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REGIONAL SUMMIT

2026 MBE Workshop & Regional Summit Registration Information

Oklahoma, City, Oklahoma
Hosted By Region 5

MEETING AND EVENT DATES

- ❖ **MBE Workshop:** March 19, 2026 (*For Member Board Executives, Board Staff, and Legal Counsels only*)
- ❖ **Regional Dinners:** March 19, 2026
- ❖ **Regional Summit:** March 20 – 21, 2026



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December 18, 2025

Dear Member Board Executives,

The FY26 Member Board Executives committee is pleased to invite Member Board Executives (MBE), board staff, and legal counsels to [register](#) for the 2026 Member Board Executives (MBE) Workshop on March 19, 2026 in Oklahoma City, OK. During this event, Board Executives will have the opportunity to connect with colleagues from across the country, exchange best practices, and return with insights to help you survive and thrive in a complex regulatory landscape in support of public health, safety, and welfare.

The last few years have brought many new faces to the MBE community, and content for this meeting has been planned to ensure no matter where you are in your board executive career, you will walk away from this event with actionable knowledge and guidance to support your board. Your attendance will also directly contribute to developing tools and resources to improve the ability to regulate effectively, share feedback and best practices from the MBE community, and nominate a Member Board Executive Director for the FY27 Board of Directors.

To make it easier for board executives to participate, the cost of meeting registration, travel, and lodging for one Member Board Executive representative from each board is fully funded by NCARB. Funding includes participating in the MBE Workshop as well as the Regional Summit, which occurs immediately after the Workshop.

NCARB will make your hotel reservations based on the dates included in your registration information. To ensure a valuable meeting for all participants, this year's agenda unfortunately does not support virtual participation.

We greatly appreciate all of your flexibility and participation throughout the year and look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

FY26 Member Board Executive Committee

Melarie Gonzales, New Mexico MBE, FY26 MBE Committee Chair



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MBE WORKSHOP AGENDA: SURVIVE AND THRIVE

All times listed are in Central Standard

Thursday, March 19

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction

During this session, attendees will participate in an icebreaker focused on developing regulatory tools for survival, hear remarks from President, and nominate the FY27 MBE Director for the NCARB Board of Directors.

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Cultivating Leadership as an Executive

This workshop will explore how to cultivate leadership through strategic relationships, effective education, and thought leadership. Attendees will learn practical strategies to strengthen their influence as executives, expand their professional networks, and drive impact in support of their licensing board and jurisdiction.

10:45 – Noon

Pathways to Practice Update

Hear an update and provide feedback on NCARB's long term efforts to make licensure even more fair and accessible for all

Noon – 1 p.m.

Lunch

1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Regulation Survival

Join your fellow executives as you navigate the hot topics facing public safety including enforcement, seal fraud, and overlapping practice. By participating, you'll learn what other jurisdictions are doing and bring back shared best practices to your board.

2:45 – 4:00 p.m.

MBE Forum

During this session attendees will have an open-ended discussion to share best practices with one another, ask questions, and identify areas of future collaboration

4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Closing

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**Region 6:
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Dear Member Board Members and Executives:

On behalf of the Regional Leadership Committee (RLC), we are pleased to share that registration is now open for the NCARB Regional Summit being held March 20 – 21, 2026 at the Omni Oklahoma City in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. During this meeting, we will *learn* about how states are managing discipline across borders and future pathways to licensure, *connect* with colleagues in your regions and other stakeholders, and *strengthen* your licensing board's ability to regulate in the evolving environment.

As the Council's second largest meeting, the Regional Summit provides attendees with the opportunity to engage colleagues both in and out of your Region. Additionally, attendees will discuss and provide feedback on draft resolutions and hear from the FY27 Board of Director candidates to be elected at the Annual Business Meeting in June.

To support the important work of the regions, NCARB covers the cost of registration, travel, and lodging for up to six participants from each board to attend. Please review the Regional Summit funding categories enclosed below for more information.

The Regional Leadership Committee is excited to share this year's agenda and looks forward to supporting our efforts to *become more effective regulators while navigating uncertainty* in Oklahoma City. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your Regional Executive for help with any travel approval requirements.

Member Board Members and Executives, as well as board staff, are encouraged to attend this important meeting to provide perspectives from your jurisdiction that influence the direction of regional and national policy.

To attend the event, please [CLICK HERE](#) and register by Friday, January 31.

We look forward to your participation at the 2026 Regional Summit!

Please contact your Regional Chair, Vice Chair or Regional Executive if you have additional questions:

Region 1	Keith Robinson	Angela Cahill	Dawne Broadfield
Region 2	Bob Cozzarelli	Mary McClenaghan	Kathy Hillegas
Region 3	Greg Durrell	Pedro Alfaro	Cathe Monte Carlo
Region 4	Jill Smith	Jen Myers	Glenda Loving
Region 5	Nate Baker	Brian Kelly	Stacy Krumwiede
Region 6	Mike Kolejka	Celestia Carson	Gina Spaulding



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2026 REGIONAL SUMMIT AGENDA

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Thursday, March 19

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Registration Opens		
6:30 p.m.	Regional Dinners		
Region 1	Vast	6:30 p.m.	Guest Fee: \$119.83
Region 2	Vast	6:30 p.m.	Guest Fee:
Region 3	Vast	6:30 p.m.	Fee: \$80 for members and guests
Region 4	Mahogany Prime Steakhouse		
Region 5	OK Governor's Mansion	6:30 p.m.	Guest Fee: \$75 (<i>Payable by check to Region 5 and mailed to PO Box 7370, Bismarck, ND 58507</i>)
Region 6	Vast	6:00 p.m.	Guest Fee: \$100

Payment of any dinner fee will be managed by Regional Executives. Please contact your Regional Executive for more information.

Friday, March 20

9:00 a.m. – Noon	Opening Plenary <i>During this session, attendees will hear the latest updates from NCARB leadership, including remarks from President Marley, a resolutions overview from Secretary/Treasurer Rodriguez, and brief statements from the FY27 BOD candidates. To help set the stage for the rest of the meeting's workshops, the session will also feature an engaging panel discussion on current trends in discipline and enforcement, as well as an update on Pathways to Practice.</i>
Noon – 1 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 – 4:30 p.m.	Regional Meetings <i>While in regional meetings, participants will conduct regional business, hear from the NCARB Leadership Visiting Team including President Marley, and Vice President Rademacher, and have workshop presentations from subject matter experts.</i>
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Networking Reception & Dinner Myriad Botanical Gardens



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Saturday, March 21

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Workshop: Maintaining Your Licensing – CE and the Future of Continuing Competency

Attendees will start the day engaging with colleagues across regions in workshop discussions facilitated by regional leadership focused on how continuing education must evolve to stay aligned with both the current competency standard and future pathways to practice.

10:15 – Noon

Regional Meetings

While in regional meetings, participants will continue to conduct regional business, hear from the NCARB Leadership Visiting Team including President Marley, and Vice President Rademacher, and have workshop presentations from subject matter experts.

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Regional Meetings

Attendees will wrap up their remaining regional business, visiting team, and workshop presentations.

2:45 – 3:50 p.m.

Closing Plenary

WORKSHOP TOPICS

Best Practices for Regulatory Boards

This workshop will focus on getting back to the basics of effective board governance by taking a closer look at core processes and procedures that directly support public protection and uphold health, safety, and welfare (HSW). Participants will revisit foundational practices that promote consistency, transparency, and sound decision-making, while sharing approaches that have strengthened their own boards' operations.

Future-Ready Regulation: Advancing Responsible Control

Attendees will explore how to strengthen responsible control through forward-looking, collaborative approaches. Participants will discuss shared strategies and resources that support consistency across jurisdictions, potential updates to Model Law, and ways to prepare for future impacts on regulation and practice.

Reciprocity for the Modern Regulator

This session will explore how regulators can use reciprocity to enhance mobility while upholding their responsibility to safeguard health, safety, and welfare (HSW). Attendees will examine how jurisdictions can work together to better understand each other's unique challenges, and how we can better leverage shared data.

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REGIONAL SUMMIT FUNDING

NCARB will provide funding for each Member Board to send up to six* representatives to the MBE Workshop and Regional Summit within the funding classifications outlined below:

- **Two (2)** Design Professional Member Board Members: This funding is for any design professional on the board.
- **One (1)** Public/Consumer Member
- **One (1)** Member Board Executive
- **One (1)** Legal Counsel: There is limited funded available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please submit in advance for approval prior to registration.
- **One (1)** New Member Board Member: If you have a Member Board Member appointed during the current fiscal year (after July 1, 2025), limited funding on a first-come, first-served basis is available to support their participation in NCARB events. Please submit in advance for approval prior to registration.

**The region and/or the jurisdiction are welcome to fund additional participants. Note that the MBE Workshop is open to Member Board executives, board staff and legal counsels only.*

For questions regarding your funding status, please contact your Member Board Executive or the NCARB Council Relations team.

As an NCARB funded attendee, the following will be covered:

- Meeting Registration
- Hotel stay for the duration needed to participate in the meeting
- Transportation to and from the meeting
- Per diem to cover incidental costs incurred while traveling on behalf of NCARB

Please see below for comprehensive details on each funding area and any subsequent steps that may be required.

Please note, NCARB does not provide funding to cover the following expenses:

- Dinner on the night of regional dinners at Regional Summit
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry and movies
- Costs associated with an accompanying spouse or other guests, such as registration/guest fees, additional airfare, meals, or increased lodging costs
- Use of a rental car
- Any additional charges such as choice seating, upgrades, or flight or traveler's insurance premiums
- Any additional charges incurred during your stay at the hotel, including services from the hotel spa or other hotel amenities
- Meals and beverages outside of what is covered in the meeting registration or beyond \$90 per diem.



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Per Diem

NCARB Funded attendees are eligible to receive a per diem of \$90 on any day when meals are not otherwise provided through complimentary registration. This per diem applies to time incurred traveling to and from the meeting and is intended to cover meals and incidental expenses not already covered while at the meeting(s).

Meeting Registration

Complimentary registration for the meeting, including all meals as outlined as part of the meeting agenda.

Securing Hotel and Travel Arrangements

Member Board Members and Executives will be able to book travel to meetings through NCARB's AllFly travel vendor. NCARB will make all hotel reservations for all registered attendees using the information provided in the meeting registration. Please note, NCARB secures the most fiscally responsible contracts possible and travel rewards may not be applicable for all reservations. Please contact your rewards program to confirm.

Hotel

Hotel stay at the Omni OKC for the duration as outlined in registration materials. Any hotel stays incurred during travel to or from the meeting, or days in addition to what is covered as part of meeting registration, must be approved by NCARB in advance. Any additional nights beyond those covered must be approved in advance. Failure to obtain prior approval may result in the participant being responsible for the full cost of the additional night(s).

Transportation

NCARB will reimburse for a 21-day advance coach ticket for up to \$600. We ask that NCARB funded attendees book the most economical ticket directly to and from the NCARB event and from the airport closest to their departure. Airfare booked less than 21 days before the meeting will be reimbursed for up to \$600, regardless of the ticket's total cost. Please note that this event will coincide with another major event in the city. We encourage you to book your travel accommodation as early as possible to ensure availability.

All trips that require additional stops or an overnight stay must be approved in advance. Any special arrangements such as departing from an alternative airport, multi-city or refundable tickets, adding stopovers, or extra overnight stays during NCARB travel, or flights over \$600 must be submitted in advance for approval.

Funded attendees are asked to use the most economical ground transportation under the circumstances to provide reasonably convenient, comfortable, and safe transport.

Travel approval requests should be submitted to travelapproval@ncarb.org.



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POLICY REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT

The Board of Directors has taken proactive measures to maximize Member Board participation at Council events to ensure that every jurisdiction is well represented during important programmatic, governance and policy discussions. The travel policy is designed to ensure that NCARB funded attendees will be able to attend all scheduled sessions, as appropriate.

Anyone who receives funding must adhere to clear expectations. The following statement will be provided during the registration process:

By registering to attend this event and accepting funding from NCARB for transportation and lodging expenses, you agree to attend all scheduled events (other than events marked optional during registration) unless an emergency or unforeseen conflict occurs. Please notify to NCARB as soon as the conflict becomes known. NCARB provides financial support for attending its events for the express purpose of assuring jurisdictional engagement and representation. Budgeting for these funds represents a commitment by the NCARB Board of Directors to utilize the feedback and perspectives of its members in maintaining a focus on its mission.

Absences outside NCARB policy when utilizing NCARB funding may result in no or reduced reimbursement of expenses based on the time in attendance and/or subsequent ineligibility for NCARB-funded travel.

NCARB STATEMENT ON ANTI-HARASSMENT

It is the policy of NCARB to provide an environment that is free from all forms of harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment and any other hostile or harassing verbal or physical conduct based on race, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

Any employee, member, board executive, volunteer, regional officer, or member of the NCARB board of directors who believes he or she has been subjected to offensive, unwelcome, hostile, harassing, or discriminatory conduct should report the matter immediately to the NCARB staff liaison, or NCARB chief executive officer. The claim will be investigated, and any employee, member, board executive, volunteer, regional officer, or member of the NCARB board of directors found to have engaged in harassment will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

No retaliatory action will be taken against an individual for making a complaint. All claims and discussions regarding the claims will be treated as confidentially as possible to protect the privacy of the persons involved. Confidentiality will be maintained throughout the investigative process to the extent practical and appropriate under the circumstances.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is invited to attend the MBE Workshop?

The MBE Workshop is open to Member Board Executives, other board staff, or legal counsels only.

When should I plan to arrive in Oklahoma City?

For those attending in person, please plan to arrive on the following dates:

- **MBE Workshop Attendees:** Wednesday, March 18, 2026
- **Regional Summit Attendees:** Thursday, March 19, 2026

NCARB funded attendees' registration includes the cost of the hotel stay for up to four (4) nights for Member Board Executives and up to three (3) nights for Member Board Members. Any additional nights beyond those covered must be approved in advance. Failure to obtain prior approval may result in being responsible for the full cost of the additional night(s).

How do I know if my attendance is NCARB funded?

Member Boards typically select their in-person attendees during a board meeting. If you are unsure of your status, please contact your Member Board Executive.

What is the registration fee for non-funded attendees?

Registration for non-funded attendees is \$550.

What does the fee cover for guests?

The fee for guests is \$100 to attend the reception at the Botanical Gardens on Friday night only. A separate fee may be required for regional dinners.

If I am a funded attendee. Should I book my own travel (airfare, train, etc.)?

Yes, funded attendees are asked to book their own travel prior to 21 days before the meeting to receive reimbursement. If you wish to use NCARB's travel booking, AllFly, flights reservations will be available when registration launches. If you prefer, you may book your flight on your own and submit for reimbursement following the meeting. Please note that this event will coincide with another major event in the city. We encourage you to book your travel accommodation as early as possible to ensure availability.

I am a NCARB funded attendee, how do I submit my expense report?

NCARB now uses Ramp to reimburse all NCARB funded attendees for approved expenses. Ramp is an online platform that allows you to submit expenses via an app on your phone, or through your computer.

How do I pay for regional dinners?

A fee, if applicable, for regional dinners will be collected separately from registration by your regional Executive. Please indicate on your registration if you plan to attend the regional dinner and whether you will



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be bringing a guest. Please note that NCARB national does not cover the cost of the regional dinner for attendees at the Regional Summit.

What hotel will the event take place?

The meeting will take place at the Omni Oklahoma City, 100 Oklahoma City Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK.

What is the negotiated rates for the hotel?

NCARB has contracted a discounted rate of \$229 (14.125% tax) per night for the hotel.

Should I make my own hotel reservation?

No, NCARB will make hotel reservations for all in-person attendees based on the registration information provided by attendees. If you are not funded by NCARB, you will be asked to provide a form of payment upon arrival. Please do not make your own hotel reservation. Any subsequent changes to the initial reservation will be the responsibility of the participant.