

# DESTINATION FRANKFORT '26 SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 | KENTUCKY HISTORY CENTER**

**8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**

## **REGISTRATION**

**9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

## **OPENING REMARKS**

- **Claude Bacon** – President & CEO, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corp. & 2026 KTIA Board Chairman
- **Governor Andy Beshear** (Video)
- **Hank Phillips** – KTIA President & CEO

**9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

## **KTIA LEGISLATIVE ISSUES BRIEFING**

- **Hank Phillips** – KTIA President & CEO
- **Sara Osborne** – MML&K Government Solutions

**10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

## **REP. SUSAN WITTEN** (*R-Louisville*)

Vice Chair, Tourism & Outdoor Recreation Committee

**10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

## **BREAK**

**10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

## **SENATOR ROBIN WEBB** (*R-Grayson*)

Appropriations & Revenue Committee

**11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. REPRESENTATIVE ANNE GAY  
DONWORTH (D-Lexington)**  
State Government and Transportation  
Committees

**11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. BREAK**

**11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. U.S. HOTEL LEADERSHIP PANEL**

- **Ryan Albers** – Director of State Government Affairs, Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA)
- **Sharon Sykes** – Senior Director, State & Local Government Affairs, American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA)
- **Moderator: Claude Bacon** – President & CEO, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corp. & 2026 KTIA Board Chairman

**12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH**  
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**1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. J.D. CHANEY**  
Executive Director/CEO, Kentucky League of  
Cities (KLC)

**1:30 – 2:00 p.m. ERIC GREGORY** – President, Kentucky Distillers’  
Association

**MARY QUINN RAMER** – President & CEO,  
VisitLEX & 2026 KTIA Legislative Chair

- 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.      BREAK**
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.      KY TOURISM LEADERSHIP PANEL**
- **Secretary Lindy Casebier** – Kentucky Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet
  - **Commissioner Mike Mangeot** – Kentucky Department of Tourism
  - **Moderator: Hank Phillips** – KTIA President & CEO
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.      WRAP UP & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.      KTIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
- 6:00 p.m.                      DINNER ON YOUR OWN**
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**THURSDAY, MARCH 5 | CAPITOL ANNEX**

- 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.      ONE-ON-ONE AND DELEGATION MEETINGS WITH LEGISLATORS**
- 11:00 a.m.                      KTIA MEMBERS ARRIVE**  
Capitol Annex, Room 125
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.      LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON**  
Capitol Annex, Room 125