**2025 Fall NCSAB In-Person Conference**

**November 5-7, 2025**

Manchester Grand Hyatt

San Diego, CA

***Conference Theme: Waves of Change-Advancing Public Policy for the Blind***

**Draft Agenda (Subject to Change)**

*All times are Pacific*

**WEDNESDAY, November 5, 2025**

**8:00 am NCSAB Exhibit Hall Opens**

**NCSAB Registration Opens**

**11:00 am CSAVR / NCSAB Concurrent Session.**

**Noon CSAVR Closing Session.**

**12:30 pm Lunch** *(On Your Own).*

**1:30 pm – 2:00 pm NCSAB Opening, Welcome and Introduction of who is in the room**

*Dorothy Young, Director, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind, Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and NCSAB President*

**2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Opening General Session – Policy Update with Catriona Macdonald.**  *A comprehensive update on federal policies, legislative developments, and efforts impacting vocational rehabilitation and services for individuals who are blind or have low vision.*

**3:00 pm – 3:15 pm Break**

**3:15 pm – 4:00 pm NCSAB General Session: RSA?**

**5:00 pm – 7:00 pm NCSAB Welcome Reception & Exhibitor Showcase**

**THURSDAY, Novemeber 6, 2025**

**8:00 am NCSAB Registration Opens.**

**NCSAB Exhibit Hall Opens.**

**9:00 am – 10:00 am General Session: AI - Fred Jones, Rachel Hollen**

Smart technology (wearable devices) company, consider addressing bans on technology not made in the US, bringing in cybersecurity professional

**10:15 am – 10:30 am Break**

**10:30 am – 11:30 am Breakout Sessions**

**11:30am – 1:30 pm Lunch on your own**

**1:30 pm – 2:30 pm General Session: Leading & Coaching staff**

Dacia Johnson

**2:30 pm – 2:45 pm Break**

**2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Breakout Sessions**

**3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Networking Break**

**4:00 pm – 5:00 pm General Session**

**5:00 pm Adjourn for the Day**

**FRIDAY, November 7, 2025**

**8:00 am NCSAB Executive Committee Meeting (Committee Members Only).**

**NCSAB Registration Table Opens.**

**NCSAB Exhibit Hall Opens.**

**9:00 am – 9:30 am NCSAB Business Meeting and Committee Reports & Election**

**9:30 am – 10:30 am General Session: Finance**

Topic from the Big Beautiful Budget Briefing, Order of Selection

**10:30 am - 10:45 am Break**

**10:45 am – 11:30 am General Session: Session about certification**

Sue Pelbath

**11:30 am – Noon Closing Session**

*Dorothy Young, Director, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind, Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and NCSAB President*

**Noon Conference Adjourns**