



2026 ECONOMIC FORECAST AGENDA:

Friday, January 23, 2026

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM **Registration & Sign-In**

10:00 AM – 10:05 AM **Welcome**

***Demetrius Thomas**, Executive Director, Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Research Foundation*

10:05 AM - 10:50 AM **Keynote Address: National Economic Trends and Forecast for 2026**

***Mason Pierce**, Head of Economics, Owens Corning*

10:50 AM – 11:50 AM **Ohio's Economy Address 2026**

***Kimberly Murnieks**, Director, Ohio Office of Budget and Management*

11:50 AM - 12:00 PM **Lunch**

Grab lunch and return to conference room

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM **Panel Discussion: Navigating the Economic Trends and Projections**

***Moderator: Joe Simkins**, Senior Economist, TEconomy Partners*

***Ben Demko**, SVP, Director of Applied Economics, KeyBank*

***Marques Highland**, Director, Institutional, Diamond Hill*

***Dr. Kevin Jacques**, Former Economist, US Treasury Department*

***Dr. Amanda Weinstein**, Director, Research, Knowledge, & Evaluation,
Center On Rural Innovation*