



## Tenth Annual Public University Trustee Leadership Conference

**Agenda | September 4, 2025**

**Goals:**

- To engage university trustees in topical policy and governance discussion
- To bring in outside expertise and share information
- To allow trustees to engage and learn from each other

**9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**Governor JB Pritzker** (recorded)  
**Martin Torres**, Deputy Governor for Education

**9:15 am Session I: Illinois Workforce Analysis: Top 10 Occupational Demand and Implications for Public Universities** presented by Jennifer Barnett, Associate Director, Workforce Analytics, IBHE

**9:50 am Session II: One Click College Admit** presented by Colleen Sexton, Assistant Director, Transfer Initiatives, Illinois Board of Higher Education

**10:20 am Break-Out/Share-Out:** Reflecting on Implications for Public Universities

**11:00 am Session III: Federal Policy Changes:** Briefing from Tom Harnisch, Director of Government Relations, State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO)

**11:30 am Lunch**

**12:00 pm Session IV: Federal Policy Changes:** A discussion with Attorney General Kwame Raoul and IBHE Board Chair Pranav Kothari on implications of federal policy changes.

**12:30 pm Break-Out/Share-Out:** Reflecting on Federal Policy Changes

**1:10 pm Session V: Trustee Resources: Legal Guideposts and Guardrails for Illinois Public University Trustees** presented by Scott Rice, General Counsel, University of Illinois System

**2:10 pm Break-Out: Trustee Resources: Learning from Each Other.** These small group discussions will be shaped by feedback from Trustees and tailored to the specific interests of each group.

**2:55 pm Reflections and Close-Out** IBHE Board Chair Pranav Kothari will wrap up the day with a few closing remarks.