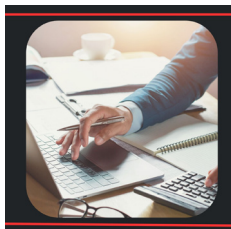


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EMBASSY SUITES, LINCOLN  
**JUNE 18-20, 2025**



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**MUNICIPAL TREASURERS:** The State Auditor's Office approved 16 hours of continuing education.

**MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS:** The Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission approved 10 hours of CLE credit.

### Tentative Conference Program (subject to change)

#### Wednesday, June 18, 2025

12 pm Registration for Preconference Seminar

12:30–1:30 pm Lunch

1:30–3:30 pm **PRECONFERENCE SEMINAR – News from the Financing Legal Front: Impacts of 2024-25 legislative developments on municipal bond financings; constitutional considerations in cooperative financings; and panel of municipal attorneys discussing financing topics.**

This session will include updates on recent legislative activity, including threats to federal tax-exempt interest, the role of financings in the wake of LB 34, and other legislative changes which could impact municipal financings.

This session also will highlight “fun” constitutional issues lurking in the background of “public-private partnerships” and other cooperative financings.

A panel discussion with attorneys from three different cities will cover a variety of legal issues involved in financings from a municipal attorney perspective. The panel will cover topics such as tax increment financing, availability of eminent domain, how to interact with (or “manage”) bond counsel, reactions to nonprofits seeking state turnback tax through a municipality, legal issues involved in “conduit bonds,” and others.

**Mike Rogers**, Attorney, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.

**Tim Sieh**, City Attorney, Lincoln

**Kari Fisk**, City Attorney, Grand Island

**Mike Tye**, City Attorney, Kearney

#### Thursday, June 19, 2025

7:30 am **Registration:** Visit Display Area  
(coffee and rolls available)

8–9 am **Budget Update: Budget Forms, Lid Laws, and Related Issues**  
**Jeff Schreier**, CPA, Senior Auditor-In-Charge, Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts  
**Christy Abraham**, Legal Counsel, LNM

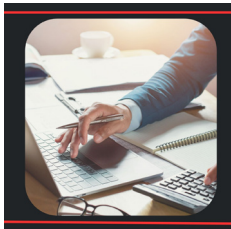
9–9:15 am **Break:** Visit Display Area

9:15–10:15 am **Emergency Management: Summary of Recent Disasters in Nebraska and Update on Possible Changes to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant Programs and Related FEMA Reform**  
**Erv Portis**, Assistant Director, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

10:15–10:30 am **Break:** Visit Display Area

10:30–11 am **Creative Districts: Update on Available Grants and Opportunities to Transform Your City or Village**  
**Rachel Morgan**, Program Specialist, Nebraska Arts Council

11 am–12 pm **League Legislative Report**  
**L. Lynn Rex**, Executive Director, LNM



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### Thursday, June 19, 2025 (con't.)

12–1:30 pm

#### Luncheon

Welcome by **Becky Erdkamp**, Clerk/Treasurer, Exeter; Chair of the MAFC Committee  
Presentation of the LEAD Award to **Randy Gates**, Finance Officer/Treasurer, Norfolk

1:30–1:45 pm

#### Business Meeting

1:45–2:45 pm

#### Concurrent Sessions:

- A. Labor Relations/Personnel Management:** 1) Review of the **Dept. of Labor's Final Overtime Rule** issued April 23, 2024, relating to the Fair Labor Standards Act which raises salary thresholds for certain overtime exemptions; and 2) Review and update on **laws and regulations applicable to seasonal workers**, including minimum wage requirements and restrictions on the kind of work teenagers are allowed to perform; information employers are required to post in the workplace; and other related issues.

(Session repeated at 3 pm)

**Tara Stingley**, Partner, Cline Williams

- B. Risk Management:** Limit your liability by better managing workers' comp claims.

(This session is sponsored by the League Association of Risk Management.)

(Session repeated at 3 pm)

**David Dudley**, Attorney, Baylor Evnen Wolfe & Tannehill, LLP

- C. Budget Development:** How to work with elected officials to reflect their budget priorities while complying with state law requirements.

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**Becky Erdkamp**, Clerk/Treasurer, Exeter

**Randy Gates**, Finance Officer/Treasurer, Norfolk

**Melissa Harrell**, City Administrator/Treasurer, Wahoo

- D. League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT):** Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about LIGHT and the partnership with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska and Guardian. **It also is important to be informed about the Nebraska Chamber "Level Self-Funding Plan" and the risks associated with participation.**

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**Dennis Maggart**, President, McInnes Maggart Consulting Group

2:45–3 pm

**Break:** Visit Display Area

3–4 pm

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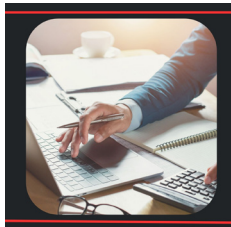
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4–4:15 pm

**Break:** Visit Display Area

4:15–5:15 pm

#### Concurrent Sessions:

**A. Use of Personal Cell Phones and Other Public Records Issues Employees Need to Consider**

(Session repeated at 11 am Friday)

**Christy Abraham**, Legal Counsel, LNM

**B. Utilities Issues Update:** Be informed about disconnects and collections.

(Session repeated at 11 am Friday)

**Lash Chaffin**, Utilities Section Director, LNM

**C. Open Meetings Act:** Learn about recent changes to the Open Meetings Act.

(Session repeated at 11 am Friday)

**L. Lynn Rex**, Executive Director, LNM

**Make plans to network, visit the display area and enjoy the many restaurants and activities in Lincoln.**

### Friday, June 20, 2025

8 am

#### Visit Display Area

(coffee and rolls available)

8:30–9:30 am

#### Concurrent Sessions:

**A. Nebraska Dept. of Labor Update:** Enforcement of minimum wage laws; child labor laws; and the Wage Payment and Collection Act.

(Session repeated at 9:45 am)

**Derek Hyatte**, Labor Law Specialist, Nebraska Dept. of Labor

**Rainy Penrod**, Labor Law Specialist, Nebraska Dept. of Labor

**B. Nebraska Recycling Systems Update**

(Session repeated at 9:45 am)

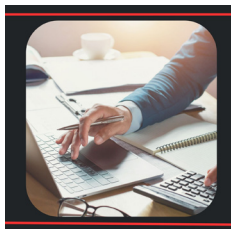
**Kim Carroll Steward**, Executive Director, Nebraska Recycling Council

**C. Sales Tax Reporting Requirements**

(Session repeated at 9:45 am)

**Karla Koehler**, Revenue Tax Specialist Sr., Policy Division, Nebraska Dept. of Revenue

**Scott Arlt**, Revenue Tax Specialist Sr., Policy Division, Nebraska Dept. of Revenue



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### Friday, June 20, 2025 (con't.)

#### 8:30–9:30 am Concurrent Sessions:

- D. DED Grant Opportunities:** Learn how Nebraska municipalities leverage DED programs like the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCFF), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), National Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund (NAHTF), Middle Income Workforce Housing Fund (MWHF), and Rural Workforce Housing Fund (RWHF).  
(Session repeated at 9:45 am)  
*Jenny B. Mason, Director of Community Development and Disaster Recovery, Nebraska Dept. of Economic Development*  
*Other Representatives from DED*

#### 9:30–9:45 am Break: Visit Display Area

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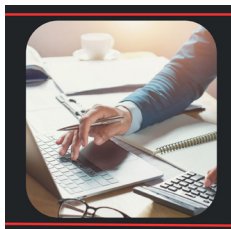
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#### 10:45–11 am Break: Visit Display Area

#### 11 am–12 pm Concurrent Sessions:

- A. Use of Personal Cell Phones and Other Public Records Issues Employees Need to Consider**  
(Repeat of Thursday 4:15 pm session)  
*Christy Abraham, Legal Counsel, LNM*
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#### 12 pm Adjournment: Have a safe trip home!



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### Delegate Registration

**Municipality:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** (as you want it to appear on name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse** (if attending): \_\_\_\_\_

**First League Conference?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Check #** \_\_\_\_\_ **enclosed for \$** \_\_\_\_\_ (Advanced payment encouraged)

**Billing address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Required for you to receive electronic handbook)

	Through June 4	After June 4	Recordings Only (prepayment required)
<b>Wednesday Preconference Seminar:</b> (Includes Preconference electronic handbook)	_____ \$110	_____ \$135	_____ \$110
<b>Thursday &amp; Friday Conference:</b> (Includes electronic handbook) Per municipal official	_____ \$395	_____ \$425	_____ \$395
<b>Conference Total:</b> \$ _____			

**Meals:** (not included in registration fee; indicate number needed by **June 4**)

**Please note any special dietary restrictions/food allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday Luncheon	_____	\$30
Thursday Luncheon	_____	\$30

**Meals Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

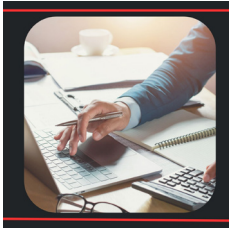
**Grand Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Conference Information

- ❖ Preregistration deadline is **June 4**. Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs.
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- ❖ If you need special accommodations or equipment at this conference, contact the League office by **June 4**.
- ❖ The conference sessions will be recorded, unless prohibited by the speaker, and emailed to registered delegates for viewing through **Aug. 31, 2025**.

**Mail registration and payment to:** League of Nebraska Municipalities, 206 S 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 800, Lincoln, NE 68508, or fax 402-476-7052

[Click here to register and pay online.](#) \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE -- There is a credit card processing fee included for each item.\*\*\*



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### Conference and Hotel Information

- ❖ Conference sessions will be held at the Embassy Suites, 1040 P Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508.
- ❖ To make room reservations, call 1-402-474-1111 or click on the correct rate below to make your reservation online. Please state that you are attending the League's conference to obtain the special room rate. **When reserving rooms in the room block, please only reserve the number of rooms you actually need.** Unused rooms in the block can no longer be transferred, so we want to make sure everyone who needs a room has the opportunity to book one. The reservation deadline is **May 28**.
- ❖ The room rate is **\$110 with a Government ID card** for a two-room suite. The room rate is **\$144 for vendors** for a two-room suite. If you need an ID card, contact the League office. Individual guest accounts are payable at check out by cash or credit card.
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- ❖ For your comfort, we recommend that you wear layered clothing, or bring a jacket, because heating and cooling conditions may vary.