

GEDA IDA Executives Summit

9:00 AM, July 20, 2026

MGSU: Building 7&8 (Jones Building & Professional Sciences Center), Macon, GA

Agenda

- 9:00-9:10 Welcome and Group Introductions
Grant Cagle, Executive Director, Georgia Economic Developers Association
Stephen Adams, Local IDA Host
President Christopher Blake, Middle Georgia State University
Grant Buckley, Chair, GEDA IDA Executives Committee
- 9:10-9:15 Agenda/housekeeping/survey handouts/contact lists, Grant Buckley
- 9:15-9:45 Continuing Education: Private Equity Primer, Jim Apple.
- 9:45-10:30 Georgia Dept. of Econ. Development Update and Discussion, Bob Kosek.
Potential Topics: Project Activity, Staffing/Budgets, Discretionary Funding
Decision-Making Process, GRAD; Rural Site Development, Community Visits.
- 10:30-11:00 Legislative Update and Discussion, Kevin Brown Esq. Potential Topics: IDA
director training for elected officials, IDA director continuing education (8 and 2-
hours), Forestry Mfg Tax Credit Transferability, Incentives Survival, Open Records
Requests.
- 11:00-11:30 Handling State Discretionary Grants, Tyler Gregory, Gregory STC, and Kevin
Brown, Esq.
- 11:30-12:15 Data Center Update and Discussion, Andy Camp. Potential Topics: social media,
consequences on boards of education, IDA involvement, power availability.
- 12:15-1:00 Lunch, Table Discussions.
- 1:00-1:20 Guided Discussion: Retail Incentives.
- 1:20-1:40 Guided Discussion: Workforce Housing.
- 1:40-2:00 Open Discussion; Concluding Remarks, Grant Buckley