

AGENDA

SUMMER 2023 MEETING SCRANTON, PA



Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, 700 Lackawanna Ave, Scranton, PA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

4 - 5:30pm **Steering Committee Meeting** - Exclusively for MIP Steering Committee members.
Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, 700 Lackawanna Ave - Johnson Board Room

6 - 9pm **Welcome Reception & Dinner**
Backyard Ale House, 523 Linden St

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

8 - 8:45am **Breakfast & Registration**
Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel - Ballroom
U.S. Senator Bob Casey

8:45 - 9:45am **Welcome & Introductions**
Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel - Ballroom
Mayor Paige Cagnetti, Scranton, PA
U.S. Senator John Fetterman
Joel Rogers, Director, COWS & Mayors Innovation Project
Katya Spear, Managing Director, Mayors Innovation Project

9:45 - 11:15am **The City's Role in Private Sector Job Quality**
While inflation and the cost of living surge, and many states continue to maintain a minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour, cities across the country are playing an increasing role in supporting working families. The importance of job quality - everything from wages to benefits, reliable scheduling, and paid family leave - is more critical than ever. This panel will look at the role of the city in boosting private sector job quality and highlight innovative approaches from mayors around the country.
Moderator: Kim Norton, Mayor · Rochester, MN
LiJia Gong, Policy and Legal Director · Local Progress
Paige Cagnetti, Mayor · Scranton, PA
Teri Ooms, President & CEO · The Institute, Scranton, PA
Mary Sheffield, Council President · Detroit, MI
Daniel Biss, Mayor · Evanston, IL

11:15 - 11:30am **Break**

11:30 - 1:00pm **The Electric City: Transitioning to an EV Fleet**
The United States is on the precipice of an electric vehicle revolution and cities have the opportunity to lead in this emerging sector. This panel will focus on best practices for transitioning our fleet to clean vehicles. We'll dig into both the current challenges, from availability to political feasibility, as well as opportunities, from federal funding to co-benefits for worker health and environmental justice. We're excited to discuss this once in a generation opportunity in Scranton, The Electric City.
Moderator: Chasity Wells-Armstrong, MIP Steering Committee & Former Mayor · Kankakee, IL
Aradhana Gahlaut, Senior Associate · Rocky Mountain Institute
Nicole LaChapelle, Mayor · Easthampton, MA
Fátima Luna, Climate and Sustainability Policy Advisor, Mayor's Office · Tuscon, AZ
Eileen Cipriani, City Business Administrator · Scranton, PA

1 - 2pm **Lunch**

2 - 4:30pm **City Tours: meet in hotel lobby at 2pm for bus to tours**
1. Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum & Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour
McDade Park, 22 Bald Mountain Rd
2. Adaptive Reuse Walking Tour - Scranton's Pine Brook Neighborhood and Lacework Village
Various Locations, Pine Brook neighborhood

4:30 - 5:30pm **Break**

5:30 - 7:00pm **Reception & Innovation Showcase**
The Ritz Theater, 222 Wyoming Ave

7 - 9:30pm **Keynote Dinner**
Svante Myrick, President · People for the American Way, Former Mayor · Ithaca, NY
The Colonnade, 401 Jefferson Ave

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

8:30 - 9:30am **Breakfast**
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9:30 - 11:00am **Sunshine in the City: Fiscal Transparency & Community Trust**
Engaging the community in the process of financial decision making and increasing transparency around how the city spends money can help build community trust, increase buy-in, and even boost your city's fiscal health. The historic influx of federal dollars to cities in recent years - along with a host of new tools and applications to help you engage, share, and report results - offers a great opportunity to cities looking to advance this work. This session will highlight best practices, benefits and challenges of increasing fiscal transparency and fiscal engagement.
Moderator: Miro Weinberger, Mayor · Burlington, VT
Shayne Kavanagh, Senior Manager, Research · Government Finance Officers Association
Paige Cagnetti, Mayor · Scranton, PA
Jessica Eskra, City Solicitor · Scranton, PA
Andrew Holland, Assistant Director of the Office of Performance and Innovation · Durham, NC

11 - 11:45am **Walking tour: Iron Furnaces**
159 Cedar Ave

11:45 -
12:30pm

Lunch

Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel - Ballroom

12:30 -
2:00pm

Ensuring Tenant Protections & Rental Housing Quality

Renters in the United States tend to be Black, Hispanic, younger, and lower-income; they are faced with rising costs, deteriorating conditions, and a system that is designed to favor landlords and management companies over tenants. It is paramount that cities do everything in their power to even the playing field and ensure that renters in their community are guaranteed quality housing and treated fairly by landlords. While recognizing the reality of state preemption, this session will cover strategies to accomplish these goals, including requiring landlords to register with the city, implementing more robust inspection policies, forming a tenant bill of rights, offering pro bono legal assistance, and reducing blight in majority rental neighborhoods.

Moderator: Nikylan Knapper, Mayor · Maplewood, MO

Sarah Gallagher, Senior Project Director · National Low Income Housing Coalition

Jaime Kinder, Mayor · Meadville, PA

Eileen Cipriani, City Business Administrator · Scranton, PA

Derek Slaughter, Mayor · Williamsport, PA

2 - 2:15pm

Closing Remarks & Adjourn

2:30 - 3:15pm

Steering Committee Meeting - *Open to Steering Committee members only.*

6 - 9pm

Optional: Scranton RailRiders Baseball Game

PNC Field, 235 Montage Mountain Rd, Moosic, PA 18507

Transport from Radisson to PNC Field will leave at 5:30pm, with early (8:00pm) and late (9:30pm) return options to the hotel.
