

National Association of Unemployment Insurance Appeals Professionals (NAUIAP) 2026 *Draft* Conference Agenda

Sunday June 7, 2026

5:30pm	Pre-Conference Meeting – Board of Governors Only
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Monday June 8, 2026

3:30pm – 5:30pm	Registration
5:30pm – 7:30pm	Welcome Reception!

Tuesday June 9, 2026

7:30am - 8:30am	Coffee
8:30am – 9:00am	Call to Order – Welcome from NAUIAP and Vendor Introductions
9:00am – 9:15am	Welcoming Remarks from Washington Betsy Wilkerson, President of Spokane City Council
9:15am – 10:00 am	Opening Address- Issues Facing UI Agencies Cami Feek, Commissioner, Washington State Employment Security Department
10:00 – 10:30 am	Break and Appeals Vendor Presentations
10:30am – 12:00pm 90 Min	Plenary – Judicial Review of Administrative Decisions Justice Colleen Melody, Washington Supreme Court Judge Tracy Staab, Washington Court of Appeals Judge Breean Beggs, Spokane County Superior Court
12:00pm – 1:15pm	Lunch (On your Own)
1:15pm-1:45pm 30 Min	Plenary-US Department of Labor Policy and Administrative Update Noel Sukhram, USDOL

2026 Conference Vendors

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FAST Enterprises

Geographic Solutions, Inc.

Netacent, Inc.

1:45pm – 2:45pm 60 Min	Plenary – Interesting AI Developments in Appeals Shahrazad “Aliya” Ledan (NJ)
2:45pm – 3:00pm	Break
3:00pm – 4:00pm 60 Min	Plenary – Gross Misconduct Separations in State Law Juliane Barone (OH) & Parween Mascari (WV)
4:00pm – 4:15pm	Break
4:15 pm - 5:00pm 45 Min	Lower and Higher Authority Breakout Sessions: Discuss timeliness, the new federal postmark guidance, and other hot topics in appeals
5:00 pm	Adjourn
Total CLE	285 Min

Wednesday June 10, 2026

7:30am – 8:45am	Coffee
8:45am – 9:00am	Announcements
9:00am – 10:00am 60 Min	Plenary – Due Process/Voodoo You Do Ken McRae (KS) , Jeff Smith (NC) , Tracie Covey (NY)
10:00am – 10:15am	Break
10:15am – 11:30am 75 Min	Plenary – Federal Handbook 382, Criteria 23 Analysis WA , Barbara Hardeman (TX) , & Stephanie Jackson, US DOL
11:30am – 1:00pm	Lunch (On your Own)
1:00pm – 2:30pm 90 Min	Plenary – Working Relationship between Lower and Higher Authority TX , MI , and MA
2:00pm – 2:15pm	Break
2:15pm – 3:30pm 75 Min	Workshop – Mock Hearing - New issues in Able/Available or Emerging issues with notice/due process Parween Mascari (WV) , Aaron Naccarato (WA) , Molly Ray (WA) , Di Rudman (WA) , Greg Weber (WA) , Juliana Weber (WA)

2:15pm – 3:30pm 75 Min	Workshop – Process/Procedure when Higher Authority Decisions are Appealed to Court Paul Fitzgerald, Former Chair of the Massachusetts Board of Review and Past President of NAUIAP, Romi Robinson (SC), and Chairman Gregory Gantt, OH Unemployment Review Commission
3:30pm	Break
3:45pm – 5:00pm 75 Min	Plenary –Ethical Decision Making Paul Fitzgerald, Former Chair of the Massachusetts Board of Review and Past President of NAUIAP
Total CLE	375 Min, Including 75 minutes of Ethics/Wellness/Professional Responsibility
	Optional Group Outing- TBA

Thursday June 11, 2026

7:30am – 8:30am	Coffee
8:30am – 8:45am	Announcements
8:45am – 9:45am 60 Min	Plenary – Trending Issues and Updates from NASWA
9:45am – 10:00am	Break
10:00am -11:00am 60 Min	WORKSHOPS – REGIONAL BREAKOUTS – Locations will be announced at Conference Region 1 – (CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT, PR, VI) Region 2 – (DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV) Region 3 – (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN) Region 4 – (AR, CO, LA, MT, ND, NM, OK, SD, TX, UT, WY) Region 5 – (IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, WI) Region 6 – (AK, AZ, CA, GU, HI, ID, NV, OR, WA)
11:00am – 12:00pm	PLENARY - National Roll Call by Region
12:00pm – 1:30pm	Lunch (On your Own)

1:30pm – 2:30pm 60 Min	UI Tax Appeals: Small (Volume) but Mighty (Complex) Charles Richardson (CT)
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Break and Networking
3:30pm – 5:00pm 90 Min	Plenary – Wellness
5:00pm	Adjourn
Total CLE	270 Min, including 90 minutes of Ethics/Wellness/Professional Responsibility
	Optional Group Outing- TBA

Friday June 12, 2026

7:30am – 8:30am	Coffee
8:30am – 9:00am	NAUIAP Annual Business Meeting – Election of Officers
9:00am – 10:30am 90 Min	Plenary – Crafting an appropriate SQSP Nanette Green, USDOL
10:30am	Adjourn
Total CLE	90 Min

TOTAL CLE 1020 minutes, including 165 minutes of Ethics/Wellness/Professional Responsibility