



# CONVENTION 2023

53rd Annual NECTA Convention  
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November 12-14th, 2023  
Newport Marriott Hotel & Spa  
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# NECTA SUNDAY

6:00 -  
8:00 PM

**NECTA Registration Desk Opens**  
*Location: Ballroom Foyer on the third floor*

6:00 -  
8:00 pm

**Cocktail Reception (heavy hors d'oeuvres)**  
*Location: Ballroom Foyer on the third floor*

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7:00 -  
8:00 pm

**The Changing Nature of Sports Entertainment in New England & Beyond**  
*Location: Ballroom Salon 1 on the third floor*

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From online sports gaming to the rise and fall of dynasties, to streaming as a prominent way consumers view sports, New England has a front row seat to the rapidly evolving sports landscape.



Moderated by **Travis Thomas** | Sports Media Host and Betting Analyst, NESN



**Michael McCann** | Professor & Director of the Sports & Entertainment Law Institute, UNH School of Law



**Matt McCarthy** | On-Air at 98.5 The Sports Hub



**Meghan Ottolini** | Co-Host, Jones & Mego, WEEI Sports Radio Network



**Molly Tissenbaum** | Director of Data & Insights, Sports Innovation Lab



**Shukri Wrights** | FOX Sports The Gambler Philadelphia Contributor, Bleav Network Host, Broadcaster & Commentator on ESPN+

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# SUNDAY CONT.

8:15 pm

**Sunday Night Football Featuring the New York Jets at  
the Las Vegas Raiders**

*Location: Skiff Bar on the second floor*

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# MONDAY

7:45 AM

## Registration Opens

*Location: Ballroom Foyer on the third floor*

7:45 -  
9:00 am

## Breakfast

*Location: Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 on the third floor*

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8:00 -  
8:45 AM

## Public Release & Analysis of the NECTA Annual Innovation Index Polling Results

*Location: Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 on the third floor*

Each year Seven Letter, a Boston and Washington, DC based public relations and public opinion research firm, conducts a 2000-person survey across the five NECTA states, soliciting consumer feedback on entertainment preferences, sports viewership, technology uses, and public policy. This public opinion data is the basis for the Annual Innovation Index, an important tool NECTA and its members utilize to assess shifting consumer needs, priorities, and habits.



Moderated by **Matt George** | Partner, Seven Letter

### Panelists



**Anna Lucey** | EVP Legislative & External Affairs, NECTA



**Drew O'Brien** | Partner, Seven Letter



**Tim Wilkerson** | President, NECTA

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8:45 -  
9:00 am



## **Opening Remarks**

*Location: Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 on the third floor*

**Tim Wilkerson** | President, NECTA



**Hon. Dominick J. Ruggerio** | President of the Rhode Island Senate

9:00 -  
9:55 AM

## **How Would You Spend \$826 Million in Federal Funding to Achieve Internet for All?**

*Location: Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 on the third floor*

Examining best practices from state broadband officials, elected officials, municipal leaders, and industry experts on how best to utilize the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) federal funding program through public-private partnerships.

### **Part 1. Challenges and Opportunities to Bringing Ubiquitous Broadband Across New England and the United States**



**Jim Doyle** | President, Business Forward Foundation

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9:00 -  
9:55 am

## Part 2. Roundtable Discussion: Looking Beneath the Hood, A Conversation About Best Practices Across States and Municipalities in Leveraging Private Dollars to Expand Broadband Access and Adoption

### Moderators



**Lindsay DeRoche** | Director of Regulatory Affairs, Cox Communications



**Alicia Matthews** | Vice President of Government Affairs & Strategic Initiatives, Comcast



**Jennifer Young** | State Director Government Affairs, Charter Communications

### Panelists



**Peter Favorito** | Senior Digital Equity Manager, City of Boston



**Hon. Alex Finkelman** | State Representative, Rhode Island



**Brian Patrick Kennedy** | Speaker Pro Tempore, Rhode Island House of Representatives; President, NCSL



**Peter Larkin** | Chair, Massachusetts Broadband Institute & Special Advisor, Executive Office of Economic Development, Massachusetts

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9:00 -  
9:55 AM



**Ashley Stolba** | Undersecretary of Economic Foundations,  
Massachusetts



**Hunter Thompson** | Director of Telecommunications &  
Connectivity, Vermont Public Service Department

10:00 -  
10:10 AM

## Welcome Remarks

*Location: Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 on the third floor*



**Hon. K. Joseph Shekarchi** | Speaker of the Rhode Island House  
of Representatives

10:10 -10:55  
AM

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**Connecting America: How Nonprofits and Government are  
Working Together to Establish Digital Equity Programs that  
Provide Adoption, Computing Devices, and Digital Skills  
Training to Close the Digital Divide**

*Location: Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 on the third floor*



Moderated by **Hannah Donnelly** | Producer & Correspondent,  
NBC10 Boston



## Panelists

**Milton Irving** | Executive Director/President, Timothy Smith  
Network



**Jody Jones** | Senior Program Director, Massachusetts Broadband  
Institute



**Hon. Maria Rivera** | Mayor of Central Falls, RI



**Frank Robinson** | Vice President, Public Health, Baystate Health



**Tesha Tramontano-Kelly** | Executive Director CfAL For Digital  
Inclusion

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10:55 -  
11:05 AM

## Coffee Break

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11:05 -  
11:55 AM

## Federal Policy Crystal Ball: Predictions from the Halls of Congress, the Federal Benches, the Oval Office, and Regulatory Agencies

*Location: Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 on the third floor*

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Examining Federal Activity and its Impacts on Telecommunication Policy and the Larger Tech Ecosystem, Including Net Neutrality, Privacy, First Amendment and the Social Media Platforms, and the Reauthorization of the Affordable Connectivity Program.



Moderated by **Anna Lucey** | EVP Legislative & External Affairs, NECTA

### Panelists



**James Assey** | Executive Vice President, NCTA—The Internet & Television Association



**Daniel Lyons** | Professor & Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Boston College Law School



**Kristian Stout** | Director of Innovation Policy, International Center for Law & Economics

12:00 -  
12:55 PM

## Lunch & Keynote Fireside Chat

*Location: Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 on the third floor*

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12:10 -  
12:55 PM

## Keynote Fireside Chat

*Location: Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 on the third floor*

How traditional cable news and social media platforms are influencing the political news cycle and what it means for the 2024 election cycle, domestic and foreign policy, and America's global leadership.



**Jonathan Martin** | Senior Political Reporter, POLITICO



**Alison King** | Journalist

1:00  
-1:55 PM

## Advocacy Best Practices from Legislative Leadership

*Location: Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 on the third floor*

Real life Schoolhouse Rock! from legislative experts.

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Moderated by **Bill Fischer** | President, True North Communications

### Panelists



**Hon. Matthew Ritter** | Speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives



**Hon. Marvin Abney** | Chair, House Finance Committee, Rhode Island



**Hon. Vincent Candelora** | House Minority Leader, Connecticut



**Hon. Hanna Gallo** | Senate President Pro Tempore, Rhode Island



**Hon. Michael Moran** | Majority Leader, Massachusetts House of Representatives



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**Hon. Alice Peisch** | Assistant Majority Leader, Massachusetts House of Representatives

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2:00  
-2:55 PM

## CONCURRENT PANELS: Connecticut Policy Roundtable

*Location: Weatherly Room on the third floor*

### Moderators



**Robert Earley** | Vice President of State Government Affairs, Comcast



**Lindsay DeRoche** | Director of Regulatory Affairs, Cox Communications



**Steve Iannazzi** | Director Of Government Affairs, Cox

### Panelists



**Hon. Matthew Ritter** | Speaker of the House, Connecticut



**Richard Baltimore** | Chief Legal Counsel, Connecticut House Democrats



**Hon. Vincent Candelora** | House Republican Leader, Connecticut



**Bryan Cafferelli** | Commissioner, Department of Consumer Protection



**Hon. Holly Cheeseman** | Ranking Member of Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee, Connecticut



**Hon. Paul Cicarella** | State Senator, Connecticut



**Hon. Nicole Klarides-Ditria** | State Representative, Connecticut



**Hon. Stephen Meskers** | State Representative, Connecticut



**Scott Muska** | General Counsel, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

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**Franklin Perry II** | House Democrats Chief of Staff



**Hon. David Rutigliano** | State Representative, Connecticut



**John Vamos** | House Republicans Director of Research



**Chris Zavagnin** | Research & Policy Analyst, Senate Republican Office

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2:00  
-2:55 PM

## CONCURRENT PANELS: Massachusetts Policy Roundtable

*Location: Ballroom Salon 2 on the third floor*



Moderated by **Kristin Christopher** | Vice President, State Government Affairs, Comcast



**Maureen Glynn** | Partner, Issues Management Group



**John Maher** | Director, State Government Affairs, Charter Communications

### Panelists



**Hon. Michael Moran** | House Majority Leader, Massachusetts



**Hon. Alice Peisch** | Assistant Majority Leader, Massachusetts House of Representatives



**Hon. Bruce Ayers** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. Christine Barber** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. Natalie Blais** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. Dan Cahill** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. Mark Cusack** | State Representative, Massachusetts

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**Hon. Mike Day** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Layla D'Emilia** | Undersecretary, Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs & Business Regulation



**Hon. Kipp Diggs** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. Bill Driscoll** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. Carole Fiola** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. Jessica Giannino** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. Rich Haggerty** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. Dan Hunt** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. Meghan Kilcoyne** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. Michael Kushmerek** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. Kathy LaNatra** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Peter Larkin** | Special Advisor to Executive Office of Economic Development & Chair of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute Board of Directors



**Hon. John Lawn** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. Jack Patrick Lewis** | State Representative, Massachusetts

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**Hon. Kate Lipper-Garabedian** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. David Muradian** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. James Murphy** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. Patrick O'Connor** | State Senator, Massachusetts



**Hon. Edward Philips** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Hon. Jeffrey Roy** | State Representative, Massachusetts



**Ashley Stolba** | Undersecretary of Economic Foundations, Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing & Economic Development



**Hon. Bud Williams** | State Representative, Massachusetts

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2:55 -  
3:10 PM

## Coffee Break

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3:10 -  
4:00 PM

## Keynote Presentation: Outpacing Consumer Demand -- How Innovation and Investments are Driving Network Evolution to Support 10G Broadband and How This World Class Technology is Delivering the Future Now

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Keynote Speaker **Curtis Knittle** | Vice President of Wired Technologies, CableLabs

By conveying complex technologies in plain terms, myth busting technology comparisons, and showcasing behind-the-curtain technology upgrades, Dr. Knittle will illustrate how uncompromised network reliability, safe and secure connected future, 10x faster internet speeds and low latency enable the future of technology.

4:05 -  
5:00 PM

## Innovation Partners Panel: Showcasing Emerging Technologies & Industries Powered by Cutting Edge Broadband Networks

*Location: Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 on the third floor*

Showcasing companies using 10G Networks to drive emerging technology sectors, products & services throughout New England, across the nation and around the globe.



Moderated by **Rikin Thakker Ph.D.**, | Chief Technology Officer & Senior Vice President, NCTA—The Internet & Television Association

### Panelists



**Adam Delmolino** | Senior Director, Virtual Care & Clinical Affairs, Massachusetts Hospital Association



**Kenny Elcock** | Vice President Technology, NESN

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**Peter Haas** | Director of Robotics at the Innovation Institute, MassTech Collaborative



**Matt Lenz** | Senior Director, State Advocacy, BSA | The Software Alliance



**Hakan Satiroglu** | Vice President, Glimpse Group/XR Terra

5:00 -  
6:00 pm

## Cocktail Reception

*Location: Hotel Atrium, second floor*

Entertainment provided by **Disinterested Gentleman** featuring **John Dillon**

6:00 -  
8:00 pm

## Dinner

*Location: Hotel Atrium, second floor*

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8:15 pm

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## Monday Night Football featuring the Denver Broncos at the Buffalo Bills

*Location: Skiff Bar on the second floor*

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# TUESDAY

8:00 -  
9:30 AM

## Breakfast

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8:45 -  
10:00 AM

## Tying it all Together

*Location: Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 on the third floor*

Reflections on the NECTA Convention and how, by working collaboratively, government, nonprofits, and the private sector can improve public and private sector outcomes for access, opportunity, and engagement.



Moderated by **David Bogan** | Partner Day Pitney LLP



**Maureen Glynn** | Partner, Issues Management Group



**Dylan Zwicky** | Partner, Vice President Government Affairs, Leonine Public Affairs

### Panelists



**Layla D'Emilia** | Undersecretary, Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs & Business Regulation



**Louis DiPalma** | Chair, Senate Committee on Finance, Rhode Island



**Peter Larkin** | Chair, Massachusetts Broadband Institute & Special Advisor, Executive Office of Economic Development, Massachusetts

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# TUESDAY



**Hon. Aaron Michlewitz** | Chair, House Committee on Ways & Means, Massachusetts



**Elizabeth Murray** | Vice President Government & Regulatory Affairs, Comcast



**Ross Nelson** | Market Vice President New England, Cox Communications



**Hon. Richard Westman** | State Senator, Vermont



**Tim Wilkerson** | President, NECTA

10:00 AM

## **Closing Remarks**

*Location: Ballroom Salons 3 & 4 on the third floor*



**Tim Wilkerson** | President, NECTA

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