



2025 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

MARCH 1-4 | WASHINGTON, D.C.



So, You're Going to Your First NACo Conference?

Monday, February 24 | 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- NACo's "Why" – Legislative Conference Goals
- Schedule Overview
- Policy Steering Committee Overview
- Tips and Tricks
- Q&A





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NACo's Why – Legislative Conference Themes, Goals and Purpose





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Purpose

- **Federal Advocacy and Policy Influence**
- **Policy Steering Committees and Resolutions**
- **Education and Information Sharing**
- **Networking and Best Practices Exchange**
- **Engagement with Congress and the Administration**



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Themes – What Will You See Around the Conference?

- Reconciliation
- Governing in Action
- Strengthening Intergovernmental Partnerships
- Regulations
- Opportunities and Challenges of AI

Other Key Topics

- Disaster Mitigation & Emergency Management
- Public Lands, Environment & Natural Resources
- Infrastructure, Economic Development & Workforce
- Tax & Finance
- Housing & Human Services
- Public Health & Criminal Justice
- Election Integrity & Cybersecurity



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Goals

- **Have a seat at the table as disaster response and recovery reform take shape**
- **Reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools Act**
- **Defeat drastic cuts and harmful changes to Medicaid**
- **Preserve the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds**
- **Eliminate the cap on the State and Local federal tax deduction**
- **Protect county-administered social service programs**



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Conference Schedule Overview





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Pre-Conference | Friday, February 28*

- NACo Technology Innovation Forum
- Building Resilient Economies in Coal Communities (BRECC) Forum
- Disaster Response Training

*All events require separate pre-conference registration. The BRECC Forum is open to all attendees, if space permits.

Day 1 | Saturday, March 1

- First-time Attendee Breakfast
- First-time Attendee Policy Committee Explainer
- Policy Steering Committee Meetings
- Affiliate & State Association Receptions



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Day 2 | Sunday, March 2

- Task Force, Advisory Board, and Caucus Meetings
- Standing Committee Meetings
- Affiliate Lunches
- Workshops

Day 3 | Monday, March 3

- Regional Caucus Meetings
- General Session
- Federal Agency Expo

Day 4 | Tuesday, March 4

- General Session
- Advocacy Day of Action
- Closing Reception



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Policy Steering Committee Overview



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THERE ARE TEN NACo POLICY STEERING COMMITTEES:

1. Agriculture & Rural Affairs
2. Community, Economic & Workforce Development
3. Environment, Energy & Land Use
4. Finance, Pensions & Intergovernmental Affairs
5. Health
6. Human Services & Education
7. Justice & Public Safety
8. Public Lands
9. Telecommunications & Technology
10. Transportation

BENEFITS OF JOINING A PSC

**INFORM NATIONAL POLICY
AND STAY UP-TO-DATE ON
ISSUES IMPACTING YOUR
COUNTY**

**ACCESS TO BEST
PRACTICES**

**NETWORK WITH LEADERS
FACING SIMILAR ISSUES**

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ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Email updates:** PSC members receive frequent memorandums on policy and regulatory matters pertaining to the jurisdiction of the committee
- **Virtual monthly calls:** Calls include updates on federal legislation and regulations from Congressional and federal agency staff, discussions on best practices and opportunities to network with your peers
- **Legislative/regulatory priorities:** Each PSC identifies their legislative and regulatory priorities for the upcoming year
- **In-person meetings:** Legislative and Annual Conferences to hear from federal and national leaders, and vote on policy resolutions
- **Throughout the year:** Committee members engage in NACo activities through the year, such as Webinars, meetings with federal officials, legislative advocacy and more

AMERICAN COUNTY PLATFORM

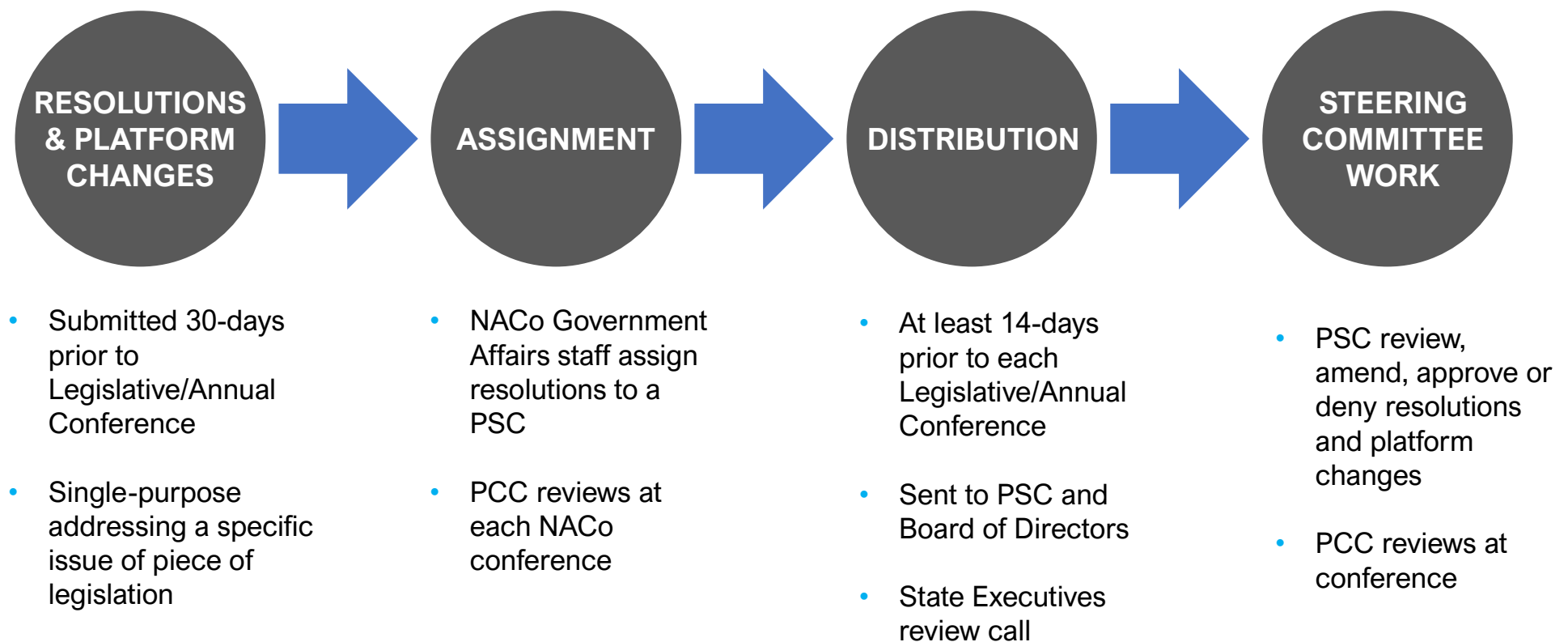
- NACo's permanent policy document
- When necessary, it is amended at the annual meeting (Legislative Conference consists of interim policy resolutions, which are supplemental)
- Divided into substantive policy areas covered by **ten policy steering committees**
- Reflects the philosophy and broad objectives of NACo's membership



THE AMERICAN COUNTY PLATFORM AND RESOLUTIONS 2024-2025

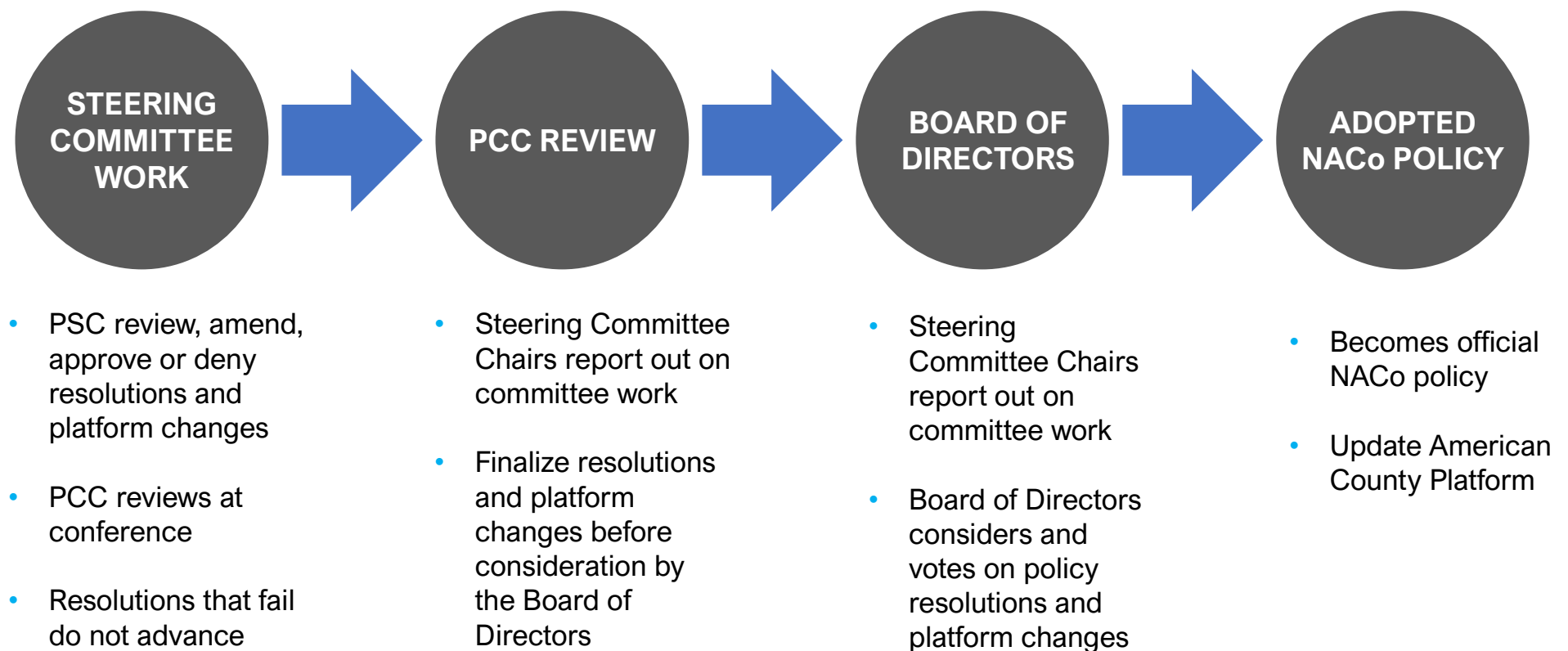
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ROLE OF POLICY STEERING COMMITTEES & POLICY PROCESS



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WANT TO APPLY TO BE A MEMBER?



Steering Committees

Send an email to your
state association
executive director



Standing Committees, Caucuses, Task Forces, Advisory Boards

Send an email to
committees@naco.org.
Note your name and
committee preferences



Once approved, you will
receive a confirmation
email and information
from the staff liaison



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Plan Your Schedule!

- Review the conference schedule in advance.
- Identify your regional caucus meeting and plan to attend to meet other NACo members from your region.
- Sit in on a policy committee meeting, or two!
- Attend your state association's caucus meeting or reception.

Download the App!

- Search "NACo Conference" in the app store on your phone.
- Download the app.
- Use the email address you used to register to log in.
- NOTE: The app will be available to attendees starting February 26.

Pick Areas of Interest to Your County!

- Identify issues and topics you'd like to learn more about.
- Attending committee and caucus meetings of interest – remember, all sessions are open unless otherwise marked.



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Questions?

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