



Bridging Innovation & Tradition



Kentucky Education Procurement Association (KEPA)
2025 Bridging Innovation & Tradition Meeting Agenda
Sunday, September 21nd - Tuesday, September 23th
Northern Kentucky University - Highland Heights, Kentucky
**Times on schedule subject to change



Sunday, September 21, 2025

2:00pm EST	Hotel Check-in: Hampton Inn Suites By Hilton 10 Hampton Lane, Wilder KY 41076
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Registration
4:30pm - 4:45pm	Travel From Hampton Inn * Transportation provided
5:00pm - 8:00pm	*Attendee's Only Event KEPA Opening Reception Sponsored by KDA Dinner at Braxton Brewing Co.
8:00pm - 8:15pm	Travel to Hampton Inn * Transportation provided
8:30pm	Welcome Reception - Hospitality room at the Hampton Inn * Provided by our generous sponsors

Monday, September 22, 2025

7:00am	Breakfast - Hampton Inn, included with room rate
7:30am - 7:40am	Travel from Hampton Inn to "Sessions Location" * Transportation provided
8:00am - 8:30am	Welcome - Opening Remarks President of Northern Kentucky University - Cady Short-Thompson
8:40am - 9:40am	Session: Motivation in the Workplace Speaker - Dr. Jacki Permann-Graham - Northern Kentucky University
9:40am - 9:50am	10 Minute Break
9:50am - 10:50am	Session: AI in Procurement Speaker - Dr. Heath - Northern Kentucky University
10:50am - 11:00am	10 Minute Break
11:00am - 12:00pm	Session: University Safety in Evolving Campus' Speaker - Deputy Chief Nathan Brown - Police - University of Kentucky
12:00pm - 12:20pm	E&I Update - Sharol McHenry - Sourcing Consultant, E&I Cooperative Services
12:20pm - 12:30pm	A word from our sponsor - Premium Plus
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch - Sponsored Student Union (SU) 109 * joined by our generous sponsors
1:45pm - 4:30pm	Vendor Fair and Networking University Ballroom, 3rd floor room 375 * joined by our generous sponsors
4:30pm - 4:40pm	Travel to Hampton Inn * Transportation provided
5:30pm - 5:45pm	Travel from Hampton Inn to Hofbräuhaus Newport * Transportation provided
6:00pm - 6:15pm	A word from our sponsor - Staples
6:30pm - 8:30pm	*Attendee's Only Event Sponsored by Staples Hofbräuhaus Newport Authentic Bavarian bier, food and entertainment!
8:45pm - 9:00pm	Travel to Hampton Inn * Transportation provided
9:00pm	Hospitality room at Hampton Inn for the evening events * Provided by our generous sponsors

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

7:00am	Breakfast - Hampton Inn, included with room rate
7:30am - 7:40am	Travel from Hampton Inn Student Union * Transportation provided
8:00am - 9:00am	Session - Breaking Silos & Building Influence: Strengthening Procurement's Role in Uncertain Times Speaker - Casey Laurienzo - Vice President, Community Engagement & Education - E&I Cooperative Services
9:00am - 9:10am	10 Minute Break
9:10am - 10:10am	Session - Data! Data! Data! Everywhere There Is Data! Are We Blinded By All The Data? Speaker - Dr. Dhaval Gajjar - Endowed Associate Professor - Clemson University
10:10am - 10:20am	10 Minute Break
10:20am - 11:20am	Session - Contract Development Speaker - Dr. Brian McGinley - Texas A&M
11:30am - 12:20pm	KEPA Business Meeting ***Closed Session - Not open to sponsors***
12:20pm - 12:30pm	Pass the Gavel, Adjourn Meeting