



The Economy League of Greater Philadelphia
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The Governmental Research Association

THE 2022 GRA CONFERENCE

 **JULY**²⁴⁻²⁷
University City Science Center



AGENDA

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022

5:30 p.m. EDT

CIRA GREEN



RECEPTION AND GRA ROUNDTABLE

Jeff Hornstein, Executive Director, *Economy League of Greater Philadelphia*
Sarah Wetmore, President, *GRA*



AGENDA, DAY 1

MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022



8:00 a.m. EDT

GRA TRUSTEES MEETING
UNIVERSITY CITY SCIENCE CENTER



8:30 a.m. EDT

WELCOME

Sarah Wetmore, President, *GRA*
Jeff Hornstein, Executive Director, *Economy League of Greater Philadelphia*

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. EDT

KICKOFF: STATE OF GRA TOWN HALL-STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION

UNIVERSITY CITY SCIENCE CENTER

SPEAKER

GRA Consultant Rosie Stafford-Smith, *Stafford Smith Group*

MODERATOR

Sarah Wetmore, President, *GRA*

10:30 a.m. - BREAK

10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. EDT

THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT: PROMISE AND REALITY

UNIVERSITY CITY SCIENCE CENTER

MODERATOR

Susie Dudis, Research Analyst, *Bureau of Governmental Research*

SPEAKERS

Eric Harkness, Executive Director, *The Sycamore Institute*
Laura Pontari, Senior Associate, *The Pew Charitable Trusts*
TBA, *Citizens Research Council of Michigan*

12:00 p.m. - LUNCH

1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. EDT

REMOTE WORK, INCENTIVES AND THE FUTURE OF DOWNTOWNS

UNIVERSITY CITY SCIENCE CENTER

MODERATOR

Erika Rosenberg, President and CEO, *CGR*

PANELISTS

To be announced

2:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT

NETWORKING BREAK AND ROSIE'S "OFFICE HOURS"

Take a break, grab a snack, chat with your colleagues and stop by to talk to our strategic plan consultant, Rosie Stafford Smith, about the GRA strategic plan and her findings about GRA.

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT

GROUP DISCUSSION: PUBLIC SAFETY AND POLICING IN OUR STATES AND MUNICIPALITIES

BREAKOUT GROUP FACILITATORS

Rebecca Mowbray, President & CEO, *Bureau of Governmental Research*

Shawn Teigen, Vice President, *Utah Foundation*

Annie McGowan, Senior Research Associate, *Civic Federation*

4:30 p.m. - ADJOURN FOR THE DAY

Reconvene at 7pm for dine arounds at various Philadelphia restaurants with your peers



8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. EDT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS, RESEARCHERS, COMMUNICATIONS/DEVELOPMENT/OPERATIONS MEETINGS

UNIVERSITY CITY SCIENCE CENTER

Executive Directors, Researchers, and Communications/Development/Operations staff will meet to discuss internal GRA organizational issues.

8:45 a.m. - BREAK

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. EDT

LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION AND OTHER WORKFORCE ISSUES

UNIVERSITY CITY SCIENCE CENTER

MODERATOR

Michael Shields, Research Director, *Economy League of Greater Philadelphia*

PANELISTS

Thomas Spencer, Senior Research Associate, *Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama*
Plus others to be announced!

10:00 a.m. - BREAK

10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. EDT

CANNABIS LEGALIZATION: WHAT'S NEW?

UNIVERSITY CITY SCIENCE CENTER

MODERATOR

Sarah Wetmore, Vice President, *Civic Federation*

PANELISTS

Pamela Althoff, Executive Director, *Cannabis Business Association of Illinois*
Other speakers to be announced!

11:15 a.m. - BREAK

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. EDT**SKILL SHARE: LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT DURING POLARIZATION**

This skill share will bring together GRA organizations known for their excellent municipal and statehouse legislative engagement programs to share tips and tricks about engaging legislators on policy change. A special focus will be on handling political polarization.

12:15 p.m. - LUNCH**1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT****EXCURSION AND TOUR OF THE DELAWARE RIVER WATERFRONT**

Buses will take attendees for a private guided tour of Philadelphia's magnificent historic waterfront to see how the land has been redeveloped. The tour will culminate in a panel discussion at the Cherry St. Pier about how strategic public investment has vastly increased private investment along the waterfront.

5:00 p.m. - BREAK**7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. EDT****AWARDS DINNER**

UNIVERSITY CITY RESEARCH CENTER

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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**PRESENTATION OF THE FREDERICK P. GRUENBERG AWARD TO
DR. KENT GARDNER**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS OF THE 2022 GRA AWARDS COMPETITION**10:00 p.m. - AFTERPARTY**
The Study



8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. EDT

GRA ANNUAL MEETING

UNIVERSITY CITY RESEARCH CENTER

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. EDT

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION INITIATIVES AT GRA ORGANIZATIONS – CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

MODERATOR

Jeff Hornstein, Executive Director, *Economy League of Greater Philadelphia*

10:00 a.m. - BREAK

10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EDT

AWARD WINNER TABLE FAIR

12:00 p.m. - ADJOURN