



# LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

**JANUARY 28–29,  
2025**

*Double Tree by Hilton,  
St. Paul, MN*

**MMUA**  
Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association

# Legislative Conference Program

Tuesday, January 28

*All sessions in Town Square A*

- 8:00 am      **Registration**
- 9:15 am      **Welcome and conference overview**  
Karleen Kos, CEO, MMUA  
Roger Warehime, General Manager, Owatonna Public Utilities
- 9:30 am      **Opening keynote —The impact of the 2024 elections and tips on how to be an effective advocate in today's politics**  
Blois Olson, Minnesota publisher and political analyst at WCCO Radio
- 10:30 am      **Conference break**
- 10:45 am      **Legislative panel on utility and energy issues**  
Senator Nick Frentz, DFL Chair of Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee  
Senator Jason Rarick, Republican member of the Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee  
Representative Patty Acomb, DFL Chair of House Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee  
Representative Chris Swedzinski, Republican Chair of House Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee
- 11:30 am      **MMUA issues overview**  
Kent Sulem and Bill Black, Government Relations, MMUA
- 11:45 am      **Lunch served**
- 1:00 pm–  
4:30 pm      **Meet with legislators**  
*Shuttle service between the hotel and the Capitol will run from 12:30–8:00 pm.*
- 4:30 pm–  
7:30 pm      **Legislative reception**  
*Invite your legislators to join us at the hotel's Grand Atrium! Shuttle service is provided.*

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Wednesday, January 29

- 9:00 am      **Feedback from legislative visits**  
*Light breakfast will be provided starting at 8:00 am.*
- 9:45 am      **Beneficial electrification**  
Keith Dennis, President, Beneficial Electrification League
- 10:15 am     **Conference break**
- 10:30 am     **Department of Commerce update**  
Peter Wykoff, Deputy Commissioner of Energy Resources,  
Department of Commerce
- 11:15 am     **What is the Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority (MnCIFA) and what does it mean for municipal utilities**  
Tessa Haagenson, Vice Chair and municipal/cooperative electrical representative to the MnCIFA Board of Directors
- 12:00 pm     **Conference adjourns**

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