CEO INTERACTIVE ROUNDTABLE

From Pathways to Policy: CEO Leadership Shaping Partnerships for Economic Opportunity

Monday, November 2, 2026 | 10:15AM – 12:15PM

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Welcome

Dear Leaders,

Thank you for joining us for this CEO Roundtable at our Annual Conference in Boston and for your commitment to advancing innovation, entrepreneurship, and workforce development through our nation's community colleges.

As we gather, we are building on the valuable lessons and momentum generated during our Summer CEO Roundtable at Tri-C in Cleveland.

The thoughtful discussions, shared experiences, and collaborative problem-solving from that event demonstrated the power of bringing leaders together to address the opportunities and challenges facing higher education today.

We are excited to continue this work and look forward to sharing the insights, strategies, and outcomes from our discussions with the broader NACCE network and with policy leaders across the United States. Our goal is to create a practical blueprint for action, one that supports community colleges as catalysts for economic mobility, innovation, and regional prosperity.

Thank you for your leadership, engagement, and partnership.



Warmest regards,

Rebecca Corbin, Ed.D.
President & CEO
NACCE (National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship)

CEO Roundtable: Leadership for Economic Opportunity

10:15 – 10:25 a.m. | Welcome & Opening Context

Dr. Rebecca Corbin, President & CEO, NACCE (NC)

Dr. Michael Baston, President of Tri-C & NACCE Board Member (OH)

10:25 – 10:40 a.m. | National Policy Perspective

Jee Hang Lee, President & CEO of the ACCT & NACCE Board Member (DC)

10:40 – 10:55 a.m. | Table Topic Discussions

1. What federal and state policies most help or hinder economic mobility?
2. How should community colleges influence workforce policy rather than react to it?

10:55 – 11:05 a.m. | Table Reports (1–2 minutes each) answering:

"If you could change one policy tomorrow, what would it be and why?"

11:05 – 11:20 a.m.
Systems Leadership & Workforce Ecosystem Development

Nate MacKinnon, Executive Director, Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges & NACCE Board Member (MA)

11:20 – 11:35 a.m. | Table Topic Discussions

1. How can colleges become the conveners of regional talent ecosystems?
2. How should we measure economic mobility versus traditional completion metrics?

11:35 – 11:45 a.m. | Table Reports (1–2 minutes each) answering:

"What is one ecosystem partnership model that could be replicated nationally?"

11:45 – 12:02 p.m.
Presidential Leadership in an Age of AI Disruption

Dr. Joe Schaffer, President, Laramie County Community College & NACCE Board Member (WY)

12:02 – 12:15pm: Discussion Questions for Tables

1. What leadership capabilities will CEOs need most over the next five years?
2. How do leaders balance governance, risk, and experimentation?

12:15 – 12:25pm: Table Report-Out Question:

What leadership habit or practice is most essential for the future community college president?

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