

2026 ADVOCACY DAY

January 21, 2026 | 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Reception 5 - 6:30 p.m.)

Embassy Suites, Montgomery

AGENDA

11 - 11:30 a.m.

Registration

Embassy Ballroom Foyer

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Welcome

Embassy Ballroom

- Greg Cochran, Executive Director, ALM;
- Mayor Sherry Sullivan, Fairhope, ALM President;
- Gov. Kay Ivey, State of Alabama (invited)

12 - 1 p.m.

Lunch

1 - 2:30 p.m.

State Elections and Legislative Update

- Presider: Mayor Rusty Jessup, Riverside, ALM Vice President
- Speaker: Todd Stacy, Publisher, Alabama Daily News

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 - 3:30 p.m.

House and Senate Leadership Panel

- Presider: Councilmember Charles Black, Priceville, Chairman, Committee on State and Federal Legislation, ALM
- Speakers: Sen. Garlan Gudger Jr. and Rep. Nathaniel Ledbetter

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Alabama Legislative Update

- Speaker: Baker Allen, Director of Governmental Affairs, ALM

5 - 6:30 p.m.

Legislative Reception

Embassy Ballroom Salons, DEF

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