



March 26-27, 2024 | Atlantic City
Avalon Ballroom, 2nd Floor, Harrah's Waterfront Conference Center

AGENDA

March 26

8:30 AM Business Expo & Networking

The Expo and networking area will remain open throughout the day until 7 PM.

11:15 AM Welcome to the Summit

Opening remarks including updates since last year's ReNew Jersey Summit & Expo.

- **Tom Bracken**, *President & CEO*, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce

11:20 AM Jersey Mike's: A Worldwide Brand

The CEO will talk about how Jersey Mike's went from one small Sub Shop in Point Pleasant which started in 1956 to a worldwide brand with over 2,800 locations worldwide. He'll also discuss the company's strong ties to New Jersey – and its celebrated culture of giving back to the communities it serves.

- **Gary Dahms**, *President*, T&M Associates | *Chair*, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce
(Introduction)
- **Peter Cancro**, *CEO and Founder*, Jersey Mike's

11:30 AM Investing in New Jersey

Well-known companies and organizations making major job creation and economic growth investments in NJ discuss why they chose the state to expand their operations.

- **Gary Dahms**, *President*, T&M Associates | *Chair*, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce
(Moderator)
- **Thierry Klein**, *President*, Bell Labs Solutions Research, Nokia Bell Labs
- **Jim Fakult**, *President*, JCP&L, A First Energy Company
- **Kris Kolluri**, *CEO*, Gateway Development Commission
- **Lauren Nathan-LaRusso**, *Co-Host City Manager & General Counsel*, FIFA World Cup
- **Alberto Garofalo**, *President*, New Jersey, Bank of America

12:15 PM **New Jersey: The Most Improved State for Doing Business**

In 2023, New Jersey leaped to 19th in the overall CNBC America's Top States for Business rankings, after landing in the 42nd spot the previous year. The panel will discuss how New Jersey achieved the ranking - and what the state needs to do to maintain or improve it.

- **Wesley Mathews**, *President & CEO*, Choose New Jersey (*Moderator*)
- **Ralph LaRossa**, *President*, PSEG | *Chair*, Choose New Jersey
- **Tim Sullivan**, *CEO*, New Jersey Economic Development Authority
- **Bill Hagaman**, *CEO Emeritus*, Withum

1:00 PM **From Edison to AI: The Innovation State**

New Jersey has always been a leader in innovation dating back to Thomas Edison. The past few years has seen the rise of artificial intelligence and other technological advancements that will transform business and society. This panel will focus on how New Jersey government officials, academia and corporate leaders are preparing for the future to stay ahead of the innovation curve.

- **Mike Reagan**, *Senior Vice President Consulting Services*, CGI (*Moderator*)
- **Teik Lim**, *President*, New Jersey Institute of Technology
- **Justin Trugman**, *Cofounder and Head of Technology*, BetterFutureLabs
- **Beth Noveck**, *Chief Artificial Intelligence Strategist*, State of New Jersey
- **Craig B. Arnold**, *Vice Dean for Innovation*, Princeton University

1:45 PM **Break**

2:00 PM **Where Do We Grow From Here? Smart Planning for Future**

New Jersey is well positioned to attract companies thanks to our location, skilled workforce, diversity, infrastructure, airports, quality schools and more. We are seeing the return of manufacturing, a resurgence in motion picture production, an uptick in defense contracting, and emerging tech. The question now: How does New Jersey pave the way – and remove the obstacles – so the state's economy can flourish?

- **Ted Zangari**, *Member*, Sills Cummis & Gross (*Moderator*)
- **Eric Brophy**, *Deputy Chief of Staff for Economic Growth*, Office of the Governor
- **Lisa Chowansky**, *President*, HC Constructors
- **The Hon. John McCormac**, *Mayor*, Woodbridge Township
- **Dan Kennedy**, *CEO*, NAOIP New Jersey
- **Adam Zellner**, *President*, Greener by Design

2:45 PM **Legislative Leaders: Policy Discussion from Policy Makers**

The four legislative leaders will discuss what their parties are doing to help business owners, entrepreneurs and corporate executives.

- **Ben Dworkin**, *Director*, Rowan Institute for Public Policy & Citizenship (*Moderator*)
- **The Hon. Anthony M. Bucco**, *Republican Leader* (R-District 25)
- **The Hon. Craig J. Coughlin**, *Assembly Speaker* (D-District 19)
- **The Hon. John DiMaio**, *Republican Minority Leader* (R-District 23)
- **The Hon. Andrew Zwicker**, *State Senator*, New Jersey State Senate (D-District 16)

3:30 PM **Moving the Needle: Addressing Longstanding Inequities**

A state disparity study concluded that minority- and women-owned businesses are awarded too small a share of government contracts. The imbalance has long been articulated by those affected – and is the focus of one of the Chamber’s economic priorities. This panel will discuss solutions to remedy the inequities.

- **Wendy Lanski**, *Director*, Enterprise Vendor Management & Operations, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey (*Moderator*)
- **John Harmon**, *President & CEO*, African American Chamber of Commerce of NJ
- **Augusto “Gus” Penaranda**, *Executive Director*, New Jersey PRIDE Chamber of Commerce
- **Luis De La Hoz**, *Chairman*, Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ
- **Jeff Cantor**, *CEO*, NJ State Veterans Chamber of Commerce

4:15 PM **A Fireside Chat with Johnson & Johnson CEO**

Johnson & Johnson’s CEO has a conversation with ROI-NJ Editor Tom Bergeron about the company’s 138-year journey from its modest beginnings as a 14-person company on Neilson Street in New Brunswick to becoming the world’s largest, most diversified healthcare products company, with more than 130,000 employees. Through it all, Johnson & Johnson has called New Jersey home.

- **Tom Bergeron**, *Owner, Editor & Chief Content Officer*, ROI-NJ (*interviewer*)
- **Joaquin Duato**, *Chairman & CEO*, Johnson & Johnson

4:45 PM **Address from the Governor of New Jersey**

The governor will outline the state’s economic policies and what his administration is doing to help companies during these times of continued economic uncertainty.

- **Braxton Plummer**, *Director of State and Local Government Affairs*, Verizon (*Introduction*)
- **The Hon. Phil Murphy**, *Governor*, State of New Jersey

5:15 PM **Networking Reception – Eat, Drink and Exchange Business Cards**

7:00 PM **Adjourn**

March 27

7:30 AM Breakfast Opens

8:15 AM Welcome to Atlantic City

- **The Hon. Vincent J. Polistina**, *Senator*, New Jersey State Senate (D-2)

8:30 AM The 2025 Gubernatorial Campaign: Issues Important to Business

New Jersey business executives discuss the economic issues the next governor will have to focus on to make the state more competitive. They will also boil down discussions from Day 1 of the Summit.

- **Tom Bracken**, *President & CEO*, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce (*Moderator*)
- **Gil Medina**, *Executive Vice President*, CBRE
- **Diane Wasser**, *Partner In Charge*, New Jersey, EisnerAmper
- **Chris Abruzzo**, *Vice President Business Development*, NJ American Water
- **Jim Kirkos**, *President & CEO*, Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce

9:15 AM New Jersey 2030: Closing Out the Decade On Top

New Jersey political leaders will discuss what policies and programs are needed to ensure New Jersey achieves a CNBC Top 10 ranking by the end of the decade.

- **Micah Rasmussen**, *Director*, Rebovich Institute for New Jersey Politics (*Moderator*)
- **The Hon. Ras Baraka**, *Mayor*, City of Newark (D)
- **The Hon. Jon Bramnick**, *Senator*, NJ State Senate (R)
- **The Hon. Jack Ciattarelli**, *Former Assemblyman* (R)

There is a possibility additional panelists may be added.

10:15 AM Closing & Recommendations

- **Tom Bracken**, *President & CEO*, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce

10:30 AM Adjourn

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