

National Academy of Public Administration

Local Government Working Group – March 18, 2025, at 11:00 am (PT) / 2:00 pm (ET)

Summary Meeting Notes

Welcome: Wally Bobkiewicz welcomed attendees to the first meeting of the newly formed Local Government Working Group (LGWG). He emphasized that the group's focus is work, and there are many opportunities to participate.

Review of Draft Mission and Workplan: Many Fellows participated in planning meetings to develop this draft. Wally presented the key points. Attendees proposed additional areas of focus (which have been incorporated into the revised version, attached).

- Representatives of many local associations were invited to this meeting and will be encouraged to attend future meetings.

Immediate Collaboration with Academy: Academy Studies Director Brenna Isman discussed the growing importance of state and local work in light of the shifting federal landscape. Reducing reliance on federal work is a priority for CEO James-Christian Blockwood.

LGWG can help increase the Academy's local government work. Center for Intergovernmental Partnerships Director Nancy Augustine named specific pathways:

- Academics: Jointly pursue grants with us.
- Local government officials: Introduce us to community-based organizations and regional foundations focused on issues aligned with our expertise.
- Association leaders: We want to strengthen our relationships with local government associations, explore collaboration, and encourage their participation in LGWG and the Academy.
- Consultants: Identify opportunities for joint proposals where Academy staff can supplement your capacity.
- All: Alert us to requests for proposals and other opportunities you encounter.

Academy staff will distribute capabilities statements currently being developed.

Committee Volunteers: A follow-up survey will ask Fellows to volunteer for

- Specific Areas of Focus
- Fellow Recruitment
- Research

The next quarterly meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 11:00 am (PT) / 2:00 pm (ET)